

AGENDA INFORMATION☒ Regular MeetingDate: May 25, 2026☐ Other:

Date: _____



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The District of North Vancouver

REPORT TO COUNCIL

May 11, 2026

File: CAPPARKS-313193949-35315

AUTHOR: Adam Vasilevich, Section Manager, Parks Planning, Design and Construction**SUBJECT:** **Playground Funding Request: Sherwood Park Elementary School****RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Council approve a contribution in the amount of \$15,000 towards the renewal of the playground at Sherwood Park Elementary School, to be funded from Council's Operating Contingency.

AND THAT staff bring forward a report for Council's consideration with a review and options for updating the Playground Development on School Grounds Policy.

REASON FOR REPORT:

Sherwood Park Elementary School, via School District 44, has submitted a request for funding to the District. Funding requests of this nature are guided by the District's corporate policy Playground Development on School Grounds (2001, Attachment 1).

BACKGROUND:

The District's Playground Development on School Grounds Policy is not a formal grant program, and there is no budget associated with the Policy. In the past, the District has contributed funds to school playground projects from time to time with budget available from the Council Contingency.

The policy states that the District will provide grants to non-profit school organizations for playground equipment on School District #44 lands, deemed by Council to be contributing to the benefit of the community, and in accordance with the criteria established by the policy, including the number of students in the school, the scope of the project, condition of the existing equipment, and potential for community use of the playground.

The policy is intended to facilitate the construction of cost-shared playground equipment to enhance public school playgrounds, recognizing that they provide an amenity of general benefit to the community.

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ANALYSIS:

Sherwood Park Elementary Funding Request

The District recently received an application for funding for a playground at Sherwood Park Elementary School (Attachment 2). The grant request meets the requirements stated in the Playground Development on School Grounds Policy. The Policy provides guidance regarding the provision of funds towards the cost of new playground equipment and support infrastructure to North Vancouver School District schools.

The Sherwood Park Elementary School is located at 4085 Dollar Road in Deep Cove. The school serves over 370 students, in addition to on-site childcare and afterschool programs. The school community is diverse, drawing students from the Tsleil-Waututh Nation, families in the growing Ravenwoods neighbourhood, and out-of-catchment students enrolled in the French Immersion program. The playground is at the end of life and School District facilities staff recognize the need for a full replacement.

The proposed renewal will be a fully accessible, inclusive, and developmentally appropriate play environment, replacing aging, inaccessible infrastructure with a modern, inclusive play environment designed to serve both the school and the broader community. Seating will also be incorporated, providing a benefit to the broader community, including caregivers, particularly during after-school hours.

Sherwood Park Elementary School's grant request submission is being submitted by School District 44 in partnership with the Sherwood Park Parent Advisory Council (PAC). The School District initially estimated the project cost at \$363,000. However, the total cost will be higher, as the PAC has recently secured new grants for rubber surfacing, which when added will increase the scope and cost of the project. In addition, the cost of playground renewals continues to rise.

Funding sources secured to date are provided below (Table 1). The PAC has fundraised for a number of years and has secured \$120,000 to date. In the absence of any external funding, the PAC would direct all available PAC funding available to the project. The PAC continues to fundraise and has secured additional grants and donations as detailed below, including the DNV Fire Fighters Charity (\$25,000), in-kind donations (\$19,300), corporate and community group donations (\$12,500) and matching grants for rubber surfacing (\$44,500). All funding contributions would be acknowledged once the playground is completed.

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Table 1. Funding Sources

Funds Secured to Date		
PAC Fundraising	Sherwood Park Parent Advisory Committee	\$120,000
Grants	DNV Firefighters Charity	\$25,000
Matching grants for rubber surfacing	Tire Stewardship Council of B.C.	\$30,000
	Kal Tire RePlay Fund	\$14,500
In-kind donations	Heidelberg Materials	\$11,800
	Houston Landscapes	\$7,500
Donations	Mount Seymour Lions Club	\$2,500
	Seymour Golf and Country Club	\$2,500
	Chemtrade	\$5,000
	Ethical Flooring	\$2,500
School District 44		\$205,000
Total Secured to Date		\$428,500

Playground Development on School Grounds Policy

The current policy was approved by Council in 2001. While the policy provides overall guidance with respect to requests for funding, it is not a formal grant program, and there is no budget associated with the policy.

