

## Background

As part of the 2018 budget deliberation process, a business case for the revitalization of 58 playground sites identified as being in poor condition was included for Council's consideration. The business case outlined capital investment to upgrade 58 playground sites at an estimated cost of \$40,000 per site for a total of \$2,320,000.

During the budget deliberation process, Council was also informed about the United Way Centraide North East Ontario's commitment to match the City's investment in Playground Revitalization through a fund raising campaign. The United Way's contribution would supplement the City's budget and result in an average investment of \$80,000 per playground site. The Finance and Administration Committee approved \$2.3 million for Playground Revitalization with an annual contribution from the Healthy Community Initiative (HCI) funds in the amount of \$150,000 per year to cover debt payments for 25 years.

At the September 25, 2018 City Council meeting, Council received a report titled "Playground Revitalization Update". The report identified the following sites which would be revitalized as part of the first phase of the project:

- Côté Park, 215 Edward Ave., Chelmsford
- East St. Tot Lot, East St., Coniston
- Hillcrest Playground, Hillcrest Cres., Sudbury
- Howard Armstrong Sports Complex, 4040 Elmview Dr., Hanmer
- Lakeview Playground, 420 Sunday St., Sudbury
- Lonsdale Playground, 811 Lonsdale Ave., Sudbury
- Penman Park, Penman Ave., Garson
- Pinecrest Tot Lot, Swanson Crt., Val Caron
- Place Hurtubise Playground, 1966 LaSalle Blvd., Sudbury
- Sixth Ave. Playground, 215 Sixth Ave., Lively
- Selkirk Park, Selkirk St., Sudbury
- St. Joseph Playground, St. Joseph St., Sudbury

Following a round of neighbourhood consultation sessions to gather feedback on playground themes, features and park amenities Contract CDD18-88, Request for Proposal for the Playground Revitalization Project, Phase 1 was issued on July 4, 2018.

The Contract was awarded to the following proponents:

- Blue Imp (one playground)
- New World Park Solutions Inc. (five playgrounds)
- Open Space Solutions Inc. (six playgrounds)

## Playground Revitalization Phase One Update

Contract CDD18-88 for Playground Revitalization Project, Phase 1 was awarded on August 2, 2018. Following equipment orders and manufacturing, installations began in late October/early November. With the early onset of winter, only 5 of the 12 playgrounds have been installed (East Street Tot Lot, Hillcrest Playground, Lakeview Playground, Place Hurtubise, and Penman Park).

As part of the Phase 1 Contract, firms agreed to have installation complete by the end of 2018. The City is in the process of negotiating credits with firms that did not install by the end of 2018. Installation of the remaining 7 playgrounds is expected to be complete no later than June 2019.

The following illustrates the revitalization of playgrounds which will be realized with the first phase of the project:

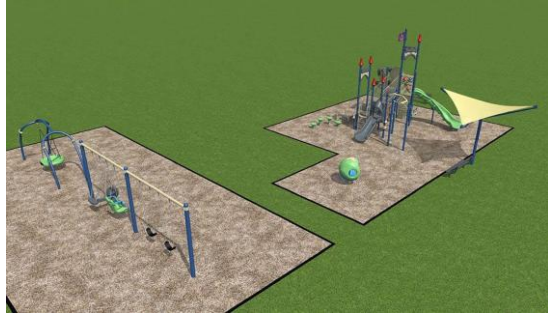
### East Street Tot Lot



### Howard Armstrong Recreation Centre



Lonsdale Playground



Pinecrest Tot Lot



Place Hurtubise



Selkirk Park





## **Request for Proposal for Standing Offer**

Earlier this year, the City issued Contract CDD19-22, Request for Proposal for Standing Offers (RFPSO) for the design, supply and installation of playground equipment. The goal of the RFPSO is to shorten project cycle times, decrease project costs and provide “best-fit” matching flexibility for playground installation projects.

The Standing Offer will be valid for a three (3) year term from the date of award and is divided into the following two (2) Categories:

- Category 1 – Neighborhood Park/Playground
- Category 2 – Community Park/Playground

It is the City's intent to award this standing offer to five (5) Category Candidates for each Category bid.

As part of the RFPSO, Category Candidates will work with City staff to host consultation sessions to get neighbourhood input on design, playground themes, play features and park amenities.

