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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

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, a 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
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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

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
	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 Vison 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 Aines 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