Staff recommend bringing forward a review of this dated policy, as it is now more than 25 years old, and is a policy rather than a formal funding program with an associated budget. In addition, playground capital costs have increased considerably. In some areas of the District, school grounds serve as key recreational facilities, particularly where access to nearby park space is limited.

Staff could bring forward a report outlining a number of options with respect to the policy for Council's consideration. Options brought forward could range from dedicating annual funding for the program and advertising the program more widely, maintaining or increasing the funding amount, or rescinding the policy.

FINANCIAL IMPACTS:

The District funding contribution of \$15,000 would be funded from Council's Operating Contingency, which currently has an available balance of \$80,494.

Respectfully submitted,



Adam Vasilevich
Section Manager – Parks Planning and Construction

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ATTACHMENTS:

1. District Policy 5-1850-3 Playground Development on School Grounds
2. Sherwood Park Elementary School Playground Renewal Funding Request (Including Letter of support from School District, Quote and Plan View and Renderings)

REVIEWED WITH:			
☐ Business and Economic	_____	☒ Finance	<u>RD</u>
☐ Bylaw Services	_____	☐ Fire Services	_____
☐ Clerk's Office	_____	☐ GIS	_____
☐ Climate and Biodiversity	_____	☐ Human Resources	_____
☐ Communications	_____	☐ Integrated Planning	_____
☐ Community Planning	_____	☐ ITS	_____
☐ Development Engineering	_____		
☐ Development Planning	_____	☐ Real Estate	_____
☐ Engineering Operations	_____	☐ Review and Compliance	_____
☐ Environment	_____	☐ Solicitor	_____
☐ Facilities	_____	☐ Utilities	_____
		External Agencies:	
		☐ Library Board	_____
		☐ Museum and Archives	_____
		☐ NSEM	_____
		☐ NS Health	_____
		☐ NVRC	_____
		☐ RCMP	_____
		☐ Other:	_____



The Corporation of the District of North Vancouver

CORPORATE POLICY MANUAL

Section:	Finance	5
Sub-Section:	Grants	1850
Title:	PLAYGROUND DEVELOPMENT ON SCHOOL GROUNDS	3

POLICY

The District of North Vancouver will provide grants to non-profit school organizations for playground equipment on School District #44 lands, deemed by Council to be contributing to the benefit of the community, and in accordance with the criteria established.

Reason For Policy

To facilitate construction of cost-shared playground equipment to enhance public school playgrounds, recognizing that they provide an amenity of general benefit to the community.

PROCEDURE

Applicant will liaise with the Manager – Parks, or designate, who will review applications on an annual basis, and prepare a report for Council's consideration.

Applications Are To Include The Following Information:

- Letter describing playground proposal
- School population
- Age and condition of existing equipment to be replaced, or new equipment to be required
- Site plan
- Project costs (i.e. equipment, installation etc)
- Information on playground equipment (i.e. company name, picture of equipment, warranty, CSA safety information)
- Construction schedule, including anticipated date of project completion
- List of other funding sources (i.e. other grants, fund raising etc.)
- Letter of support from School District and School Principal

Deadline

The deadline for applications shall be January 31 for grants to be considered in that year.

Criteria

- 1) Playground improvements must be located on North Vancouver School District #44 lands, or other District lands adjacent to school site, with the consent of the owner.
- 2) Playground equipment must be subject to a Joint Use Agreement between DNV and North Vancouver School District #44. Under the agreement, the NVSD #44 will be responsible for the installation and maintenance of all playgrounds, provision of liability insurance, and the installation of permanent signage that recognizes the funding partners.

- 3) Playground projects and funding levels/contributions will be considered based on the following criteria:
 - Number of students in school, and scope of project in relation to size of school
 - Inventory, age, condition and safety of existing play equipment on school grounds
 - Previous funding received from District for other school playground projects
 - Potential for community use of playground, particularly in neighbourhood park deficient areas.
- 4) The District's maximum contribution to a playground in a given year, will be \$15,000; except in extraordinary circumstances, the District may consider, subject to funding availability, increasing its contribution to the capital cost based upon local park deficiency, community need, and the school's ability to fund raise.
- 5) Groups must be actively seeking monies from other funding sources, fundraising or contributing their own funds to the project.
- 6) Projects should be completed within one year of funding approval.
- 7) No retroactive funding applications will be considered.

AUTHORITY TO ACT

Retained by Council

Approval Date:	March 1, 1982	Approved by:	Policy & Planning Committee
1. Amendment Date:	Dec 11, 1995	Approved by:	Regular Council
2. Amendment Date:	November 5, 2001	Approved by:	Regular Council
3. Amendment Date:		Approved by:	
4. Amendment Date:		Approved by:	
5. Amendment Date:		Approved by:	
6. Amendment Date:		Approved by:	

March 25, 2026

Adam Vasilevich
District of North Vancouver
355 West Queens Rd
North Vancouver, BC, V7N 4N5

Subject: DNV \$15k Grant for Sherwood Park Elementary School Playground Renewal

Dear Adam,

The North Vancouver School District, in partnership with the Sherwood Park PAC, is advancing plans to renew the south playground at Sherwood Park Elementary. This project is being jointly funded by the School District and the PAC, and we are seeking a \$15,000 grant from the District of North Vancouver to support the replacement of the existing end-of-life play structure.

The proposed renewal will transform the current space into a fully accessible, inclusive, and developmentally appropriate play environment. Key features of the project include:

- Approximately 3,000 square feet of accessible rubber surfacing to support mobility devices and reduce barriers to entry
- Two distinct play zones incorporating accessible and inclusive play elements
- Barrier-free site access, including gently sloped entry points to accommodate a wide range of mobility needs
- A diverse range of engaging and appropriately challenging play equipment for children up to age 12, ensuring meaningful opportunities for older students

The design places a strong emphasis on universal accessibility, safety, and inclusive play, ensuring that all children—regardless of ability—can participate fully and equitably.

This project represents a significant investment in accessibility, inclusion, and community well-being. A recent playground project at Boundary Elementary was supported with a \$15,000 grant from the District of North Vancouver, demonstrating the meaningful impact of this funding. At Sherwood Park Elementary, the renewal will replace an outdated and inequitable play space with a vibrant, welcoming environment that serves all children and families in the community.

If approved, the requested funding will contribute to the total project budget of \$358,774, which is already supported by commitments from the School District, the Sherwood Park PAC, District of North Vancouver Fire, and individual donors. Demolition of the existing playground is anticipated to begin in late June, with construction of the new playground expected to be completed by the end of July.

Thank you for your consideration and support of this important community project. Sincerely,



