



CITY OF ST. ALBERT ADMINISTRATIVE BACKGROUNDER

TITLE: 2022 Playground Replacement Business Case

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To provide background information on the motion brought forward on May 31, 2021 by Councillor Joly regarding the replacement of FPRC playground being fully accessible.

PROPOSED MOTION(S):

That through the 2022 budget process, Administration include in the 2022 Playground Replacement Business Case a plan that will result in the planned Fountain Park Playground replacement being fully accessible, using the Burlington Accessibility Design Standards (2016) or any other standards recommended by Administration.

ALIGNMENT TO PRIORITIES IN COUNCIL'S STRATEGIC PLAN

N/A

ALIGNMENT TO LEVELS OF SERVICE DELIVERY

Playgrounds - Provision of spontaneous recreational play structures for public use – Outdoor Playgrounds.

ALIGNMENT TO COUNCIL DIRECTION OR MANDATORY STATUTORY PROVISION

N/A

BACKGROUND:

The Fountain Park playground site is approximately 600 square meters (noted in pink below) and is located within the Fountain Park site beside Fountain Park Recreation Centre.



Currently Administration is planning for the replacement of the Fountain Park Playground with an accessible playground in 2022. This playground redevelopment will include accessible play features and accessible surfacing and will be the only site planned for replacement in 2022 funded through the Playground Lifecycle budget (\$378,900). A business case is not required as this project is already approved and funded through the 2022 RMR budget.

This playground development will be in line the Burlington Accessibility Design requirements, which includes very high-level design standards and public engagement expectations, including consultation with persons with disabilities.

The Fountain Park playground replacement will include accessible play features which can vary in look, function to address various accessibility needs, and play value. These features will be confirmed through the playground design process to meet the goals and specific requirements of this playground redevelopment. Included below are images that show a variety of accessible playground features and surfacing, to give a sense of what can be accommodated through this project. It is important to note that the below photos are not planned for this specific project, but simply to reflect the types and diversity of accessible equipment currently available.

Accessible play features will be considered where appropriate in future City-built playground developments as determined through existing site assessment, public engagement, and in alignment with standards when they are slated for re-development or built new.



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