

Council Priority Funds Grant

Letter of Request-Intended use of funds

March 21, 2021

Laura Jackson -Chair

Wes Hosford School Parent Fundraising Society

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Dear members of Strathcona County City Council:

The Wes Hosford School Parent Fundraising Society is respectfully requesting funding assistance to build a playground structure for our division two students at Wes Hosford School. The students, staff, parents, and fundraising committee have been working hard to fundraise for a few years for this project. We along with our over 450 students are making this request because our current play structure only provides enough space for our division one students. The majority of other schools in Strathcona County have two play structures for both their division one and two students, and therefore, our goal is to align our playground with other schools to provide playground space for all of our students. This structure would have a tremendous impact on our students and the surrounding community. Playgrounds provide families and children with an environment for physical and social experiences that nurture mental health and the development of pro-social skills, gross motor skills, positive relationships, self-confidence, creativity, as well as connection and a sense of belonging to their community. Playgrounds are a no cost activity for families to access, so they are accessible to all people, no matter their economic status.

We are elated that the additional play structure project has been approved by Strathcona County and is slated to be built by the end of 2022. It has taken almost ten years to receive approval from the county, due to the schools property layout, and the implementation of policies regarding safe placement of new playground builds. Unfortunately, because of this policy and the schools property layout, our budget requires extensive site preparation to satisfy the policy requirements. The site preparation, (drainage, tree removal, etc) has nearly doubled our playground's budget, which far exceeds an average playground project budget. These costs discouragingly

has placed us in a position to be heavily relying on grants to fulfill our project's completion. During our most recent meeting with the county, our cost for drainage repair may increase again (this increase is not reflected in the enclosed budget). The playground structure's cost will be approximately \$170,000, and the site preparation will now cost more than \$200,000, after long-standing drainage issues have been rectified (these costs are above and beyond what appears on the cost estimate, as per our last meeting with the County. Documentation to support this is forthcoming.)

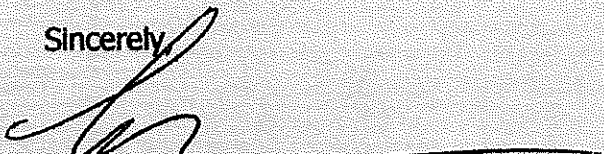
The playground is located within a few feet of the Glen Allen Recreation Centre, newly upgraded outdoor handball courts, a baseball diamond, a soccer field, a sledding hill, as well as a greenspace trail system. Because of this, the revitalization of this space with an additional playground structure would be an added attraction to these surrounding recreation settings. Members of the community can utilize this space between curling, skating, wrestling, hockey, handball events at the GARC.

To date, our committee has \$50,000 raised for the playground. Unfortunately, in 2021 our committee has been extremely limited to fundraising opportunities due to Covid 19, and understandably no volunteers are permitted in Elk Island Public Schools for fundraising events. In prior year's student, staff, and volunteers have organized bi-weekly popcorn sales, treat days, and hot lunch programs. We have also hosted bottle drives, sports day lunches, and school dances that have produced revenue from food, raffle, and admission sales to name a few.

We are respectfully and appreciatively requesting a significant donation of \$25,000. We hope this request aligns with past requests, and depending on your capacity and desire to support our project we are mindful that this is a significant monetary request. If any funding is received, it would entirely be utilized for the playground project. We are appreciative of any support that would assist us with this project. We appreciate this opportunity have attached pertinent documents related to our project, including a Strathcona County approved budget, project drawing, and a certification of our fundraising society.

On behalf of the Wes Hosford School, staff, parents, and students, we would like to thank you for your consideration for this monetary grant opportunity.

