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Playground Revitalization Update 2020

Resolution

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Relationship to the Strategic Plan / Health Impact Assessment

This report supports Council's Strategic Plan in the area of Quality of Life and Place as it aligns with the Population Health Priorities of Families, Play Opportunities and Age Friendly Strategy. Revitalization of playgrounds provides inviting, safe play spaces for all residents to enjoy.

Report Summary

This report provides an update on the 15 playground sites included in phase two of the Playground Revitalization Project.

The report also provides an update on the capital fundraising campaign United Way Centraide North Eastern Ontario (UWCNEO) committed to during the 2018 budget deliberations.

Financial Implications

As part of the 2018 budget process, Council approved \$2.3 million for Playground Revitalization with an annual contribution from the Healthy Community Initiative funds in the amount of \$150,000 per year to fund debt payments for 25 years. Also during deliberations, the UWCNEO committed to match the City's investment in Playground Revitalization. Due to COVID-19, this fundraising has been deferred until the Summer of 2021.

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Executive Summary

This report provides an update on the 15 playground sites included in phase two of the Playground Revitalization Project.

The report also provides an update on the capital fundraising campaign United Way Centraide North Eastern Ontario (UWCNEO) committed to during the 2018 budget deliberations. Due to limited staffing resources and challenges presented by the COVID-19 situation, UWCNEO has stated they will be deferring any fundraising efforts towards the project until the summer of 2021.

As a result, no further playground sites will be revitalized until the City of Greater Sudbury receives funds or a commitment in the form of an agreement.

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 fundraising 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 May 11, 2019 Community Services Committee meeting, Council received a report titled "Playground Revitalization Update 2019". The report provided an update on the twelve playgrounds which were identified for revitalization as part of the first phase of the project. The report also informed Council on the Standing Offer issued for the design, supply and installation of playground equipment to advance future phases of the project and other playground builds. The report identified the following locations to be included as part of phase two of the project which were to be initiated in 2019:

- Participation Tot Lot (Byng Street, Sudbury)
- Queen's Athletic Sports Complex (30 Cypress Street, Sudbury)
- Meatbird Lake Tot Lot (785 Municipal Road 24, Lively)
- Algoma Tot Lot (Main Street East, Chelmsford)
- Russell Beaudry Playground (10 Juniper Avenue, Onaping)
- Birch Tot Lot (2450 Birch Street, Azilda)
- MacMillan Tot Lot (MacMillan Drive, Val Caron)
- Catherine Park (Catherine Drive, Garson)
- Doug Mohns Sports Complex (100 Field Street, Capreol)
- Ravine Park (Garson)
- Paquette Tot Lot (Paquette Street, Sudbury)
- Ray Street Tot Lot (Ray Street, Wahnapiatae)
- Cedar Park Playground (47 Normandy Court, Sudbury)

- Columbus Tot Lot (Melvin Avenue, Sudbury)
- Eyre Playground (243 Ferndale Avenue, Sudbury)

Playground Revitalization Phase Two Update

Following the award of Contract CDD19-22 (Request for Proposal for Standing Offers (RFPSO) for the design, supply and installation of playground equipment), community consultation sessions were hosted in the summer of 2019 for each of the 15 locations identified for phase two of the project.

Due to COVID-19, there have been delays with respect to the ability to obtain equipment and installation of structures. The following is an update of phase two locations:

- Participation Tot Lot (to be completed October 2020)
- Queen's Athletic Sports Complex (to be completed November 2020)
- Meatbird Lake Tot Lot (see below)
- Algoma Tot Lot (completed)
- Russell Beaudry Playground (completed)
- Birch Tot Lot (completed)
- MacMillan Tot Lot (completed)
- Catherine Park (completed)
- Doug Mohns Sports Complex (to be completed October 2020)
- Ravine Park (substantial completion, installation of basketball hoop remains)
- Paquette Tot Lot (completed)
- Ray Street Tot Lot (completed)
- Cedar Park Playground (completed)
- Columbus Tot Lot (substantial completion, landscaping work remains)
- Eyre Playground (substantial completion, installation of independent play equipment remains)

United Way Centraide Update

In January 2020, City staff reached out to United Way Centraide North East Ontario (UNWCNEO) for an update on their capital fundraising campaign towards the project. In February 2020, City staff met with the UWCNEO Executive Director to discuss the need for a more formal contribution agreement and it was agreed that the City would provide a framework, which would outline options regarding potential payment schedules and project responsibilities.

