

Report to Council

Report Title:	Elmwood Playground Resurface		
Prepared By:	Trish Serratore, CFO/Acting Director of Community Service and Brad Thomson, Acting Community Services Supervisor		
Department:	Recreation		
Date:	May 9, 2023		
Report Number:	REC2023-15	File Number:	C11REC, R05EL
Attachments:	Photos of playground Playground Inspection Form		

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number REC2023-15 – Elmwood Playground Resurface, prepared by Trish Serratore, CFO/Acting Director of Community Service and Brad Thomson, Acting Community Services Supervisor, and in doing so approves proceeding with the playground resurfacing at the Elmwood playground.

And Further, approves the CFO to transfer \$16,263.84 from the Elmwood Community Reserve Fund to fund the project.

Report:

Background:

During the April monthly playground inspection staff noted that the Elmwood Community Centre playground required resurfacing to address safety concerns noted during the inspection.

To prevent injuries, it is required by CSA Z614:20 Children's Playground Equipment and Surfacing Standard to not have any bases of equipment showing through the surfacing. The surface material shall have a gmax not exceeding 200 and a HIC (head injury criterion) not exceeding 1,000 when tested, metal does not fit within these parameters set out by CSA.

Staff received quotes for resurfacing the playground and forwarded them onto the Elmwood Community Centre Board for a decision.

Analysis:

At the April 19th Elmwood Community Centre Board (ECCB) special meeting the ECCB approved resurfacing the Elmwood Community Centre playground for a total of \$20,536.29 from ABC Recreation. To fund this project

the board is requesting to access \$16,263.84 from the Elmwood Community Reserve Fund (Natalie Schultz Fund) and the remainder will be funded from the ECCB Donation fund which currently has \$10,659.46.

Staff are recommending Council approve this request, if left alone the playground surfacing will become more deteriorated and cause a greater safety concern for all users. With the current state of the playground surface, if we do not proceed with replacement, staff will have no other option but to close the playground as it does not meet the minimum standards.

Strategic Action Plan Checklist:

What aspect of the Brockton Strategic Action Plan does the content/recommendations in this report help advance?		
• Recommendations help move the Municipality closer to its Vision		Yes
• Recommendations contribute to achieving Heritage, Culture, and Community		Yes
• Recommendations contribute to achieving Quality of Life		Yes
• Recommendations contribute to achieving Land Use Planning and the Natural Environment		N/A
• Recommendations contribute to achieving Economic Development		N/A
• Recommendations contribute to achieving Municipal Governance		N/A

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:

- Do the recommendations represent a sound financial investment from a sustainability perspective? Yes

Funding for the surfacing was not included in the budget, however, there are funds in the Elmwood Reserve Fund and playground fund which Elmwood Community Board has requested to use for this purpose.

Respectfully Submitted by:



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Brad Thomson, Acting Community Services Supervisor

Reviewed By:



Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer