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**To:** Mayor and Council

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**RE:** Applewood Park Playground Equipment

**Report No.:** MS 2019-25

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## **AIM**

To recommend to Council to proceed with the installation of playground equipment at Applewood Park

## **BACKGROUND**

Applewood Park is an existing active parkland located on Applewood Road between Lots 295 and 313. The equipment at this location is aged and no longer compliant with the current standards regarding children's play spaces and equipment safety. In 2019, \$65,000 was allocated in the municipal budget for the supply and installation of new playground equipment and signage at this location.

## **DISCUSSION**

In February of 2019, a request for playground proposals was advertised. As a result, six (6) contractors submitted pricing for various designs. The following criteria was used to evaluate each design:

- Equipment safety features
- Number of accessibility features
- Number of play features
- Overall cost
- Types of material used
- Future maintenance requirements and concerns
- Overall appeal (cosmetics)

In addition, the design proposals were distributed to local residents surrounding the parkland area requesting for their feedback and preferred selection amongst the various designs.

Upon reviewing the above criteria and survey results, it was decided to proceed with the proposals most favored by the local residents in each respective area. The proposal can be viewed in Appendix A.

The proposal was also circulated to the Parks, Recreation, Arts and Culture Committee as well as the Kingsville Accessibility Advisory Committee for review and feedback. The feedback was positive from both committees and recommended to include an additional bay for a swing-along swing which has been incorporated into the overall design.

The design complies with CSA Standard Z614-14 (Children's playspaces and equipment safety standard) which also includes Annex H of this standard (Children's playspaces and equipment that are accessible to persons with disabilities). It is also in compliance with the Ontario Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation (AODA).

## **LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Improve recreational and cultural facilities and opportunities within the Town of Kingsville.

## **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Pending approval of this report, \$57,418.00 (excluding HST) will be awarded to New World Park Solutions for the installation of playground equipment at Applewood Park. The budget for this location is \$65,000.

## **CONSULTATIONS**

Municipal Services  
Kingsville Accessibility Committee  
PRAC Committee

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council approve the proposal submitted by New World Park Solutions in the amount of \$57,418.00 (excluding HST) for the installation of playground equipment at Applewood Park.

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