Following the COVID-19 pandemic, UNWCNEO representatives advised the City that it is unable to commit to entering into a contract with the City of Greater Sudbury for the funding of the revitalization of playgrounds, however, are committed to work alongside the City in order to make this project a success.

UNWCNEO cited the significant reductions in their staffing resources as a factor. United Way Centraide North East Ontario operates across six Districts (Sudbury, Cochrane, Timiskaming, Nipissing, Parry Sound and Manitoulin) and have had their full time compliment of employees reduced from 16 in 2018 to a current level of eight full time employees. Currently UWCNEO employs one fundraiser in Sudbury and one in Timmins; both work primarily on workplace campaigns.

The need for funding of programs and services in the community has more than doubled since March 2020 (Appendix A) and is expected to continue into 2021 and 2022. UNWCNEO has also stated COVID-19 has also had significant impacts on their ability to fundraise as typical funding sources are not generating anticipated revenue:

- Loss of Sudbury Wolves United/ Sudbury 5 revenue in 2020 expected to be \$300,000 gross. Permanent loss of this revenue stream expected in spring 2021.
- Expected negative impact on workplace campaigns into 2021 of between 15% and 30% (\$300,000 to \$600,000).

During the pandemic UNWCNEO has shifted its focus on addressing urgent needs for food, shelter, hygiene and personal protection equipment in our community with responsibilities for the distribution of Government of Canada funds to support charities and municipalities with focus on supporting seniors and vulnerable populations.

For these reasons, UNWCNEO representatives have expressed the organization will be deferring the Playground Revitalization Project conversation until the summer of 2021 to allow for a better understanding of the impact of COVID-19 on UWCNEO revenue generation and the urgent needs of our community/funded partners in the coming months. This will allow the organization to present a more accurate partnership plan for solicitation of funds for the project.

Future Phases of Playground Revitalization

To date, all but \$75,000 of the City's \$2.3M contribution has been spent or committed on the first two phases of the Playground Revitalization Project. UWCNEO collaborated with the City for a \$7,000 grant towards the project. The project will be suspended until future funds are committed through a formal agreement or alternate funds are received.

The following sites remain to be completed (playgrounds which have been rated in poor condition and require replacement). City staff have established a revitalization budget for each site based on existing amenities:

| Playground | Ward | Estimated Replacement Cost |
|------------------------------|------|----------------------------|
| St. Charles Park | 1 | \$ 140,000 |
| VLA Playground | 2 | 42,000 |
| Simon Lake Playground | 2 | 65,000 |
| Black Lake | 2 | 42,000 |
| Penage Road Community Centre | 2 | 10,000 |
| Den Lou Playground | 2 | 65,000 |
| Centennial Park | 2 | 150,000 |
| Whitefish Playground | 2 | 75,000 |
| Gill Loop | 3 | 45,000 |
| Pine and Fir | 3 | 10,000 |
| Onaping Tot Lot | 3 | 42,000 |
| Shawn Tot Lot | 4 | 50,000 |
| Grandview Playground | 5 | 70,000 |
| Daniel Tot Lot | 5 | 80,000 |
| Pine Street | 7 | 60,000 |
| Central Lane | 7 | 50,000 |

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| Brighton Tot Lot | 7 | 37,000 |
| Thomas Tot Lot | 7 | 70,000 |
| Parkinson Tot Lot | 7 | 80,000 |
| Rose Marie Playground | 8 | 45,000 |
| Don Lita | 8 | 150,000 |
| Lebel Playground | 8 | 120,000 |
| Mountainview Playground | 9 | 60,000 |
| Moonlight Beach | 11 | 150,000 |
| Total | | \$ 1,708,000 |
| Contingency | | 15% |
| Estimated Total Replacement Costs | | \$ 1,964,000 |

Total replacement costs for the sites noted above is \$1,708,000. When adding a 15% contingency, at total estimated amount of \$1,964,000 is required to complete the Playground Revitalization Project.

The following locations, originally identified for playground revitalization, are not included above due to recent developments:

- Centennial Arena Playground (potential of Valley East Twin Pad Project)
- Meatbird Lake Park (potential land disposition)
- Raymond Plourde Playground (potential of Valley East Twin Pad Project)
- Summerhill Park (to be replaced through insurance coverage due to vehicle collision)

Annual inspections on play equipment will continue to take place. Should individual components fail inspection, equipment will be safeguarded and placed out of service until funding can be secured for replacement.

Next Steps

United Way Centraide North East Ontario has expressed their commitment to this project and City staff will work with the organization with the aims of their capital fundraising campaign being restarted in the summer of 2021. Staff will provide updates on developments of playground revitalization efforts to the Community Services Committee.

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**United Way
Centraide**

North East Ontario
Nord-est de l'Ontario

Report to City of Greater Sudbury, Funding since March 31, 2020

UWCNEO Sudbury Allocations: supporting our community partners

| AGENCY | PROGRAM | AMOUNT |
|-----------------------------------|---|----------------|
| Association des jeunes de la rue | Community Outreach Program | 25,500 |
| Better Beginnings, Better Futures | Baby's Breath Program | 21,000 |
| Better Beginnings, Better Futures | Good Food Box Program | 20,000 |
| Better Beginnings, Better Futures | Pre-Teen Program | 15,000 |
| Big Brothers, Big Sisters | Matching Program | 50,000 |
| Carrefour francophone de Sudbury | Arts et culture | 12,750 |
| Carrefour francophone de Sudbury | Camps d'été | 12,750 |
| Elizabeth Fry Society | On-Going Support & Volunteer Service | 45,000 |
| Elizabeth Fry Society | Open Arts Studio Program | 15,000 |
| Health Sciences North | VOICES For Women Sexual Assault Centre | 41,000 |
| Inner City Home Of Sudbury | Life Skills & Hospitality Workshops | 10,000 |
| John Howard Society | Community Support Initiative | 51,000 |
| John Howard Society | Dads Matter Program | 15,000 |
| Learning Disabilities Association | Coaching Program & Assistive Technology | 12,500 |
| Learning Disabilities Association | Community Outreach & Awareness | 12,500 |
| Learning Disabilities Association | Community Resources Program | 30,000 |
| Maison McCulloch Hospice | Supportive Care Program | 30,000 |
| March Of Dimes | Assistive Devices Program | 28,000 |
| Meals On Wheels | Hot Meal Program | 25,000 |
| St John's Ambulance | Community Service Patient Care Division | 25,000 |
| YMCA Sudbury | Building Strong Kids Program | 58,000 |
| YWCA Sudbury Genevra House | Community Outreach Program | 40,000 |
| Total | | 595,000 |

Community Response Fund: Greater Sudbury Only: (Emergency funds, funding continues)

| AGENCY | PROGRAM | AMOUNT |
|---|---|-------------|
| Inner City Home | Food | \$2,500.00 |
| Sudbury Women's Centre | Basic supplies for 50 families | \$1,000.00 |
| CMHA - Sudbury/Manitoulin | Off the Street Shelter | \$3,000.00 |
| Sudbury Better Beginnings Better Futures | Home delivery of boxes for 60 clients | \$600.00 |
| Elizabeth Fry Society of Northeastern Ontario | various basic needs for those in community and jail | \$3,000.00 |
| Sudbury Women's Centre | Basic Needs Care Packages | \$8,744.00 |
| Health Sciences North Foundation (VOICES for Women) | Grocery cards/resource relief packages | \$8,500.00 |
| Our Children Our Future Family Resources | Grocery cards/Good Food Bags | \$10,000.00 |

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| N'Swakamok Native Friendship Centre | grocery gift cards | \$10,000.00 |
| Sudbury Better Beginnings | hygiene items | \$1,500.00 |
| Big Brothers Big Sisters of the City of Greater Sudbury | food hampers and PPE | \$5,000.00 |
| Brain Injury Association of Sudbury District (BIASD) | food and essentials | \$3,925.00 |
| The Canadian Mental Health Association-Sudbury/Manitoulin | Room Dividers for the shelter | \$20,000.00 |
| United Way Centraide North East Ontario – lead agency and funder of community partnership | Purchase and distribute reusable and disposable masks for organizations supporting vulnerable populations | \$25,000.00 |
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| | Total | \$102,769.00 |

