

12 Create an Outdoor Sport Court at O'Connor Playground

Department	Community Services	Division	Parks and Recreation Services	Council Resolution	FA2023-53/ FA2023-75-A4/ F A2024-36
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Description of Business Case

This business case recommends the creation of a 106-by-64-foot (6,784 square foot) asphalt sports court. O'Connor Playground currently includes a field house — with its upper floor leased to Better Beginnings Better Futures — along with the Flour Mill Museum, play equipment, a splash pad and pickleball courts. In the past, O'Connor Playground also had an outdoor rink, which has not been functional for about 10 years. The rink boards were recently removed for health and safety reasons.

The Parks, Open Space and Leisure Master Plan (2014) established a provision level for outdoor basketball courts of a one-kilometre service radius, striving to provide one full-court equivalent for every 650 youth aged 10 to 19.

The Flour Mill neighbourhood is currently served by a basketball court at Ryan Heights Playground (approximately 300 metres away), which has been identified for upgrades through the Outdoor Court Revitalization project.

Details of Service Change

Council has directed staff to prepare a business case for a paved or concrete outdoor sports court to be created on at O'Connor Playground located at 140 St. George St., in Greater Sudbury. The requested design includes four basketball hoops and a separate hopscotch/play area. The estimated one-time cost of the project is \$265,000 with ongoing operational costs of \$4,780.

Why Staff Recommend this Business Case

The City previously approved \$96,306 through Healthy Community Initiative Fund capital applications from the Flour Mill Community Action Network towards this project. The group continues to seek monetary and in-kind donations to advance the project. This business case requests the remaining \$168,694 in funding from the City to advance the project.

How does this align with Council's Strategic Plan?

	Asset Management and Service Excellence	Economic Capacity and Investment Readiness
	Climate Change	Housing
X	Create a Healthier and More Vibrant Community	Advance Caring Services Post-Pandemic

Business Cases

Does this have a link to the Community Energy and Emissions Plan (CEEP)?

There is no link to CEEP.

Financial Analysis

Description	Duration	Type	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Grounds Maintenance - Labour	Ongoing	Expense	\$ -	\$ 3,420	\$ 3,520	\$ 3,630	\$ 3,740
Grounds Maintenance - Benefits	Ongoing	Expense	\$ -	\$ 560	\$ 580	\$ 600	\$ 620
Grounds Maintenance - Materials	Ongoing	Expense	\$ -	\$ 800	\$ 820	\$ 840	\$ 870
Contributions to Capital	One-Time	Expense	\$ -	\$ 168,694			
	Ongoing		\$ -	\$ 4,780	\$ 4,920	\$ 5,070	\$ 5,230
	One-Time		\$ -	\$ 168,694	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Total		\$ -	\$ 173,474	\$ 4,920	\$ 5,070	\$ 5,230
	% Levy Increase		0.00%	0.04%			

Staff Analysis

Position	Bargaining Unit	Duration	Permanent / Part Time	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Parks Maintenance Person	OW	Ongoing	PT Hours	-	100	-	-	-
		Permanent		-	-	-	-	-
		PT Hours		-	100	-	-	-