

PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE COMMISSION

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS

SUBJECT: PLAYGROUND DEVELOPMENT GRANT REQUESTS FROM
MAYWOOD COMMUNITY SCHOOL AND MORLEY ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **THAT** Council authorize the City to enter into an agreement with the Burnaby School District for contribution to the cost of the playground upgrades, as detailed in the report titled “Playground Development Grant Requests from Maywood Community School and Morley Elementary School” from the Deputy General Manager Parks, Recreation and Culture.
2. **THAT** a copy of the report titled “Playground Development Grant Requests from Maywood Community School and Morley Elementary School” from the Deputy General Manager Parks, Recreation and Culture, be forwarded to: Melissa Hodgson, Maywood Community Council Chair; Shani Sam, PAC Chair Morley Elementary School; and Russell Horswill of the Burnaby School District.

REPORT

The Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission, at its meeting held on April 11, 2023, received and adopted the attached report seeking Council approval for the City to enter into an agreement with the Burnaby School District for contribution to the cost of playground upgrades at Maywood Community School and Morley Elementary School.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor S. Dhaliwal
Chair

Commissioner R. Kent
Vice Chair

TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS
PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE
COMMISSION

DATE: April 11, 2023

FROM: DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER PARKS,
RECREATION & CULTURE

FILE: 09100-22

**SUBJECT: PLAYGROUND DEVELOPMENT GRANT REQUESTS FROM
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SCHOOL**

PURPOSE: To request Council's authorization for the City to enter into an agreement for contribution to the cost of playground upgrades at Maywood Community School and Morley Elementary School.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **THAT** the playground development grant requests from Maywood Community School and Morley Elementary School be approved;
2. **THAT** Council be requested to authorize the City enter into an agreement with the Burnaby School District for contribution to the cost of the playground upgrades as detailed in the report titled "Playground Development Grant Requests from Maywood Community School and Morley Elementary School from the Deputy General Manager Parks, Recreation and Culture;
3. **THAT** a copy of the report titled "Playground Development Grant Requests from Maywood Community School and Morley Elementary School from the Deputy General Manager Parks, Recreation and Culture be forwarded to: Melissa Hodgson, Maywood Community Council Chair, Shani Sam, PAC Chair Morley Elementary School, and Russell Horswill of the Burnaby School District.

REPORT

1.0 INTRODUCTION

Appearing on the agenda is correspondence from Melissa Hodgson, Maywood Community Council Chair, Shani Sam of the Morley Elementary PAC, and Russel Horswill of the Burnaby School District. The two schools are requesting a grant from the 2023

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Annual Operating Playground Development Budget to assist with the playground improvement projects on the grounds of their schools.

2.0 POLICY SECTION

The playground development grant program is aligned with the following Council adopted policies and plans/strategies: City’s Equity Policy, Corporate Strategic Plan, Social Sustainability Strategy and Healthy Community Policy.

3.0 BACKGROUND

There is \$12,000 budgeted annually in the Operating Budget and, with few exceptions, the fund is expended each year. The Playground Funding Requests criterion is attached (Attachment #1). The first two schools to request a grant this year are from Maywood Community School and Morley Elementary School. These grants are provided to schools who build playgrounds that are available for free access to all Burnaby residents. This small contribution provides significant social and developmental benefits for all children who play and interact in these spaces.

The application meets the Playground Grant guidelines. Maywood last received a grant in 2013, and Morley last received a grant in 2005. Outlined below is the cost breakdown for the grant requests:

Maywood Community School

Cost of outdoor components and Installation	\$100,000
Funds raised by the school	\$94,000
Funds raised by Parent Advisory Council	<u>\$2,000</u>

Amount requested from Playground Development grant **\$ 4,000**

Morley Elementary School

Cost of outdoor components & Installation	\$8,000
Funds raised by Parent Advisory Council	<u>\$4,000</u>

Amount requested from Playground Development grant **\$ 4,000**

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4.0 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the requests from Maywood Community School and Morley Elementary School be approved and that Council be requested to authorize the City enter into an agreement with the Burnaby School District for the contribution of the cost of the playground upgrades as detailed in this report.



Carmen Gonzalez
DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE

CG/tc
Attachment

CRITERIA FOR PLAYGROUND DEVELOPMENT FUNDING REQUESTS

The purpose of the Playground Development Grant is to recognize the fundraising efforts of Burnaby parents, as well as improve the play experience at school playgrounds for the community at large, as a valuable way to participate in physical activity and connect with neighbours who use these assets.

CRITERIA:

1. The project is initiated and cost shared by a parent group and the Burnaby School Board. The parent group must have 50% of the project cost raised at the time of the request. The Playground Development Grant will provide matching funds up to a maximum of \$4,000.
2. The facility will be accessible to the public and thus provide a public benefit beyond serving the schoolchildren during school hours.
3. The parent group may request a grant once every 4 years.
4. The remainder of the funding for the entire project needs to be either in place or very close to being finalized.
5. Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services staff will be allowed input into the design process.
6. The Burnaby School Board must approve the project and its installation of the playground within 12 months of the grant approval. Consequently, a letter from the School District must be included with the request. The parent group may contact Deanna Azzara to arrange for the letter of support (deanna.azzara@burnabyschools.ca).
7. The grant can be used for equipment and/or for the purchase and planting of trees and/or shrubs for the playground area or garden projects.

OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES:

1. Projects are considered on a first come, first served basis. Requests will be time dated and received after the 3rd Monday of January of the year the grant is available.
2. Playground Development Grants are only available if approved in the City of Burnaby's Annual Capital Budget
3. In the event the Playground Development Fund is completely allocated prior to yearend, staff will advise Commission of all subsequent requests for their consideration.

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