Mike Chapman, P. Eng

Director of Facilities and Planning

North Vancouver School District #44

CC: Jennifer Tieche, Sherwood Park Elementary Principal

Anna Morrison, Sherwood Park Elementary PAC Chair

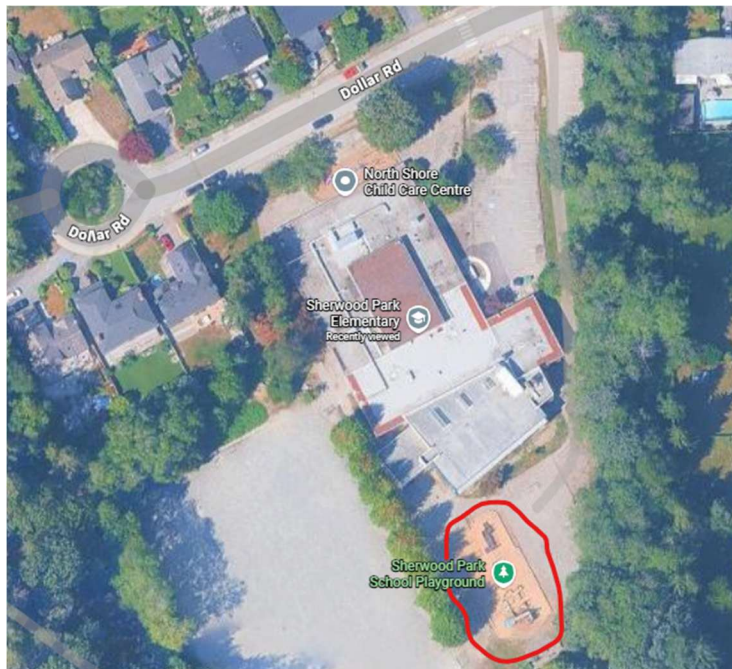


Sherwood Park Playground Renewal Project

Project Overview

The North Vancouver School District, in partnership with the Sherwood Park Parent Advisory Council (PAC), is seeking funding to support the renewal of the south playground at Sherwood Park Elementary School. This project will replace aging, inaccessible infrastructure with a modern, inclusive play environment designed to serve both the school and the broader community.

Location:



Statement of Need

The existing playground consists of two separate structures—one metal and one wood—installed approximately 20–30 years ago. Both systems have reached the end of their functional lifespan. Due to ongoing safety concerns and deterioration, many play components have already been removed, significantly limiting play opportunities for students.

Equally important, the current playground does not meet accessibility standards and does not provide equitable access for children of all abilities. Students and community members with mobility challenges are currently unable to fully participate in playground activities, creating a significant barrier to inclusion.

Sherwood Park Elementary serves over 370 students, in addition to on-site childcare and after-school programs. The school community is diverse, drawing students from the Tsleil-Waututh Nation, families in the growing Ravenwoods neighbourhood, and out-of-catchment students

enrolled in the French Immersion program. This diversity underscores the importance of creating a universally accessible and inclusive play space.

Community Impact

The Sherwood Park playground functions as a vital community asset. Due to limited play infrastructure in surrounding neighbourhoods—particularly in Ravenwoods—the site is heavily used outside of school hours, including evenings, weekends, and throughout the summer months.

However, there is a notable lack of accessible and inclusive playgrounds in the area. This project directly addresses that gap by creating a space where children of all abilities can play together. The renewed playground will support physical activity, social connection, and overall well-being for both Sherwood Park students' and the broader community.

Project Description

The proposed playground renewal will transform the existing space into a fully accessible, inclusive, and developmentally appropriate play environment. Key features will include:

- Approximately 3,000 square feet of accessible rubber surfacing to support mobility devices and reduce barriers to entry
- Two distinct play zones with accessible play elements designed for inclusive use
- Barrier-free site access, including gently sloped entry points to accommodate a wide range of mobility needs
- A variety of engaging and challenging play equipment suitable for children up to age 12, ensuring age-appropriate opportunities for older students

The design prioritizes universal accessibility, safety, and inclusive play, ensuring that all children—regardless of ability—can participate meaningfully.

Outcomes and Benefits

This project will deliver significant and lasting benefits, including:

- Equitable access to play for children with diverse physical and developmental abilities
- Increased physical activity and improved mental health outcomes for students and community members
- Enhanced social inclusion by creating shared play experiences for children of all abilities
- Strengthened community connections through a high-quality, year-round gathering space
- Extended usability for older children, reducing early disengagement from active play

Project Cost & Schedule

The vendor delivering the project is Swing Time Distributors who will supply and install various Blue Imp brand play pieces and the PIP rubber surfacing. The project cost is \$358,774.75. An additional \$4000 will fund a sponsor recognition program which includes signage and media recognition. The

demolition of the existing playground will be undertaken by SD44 staff. The tentative project schedule would have construction beginning July 6, 2026, completing July 24, 2026. Demolition of the existing playground would schedule to begin July 15, 2026, completing July 26, 2026.

Warranty & CSA Compliance

Blue Imp play equipment has a comprehensive industry leading warranty on their products. The rubber surface has a comprehensive 7yr warranty. The vendor will be required to provide a CSA compliance letter ensuring the playground and surfacing complies with CSA Z614.