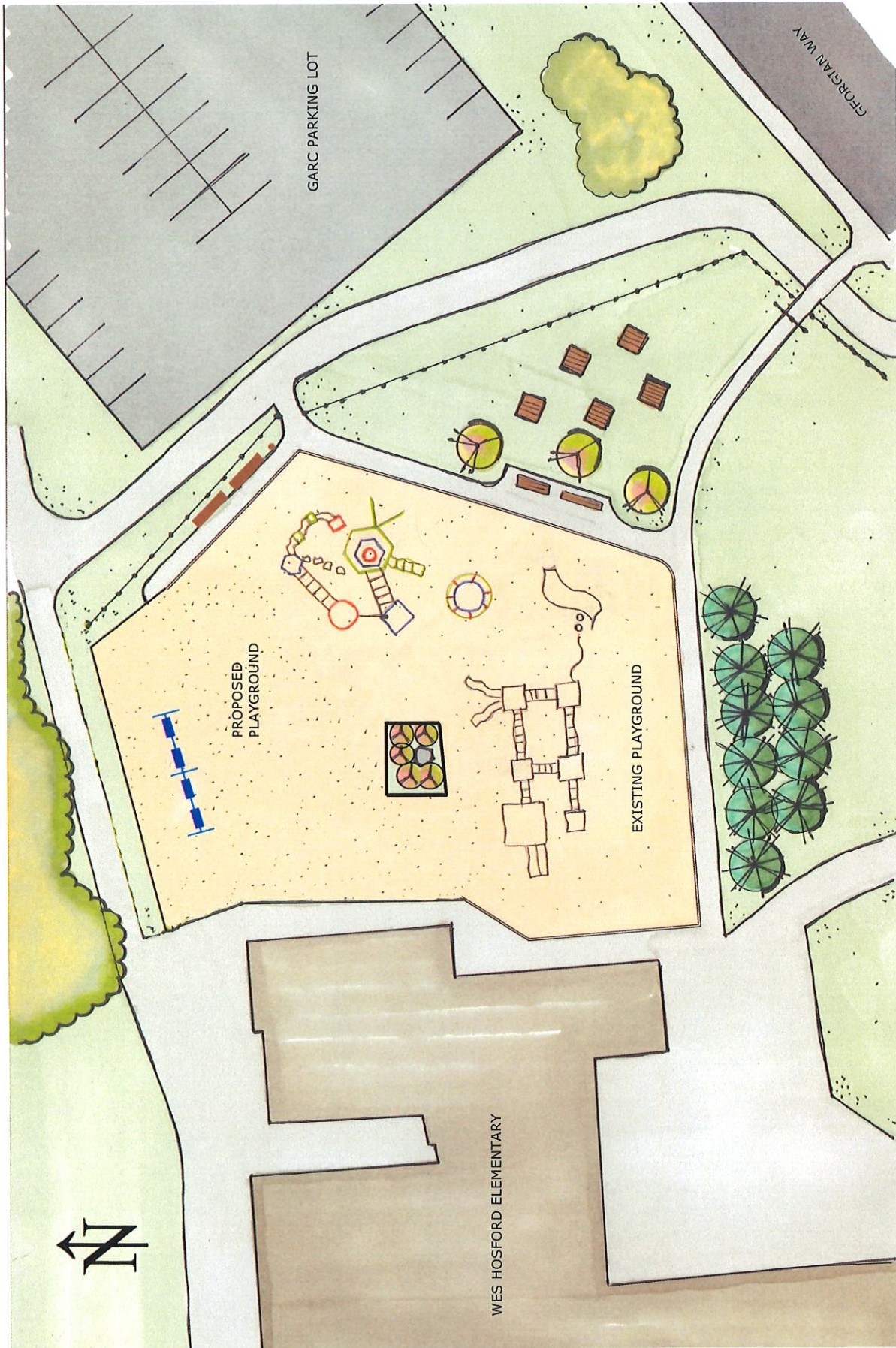
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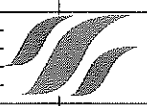
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Chair -Wes Hosford Parent Fundraising Committee

Date: Aug 20, 2019
Scale: N.T.S.



WES HOSFORD PROPOSED PLAYGROUND EXPANSION

 STRATHCONA COUNTY					
Project: Wes Hosford Playground Expansion					February 23 2021
Conceptual Cost Estimate					
Item	Description	Unit	Qty.	Unit Cost	Option 2
1.0	Site Preparation				
1.1	Mobilization	ls	1	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
1.2	Chain link fence removal and disposal	lm	25	\$35.00	\$875.00
1.3	Safety Fence	lm	170	\$20.00	\$3,400.00
1.4	Large tree and stump removal.	ea.	30	\$500.00	\$15,000.00
1.5	Clearing and grubbing small trees and brush.	m ²	425	\$45.00	\$19,125.00
1.6	Asphalt trail removal	m ²	120	\$50.00	\$6,000.00
2.0	Grading and Earthworks				
2.1	Topsoil stripping	m ²	825	\$25.00	\$20,625.00
2.2	Waste excavation	m ³	165	\$45.00	\$7,425.00
2.3	Fine grading of swales and compaction of playground area.	m ²	675	\$25.00	\$16,875.00
3.0	Asphalt Trail				
3.1	Subgrade preparation	m ²	144	\$25.00	\$3,600.00
3.2	Granular base	m ²	132	\$50.00	\$6,600.00
3.3	300mm dia culvert	lm	7	\$400.00	\$2,800.00
3.4	75mm depth asphalt	m ²	120	\$130.00	\$15,600.00
3.5	Material Testing	ls	1	\$500.00	\$500.00
4.0	Playground Equipment				
4.1	Supply and install 2 bay (4) swings	ls	1	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
4.2	Supply and Install New Playground	ls	1	\$100,000.00	\$150,000.00
5.0	Playground Retainer and Sand				
5.1	Supply and Install 150mm wide and 360mm height concrete playground retainer complete with all materials to install.	lm	100	\$125.00	\$12,500.00
5.2	Material Testing	ls	1	\$500.00	\$500.00
5.3	Supply and install 300mm depth playground sand	m ³	165	\$100.00	\$16,500.00
6.0	Landscaping				
6.1	4' galvanized steel chain link fence	lm	25	\$55.00	\$1,375.00
6.2	Excavate 30mm depth for small planting bed	m ³	6	\$35.00	\$210.00
6.3	Supply and install 300mm depth topsoil for bed	m ³	6	\$35.00	\$210.00
6.4	Supply and Install shrubs	ea.	18	\$45.00	\$810.00
6.5	Supply and install 150mm depth topsoil to all damaged areas.	m ²	220	\$25.00	\$5,500.00
6.6	Supply and install 150mm depth sod to all damaged areas.	m ²	220	\$25.00	\$5,500.00
Total				\$336,530.00	

**Government
of Alberta ■**

Corporate Access Number

502188832

CERTIFICATE OF STATUS

Form 32

I CERTIFY THAT ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF THE CORPORATE
REGISTRY

WES HOSFORD SCHOOL PARENTS FUNDRAISING SOCIETY
INCORPORATED IN ALBERTA ON 1979/09/14
IS AS OF THIS DATE A VALID AND SUBSISTING CORPORATION.

GIVEN UNDER MY SEAL OF OFFICE IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA.

DATED: 2021/02/10

