

## EO 3513-D 2019-02-19

## Heritage Hills Playground Overview

### Funding

- \$250,000.00 - Government Grant
- \$22,996.80 - Wye School – FAWS
- \$8,505.00 – Surveying/Grading Inspections/Geotechnical and Concrete Testing
- EIPS is only required to pay 32% of all GST costs
- **\$273,672.52 - Total available amount of funds to spend on the project (includes GST)**
- **Additional funds received from the Council Priority Fund will be put toward the purchase and installation of additional playground equipment. We are currently in the RFP process. We will select a preferred proponent by the end of February. At that time a budget for the additional equipment to be purchased with the County Priority Fund money will be provided. Thank you for your consideration.**

### Design

- The project design has been requested to be built as big as possible within the allowable area for future additions
- The layout, equipment and work will be in accordance and compliance with the most current version of CAN/CSA Z614 Children's Play Spaces Standards
- Play area will be designed for children 5-12 years of age with a focus for children 5-8 years of age
- The equipment will be designed to foster the development of motor, sensory and social skills
- The equipment will include activities for both quiet and group interactions
- The focus on the playground will be equipment that moves or promotes movement activities
- The play area will consist of a variety of climbing, agility, exploratory, sliding and swinging equipment
- 3 swing bays consisting of 6 swings have been requested in the design but other options may be considered if the swings take up too much of the footprint
- The protective surfacing will be commercial grade playground sand
- Concrete rounded curbs will contain the sand
- The colors will be forest green, brown and dark blue
- Playground will be accessible – concrete sidewalk will lead from the pathway to the playground

### Location

- A maximum allowable footprint for the play area has been determined by a survey company
- The most optimal location proposed is the grounds area in the front of the school along the planned pathway. As there are considerable elevation and drainage concerns for the site, the playground needs to be very strategically placed so-as-to not interfere with the overall drainage plan and to ensure the playground does not get flooded.

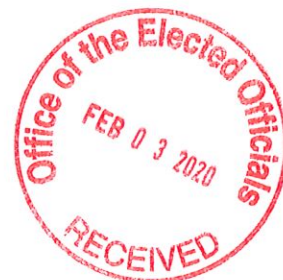
### Important Dates

- January 9 - RFP (Request for Proposals) was released
- January 15 - Mandatory site visit for interested proponents – Heritage Hills School site
- January 28 - Closing date for the RFP
- January 28 – January 31 - Proposals will be evaluated and short listed to 3 (possibly 4) proponents by 2 representatives from EIPS' Facility Services Department and Strathcona County's Supervisor of Playgrounds for Recreation, Parks and Culture
- February 4 – presentations from short listed proponents. In attendance for the presentations will be the following:
  - o 2 Wye School Parent Representatives - Cindy Craig and Craig Stirling
  - o 2 school administrators – Bill Schlacht and Kyle Samaratunga
  - o 2 members of Facility Services - Terry Wilkinson and Darcie Bennett
  - o EIPS' Purchasing and Contracts Manager – Sue Skilton
- February 4 -10 – Evaluations (criteria grading), reference checks
- February 11 – Selection of the Preferred Proponent
- February 12 – Contract issued and executed
- February 13 – Equipment ordered by successful proponent
- April 6 – Site Start Up Meeting
- April 13 – Construction Start Date
- June 10 – Project Completion
- June 11 – Inspection – performed by Strathcona County
- June 12-16 – Remediation period (if required)
- June 17 - Final Inspection (if required)



The playground will remain fenced during the entire construction period. The grounds remediation will be performed by Clark Builders. The tender/contract allows for additional pieces of equipment to be added with pricing held for a two-year period.

An official playground opening ceremony can be planned for fall of 2020.





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January 30, 2020

To: Whom it May Concern

**RE: Heritage Hills Playground Funding Request**

This letter is in support of the Council Priority Funds Application. The following is a brief description of the project and request for funding.

Wye School will be relocated to Heritage Hills and replaced with a new school by September 2020. The new kindergarten to grade six school will have an opening capacity for 600 students and will be expandable to 700. The new school will also include a new French immersion program.

Inclusive, functional, and free public spaces are the cornerstones of community neighborhoods, enabling greater connection and community engagement. The new playground at Heritage Hills will provide this space and remain a relevant community facility for years to come. A new playground at our school will be an important infrastructure upgrade and will increase the quality of life for our community members in Heritage Hills.

Our objective is to engage our students and the children in our community with active, outdoor play. The new playground will be a County capital asset and provide our school and community with an opportunity to play outdoors, socialize, and engage in healthy and more active lifestyles. Increased physical activity will also contribute to development of cognitive functions and social skills in our children. Success will be measured by the increased use of the playground by our students and children in our community by all ages and abilities who use the playground at recess, before and after school, on weekends and holidays. The playground will be publicly accessible year-round, and we expect that families and children will use it outside of regular school hours and during the summer.

We are seeking support from the Strathcona County to help fund our project as it will improve health and wellness for children at our school and from the surrounding Heritage Hills community. The playground will be a key physical recreation facility for our students and the growing community of Heritage Hills that will encourage healthy, active living. The Wye School community and neighbourhood of Heritage Hills would be grateful for any funds Strathcona county can provide for our important community project.

Currently the request for proposal (RFP) has been sent to potential vendors. The RFP was formatted to ensure a maximum play-area base would be constructed. The playground committee was informed that due to area constraints no further expansion of the playground would be permitted in the future. Therefore, the committee is continuing to fundraise to support any additional equipment that can be installed within the playground footprint. Should Strathcona County be willing to support this project additional funds will be used to purchase and install additional playground equipment.

Regards,

Cindy Craig  
Wye School / Heritage Hills Playground Committee, Chair