Funding:

The Sherwood Park PAC is continuing to actively fundraise and has submitted various grant applications which may increase the PAC's contribution to the project. The project is currently fully funded as follows:

Playground Supply & Install

Sub Total	\$339,995.00
GST (1.6%)	\$ 5,439.92
PST (7%)	\$ 13,339.75
Total	\$358,774.67

Donation Recognition (Signage & Media)

Total	\$ 4,000.00
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PAC Funding & Secured Donations

PAC Contribution	\$120,000.00
DNV Fire	\$ 25,000.00
Donations	\$ 17,284.90
Total	\$162,284.90

School District Funding

Total	\$200,489.77
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Should additional funding be achieved, consideration will be given to increasing rubberized surface area and reducing the contribution levels of the PAC and the school district.

Conclusion

The renewal of the Sherwood Park Elementary playground represents a critical investment in accessibility, inclusion, and community well-being. Recent playground projects at Lynn Valley Elementary and Boundary Elementary have benefited from \$15,000 DNV grants. This project will transform an outdated and inequitable space into a vibrant, welcoming environment that serves all children and families in the community.

Attachments:

- Letter of support from School District
- Quote
- Plan View and Renderings



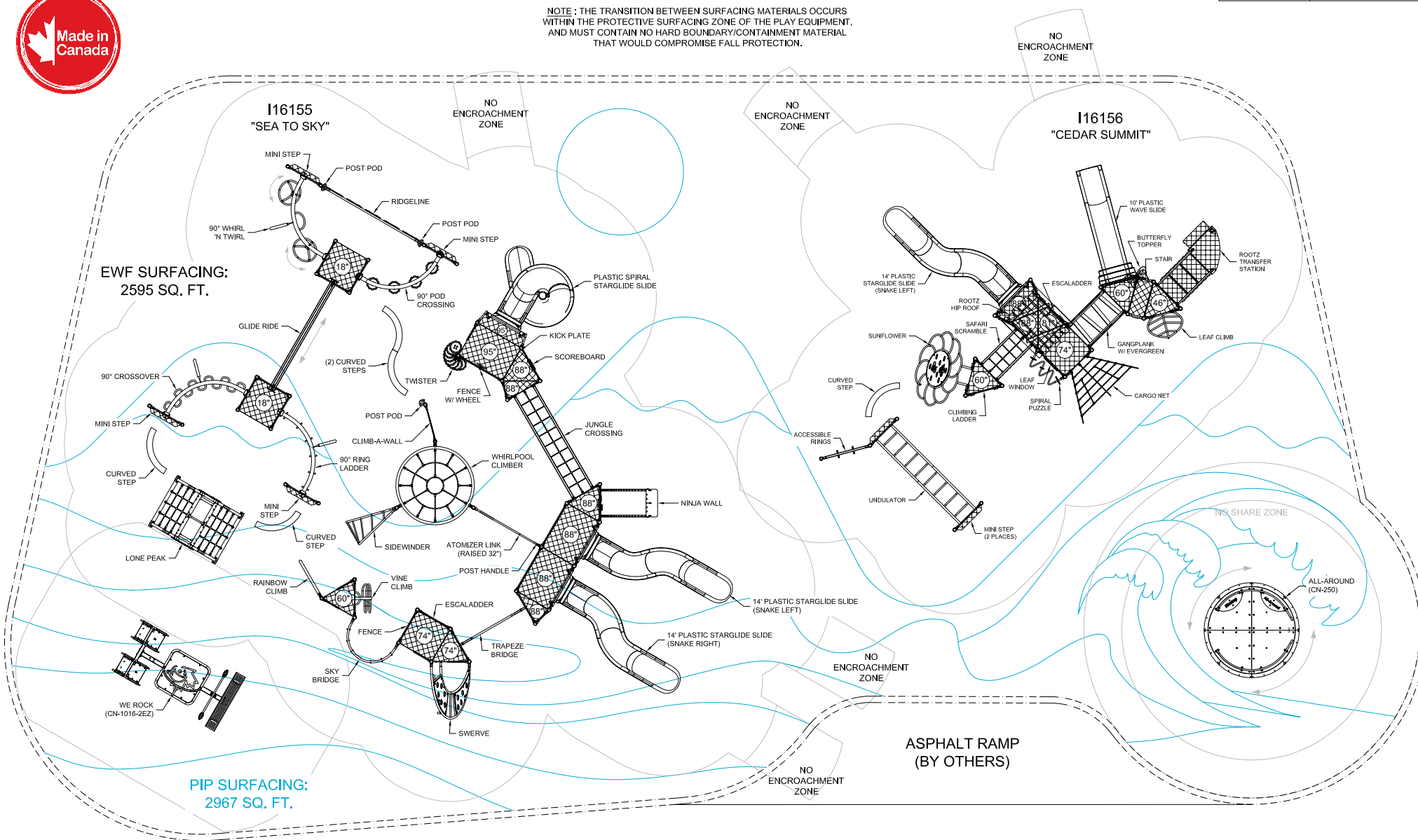
Paint Colours: Almond, Lime Green, Metro Brown,
 Spruce Green, Tangerine
 Plastic Slide Colours: Gecko Green, Green
Colours shown may not accurately reflect actual colours.