Contract CDD19-22 closed on April 4, 2019 with award anticipated by the end of April 2019.

The following criteria are to be used to evaluate proposals:

- Price
- Play Value (climbing, social interaction, swinging, coordination, spinning, physical fitness, agility, imagination, balancing, jumping elements)
- Accessibility (physical, sensory and surfacing)
- Park Design (ability to meet neighbourhood huddle requests, design standards and innovation)
- Proponent's Experience, References & Qualifications
- Warranty of Equipment

## **Sites for Playground Revitalization in 2019**

In order sustain the momentum of the playground revitalization project and to ensure that equipment rated in poor condition is replaced prior to failure, the City is planning to initiate an additional 15 revitalization projects in 2019.

As per the Playground Revitalization Final Report presented to the Community Services Committee on December 4, 2017, the following criteria are to be used to prioritize which locations are to be invested in:

- Priority neighbourhoods based on socioeconomic factors (Low Income Cut Off, Deprivation Index, proximity to social housing units, etc.).
- Neighbourhoods with parkland gaps as per Green Space Advisory Panel reports. Conversely, areas with overlap according to service levels will not be ranked as high.

- Facilities and equipment that is nearing its end of lifecycle or in need of urgent repairs.
- Parks, Open Space and Leisure Master Plan Review recommendations for fully accessible barrier-free playgrounds in Rayside-Balfour, Nickel Centre and Walden.

As per the first phase of playground revitalization, efforts will also be made to enhance play opportunities across Greater Sudbury moving forward. Using the established priority criteria with geographic considerations, the following playgrounds have been scheduled for revitalization this year:

- Columbus Tot Lot, Melvin Ave., Sudbury
- Algoma Tot Lot, Main St. East, Chelmsford
- Cedar Park Playground, 47 Normandy Crt., Sudbury
- Doug Mohns Sports Complex, 100 Field St., Capreol
- Queen's Athletic Sports Complex, 30 Cypress St., Sudbury
- Participation Tot Lot, Byng St., Sudbury
- Birch Tot Lot, 2450 Birch St., Azilda
- Eyre Playground, 243 Ferndale Ave., Sudbury
- MacMillan Tot Lot, MacMillan Dr., Val Caron
- Catherine Park, Catherine Dr., Garson
- Paquette Tot Lot, Paquette St., Sudbury
- Russell Beaudry Playground, 10 Juniper Ave., Onaping
- Ravine Park, Garson
- Meatbird Lake Tot Lot, 785 Municipal Road 24, Lively
- Ray Street Tot Lot, Ray St., Wahnapiatae

## **United Way Centraide Update**

The United Way North East Ontario continues to explore key partnerships for the Playground Revitalization project. The March of Dimes has confirmed as a project partner. Partnerships are also being explored with other corporations and agencies.

United Way North East Ontario, in coordination with the City, has developed a branding program with Over the Atlantic for the project. United Way will be working with the City to host celebrations at Phase One sites this spring and summer.

It is anticipated that key title sponsors will be confirmed in the near future.

## **Next Steps**

Upon award of Contract CDD19-22 (RFP SO for the design, supply and installation of playground equipment), community consultation sessions will be organized for the 15 sites identified.

Future phases of Playground Revitalization will be executed in coordination with the United Way Centraide North East Ontario's fundraising campaign.

## References

Playground Revitalization Update, Community Services Committee (September 25, 2018)

<http://agendasonline.greatersudbury.ca/index.cfm?pg=agenda&action=navigator&id=1247&itemid=15433&lang=en>

Playground Revitalization Final Report, Community Services Committee (December 5, 2017)

<http://agendasonline.greatersudbury.ca/index.cfm?pg=feed&action=file&agenda=report&itemid=3&id=1155>

Playground Revitalization Incremental Report #1, Community Services Committee (June 19, 2017)

<http://agendasonline.greatersudbury.ca/index.cfm?pg=feed&action=file&agenda=report&itemid=5&id=1152>

Playground Revitalization Report, Finance and Administration Committee (April 12, 2017)

<http://agendasonline.greatersudbury.ca/index.cfm?pg=agenda&action=navigator&lang=en&id=1169&itemid=12145>

Playgrounds Report, Finance and Administration Committee (September 20, 2016)

<http://agendasonline.greatersudbury.ca/index.cfm?pg=feed&action=file&agenda=report&itemid=7&id=973>