New Horizon Seniors Funding, Government of Canada - Greater Sudbury Only

| AGENCY | PROGRAM | DESCRIPTION | AMOUNT |
|---|---|---|-----------------|
| Valleyview Community Church | Financial aid for travel and PPE for volunteers | deliver groceries to seniors/families in partnership with Metro and Helping Hands Family Missions | \$2,500 |
| Sudbury Women's Centre | Supplemental care packages | 35 women over 55 - food, hygiene items, activity sheets/references | \$1,500 |
| CNIB | Virtual Vision Mate (seniors) | connect with blind seniors - pick up groceries and prescriptions | \$2,000 |
| Inner City Home of Sudbury | Emergency Food Bank | provisions and delivery to seniors | \$1,500 |
| City of Greater Sudbury | Meal prep and delivery | to seniors in Onaping Falls (Lions Club) | \$5,000 |
| City of Greater Sudbury | Grocery gift cards | To seniors in Minnow Lake (Lions Club) | \$3,000 |
| City of Greater Sudbury | Metro/Food Basics gift cards | partner with Food Banks to identify low income seniors in Valley East (Lions Club) | \$3,000 |
| Sudbury Finnish Rest Home Society Inc | Care packages | paper towels, soap, sanitizer, snack items for 230 tenants x \$50 | \$11,500 |
| Brain Injury Association of Sudbury | Groceries | \$100 for groceries for 12 seniors | \$1,200 |
| N'Swakamok Native Friendship Centre | food and medical supplies | first aid kits, gift cards, groceries, medical supplies for 65 seniors | \$6,500 |
| Northern Initiative for Social Action | food support - grocery or gift card | connecting seniors to peer support and warm line | \$950 |
| City of Greater Sudbury | meals | Hot meals delivered to seniors twice each week in Lockerby (Legion) | \$5,946 |
| Alzheimer's Sudbury Manitoulin North Bay and District | Therapeutic Activation Kits | physical and cognitive activities | \$9,000 |
| | | Total | \$53,596 |

ECSF Emergency Community Support Fund: Government of Canada - Greater Sudbury only

| AGENCY | PROGRAM | DESCRIPTION | AMOUNT |
|---|---|--|------------------|
| Association des jeunes de la rue | Enhancing the Outreach Support Program during Covid-19 | Ensure that vital outreach services are continued safely (new staff, food and clothing vouchers for clients) | \$48,425 |
| Compass, Boussole, Akii-Izhinoogan Mental Health, Developmental and Community Services for Children, Youth and Families | Providing Child and Youth Mental Health Services in a Covid-19 environment | Acquire PPE and software needed to safely provide mental health and psychological assessment and treatment for youth | \$14,300 |
| John Howard Society of Sudbury | Expansion of support services due to COVID-19 | Provide expanded supportive services to clients | \$15,800 |
| New Hope Outreach Services | Drop-in services | Computer, phone, internet services and staffing for homeless services | \$50,000 |
| Older Adult Centre Sudbury/Centre des Aînés de Sudbury | Decreasing Social Isolation of Seniors through the expansion of ParkSide Centre Without Walls | Increase the capacity of ParkSide Centre Without Walls to offer recreational, educational, and social programming to seniors in Greater Sudbury (technology) | \$32,500 |
| Sudbury Better Beginnings Educational Fund | Food for Families | Food for families in need throughout the region | \$38,038 |
| Sudbury Multicultural - Folk Arts Association | Virtual Learning for English or French | Provide online English and French language lessons to newcomers and the community at large | \$24,729 |
| Sudbury Women's Centre | Basic Needs Curbside Pickup | Provide clothing, non-perishable food, hygiene, and baby items | \$32,507 |
| The Elizabeth Fry Society of Northeastern Ontario - La Société Elizabeth Fry du nord-est de l'Ontario | Service Navigation and Wellness Supports | Conduct wellness check ins and outreach for clients and assistance to navigate appropriate services | \$50,000 |
| Victorian Order of Nurses for Canada (Sudbury) | Extension of SMART and Meals on Wheels Programs | Group exercise program (connecting virtually) and meal delivery for seniors | \$57,000 |
| Special Olympics Ontario Inc. | Mental Health & Wellness | Enable individuals with an intellectual disability to remain connected, informed, healthy and active (purchase of computers) | \$20,000 |
| | | Total | \$345,261 |

Total \$ funding allocated to City of Greater Sudbury charities and Municipality since March 31, 2020;

\$1,096,626