



## Corporation of the Township of Brock

### Staff Report to the Mayor and Members of Council

**From:** R. Wayne Ward  
**Position:** Director Parks, Recreation and Facilities  
**Title / Subject:** Fairgate Park swings  
**Date of Report:** September 27, 2024  
**Date of Meeting:** October 7, 2024  
**Report No:** 2024-PRF-023

#### 1.0 Issue / Origin

Currently Fairgate park in Sunderland has a childrens play structure installed.

#### 2.0 Background

Development of the park space in Fairgate subdivision is an ongoing process and as such the addition of a swing set including one belt seat and one tot seat is the next piece to be introduced at this location.

The swing set is the same manufacturer and color scheme as the play structure and will blend in with the play structure well.

#### 3.0 Analysis

While there was sufficient funding remaining from the 2022 capital budget funding for the purchase of the swings there is insufficient funding for the installation of the swings set.

The public works department is able to perform the preliminary work of site preparation but are not able to install the swing set.

Installation by experienced playground installers is recommended to ensure the equipment is installed correctly and in accordance with the applicable standards.

The installation will include the appropriate engineered wood fibre surface which meets the requirements for accessibility.

#### 4.0 Related Policies / Procedures

## **5.0 Financial / Budget Assessment**

The quoted price for installation of the swing set including the supply and installation of the engineered wood fibre surface is \$7,684.00 including HST. This quote is from the company who supplied and installed the existing play structure.

There is currently \$55,844.77 in the parks reserve fund.

## **5.1 Asset Management**

This new piece of equipment will need to be included in the Asset Management listing of parks and recreation related equipment.

## **6.0 Climate Change Impacts**

There is no additional impact to climate change with this new equipment.

## **7.0 Communications**

N/A

## **8.0 Conclusion**

Installation of the new swing set to add to the existing childrens play structure will improve the use of this park area and will add a new piece of equipment for the enjoyment of the users of this park.

## **9.0 Recommendation**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Committee receive report 2024-PRF-023, and

That staff be directed to proceed with the installation of the swing set and engineered wood fibre surface, and

That the funding for this installation be taken from the Parks Reserve Fund, and

That this be ratified at the Council meeting of October 21, 2024