Sherwood Park Elementary - Option 1
 layout # A13300-2-C1 | J10345



*NOTE: SITE FEATURES SHOWN (I.E. SURFACING, BORDER, LANDSCAPING, ETC.)
 MAY NOT REFLECT ACTUAL SCOPE OF WORK AND ARE PURELY CONCEPTUAL.*

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- CONFORMS TO THE CAN/CSA-Z614-20 STANDARD "CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AND SURFACING"
- AREA REQUIRED IS BASED UPON SUPPLIED SURVEY INFORMATION SHOWING LOCATION OF EXISTING EQUIPMENT AND BORDERS, EXACT LOCATION OF EXISTING EQUIPMENT AND BORDERS TO BE VERIFIED ON SITE TO ENSURE ADEQUATE SAFETY ZONES, AND TO VERIFY REQUIRED QUANTITY OF SURFACING MATERIAL.

SHERWOOD PARK ELEMENTARY
OPTION 1

NORTH VANCOUVER, BC
303 SWING TIME DISTRIBUTORS

LAYOUT #: A13300-2
JOB #: J10345

RECOMMENDED AGES: 5-12

PROTECTIVE SURFACING REQUIRED:
AREA: - (sq.ft) PERIMETER: 309 (ft)
DRAWN BY: AS DATE: 09-DEC-25

2	UPDATE SUPPLIED SITE INFORMATION, ADD I16156.	KH	23-FEB-26
1	ADJUST EQUIPMENT PLACEMENT & BORDER. ADD RELOCATED EQUIPMENT BY OTHERS.	KH	08-JAN-26



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Quotation

ADDRESS	SHIP TO	QUOTATION	26-0090
Sherwood Park Elementary	Sherwood Park Elementary	DATE	02/17/2026
4085 Dollar Road	4085 Dollar Road		
North Vancouver, B.C.	North Vancouver, B.C.		
V7G 1A5	V7G		
	1A5		
SALES CONSULTANT			
TP (ref: 12464)			

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QTY	PRICE	TOTAL
	Updated Option with Cedar Summit PIP Design			
Blue Imp Equipment	Blue Imp Play Structure I16155	1	99,971.00	99,971.00
Blue Imp Equipment	Blue Imp Play Structure I16156	1	49,954.00	49,954.00
CN-1016-2EZ	We Rock E-Z2, 2 seats, 1 bench seat	1	13,353.00	13,353.00
CN-250	All-Around Accessible Spinner	1	22,916.00	22,916.00
Shipping	Shipping	1	4,375.00	4,375.00
Installation	Installation of above Equipment	1	40,253.00	40,253.00
Temporary Fencing	Temporary Construction Fencing	1	1,416.00	1,416.00
Concrete Border	Supply and Install continuous Pour Concrete curb 6" x 8" approx. 325 lineal FT	1	8,482.00	8,482.00
Base Preparation	Approximately 2967 Sq ft Base Preparation for PIP Rubber includes supply, placement and compaction of up to 6" of granular base to 98% compaction water source for the base prep to be supplied by others.	1	14,389.00	14,389.00
Supply and Install 50% EPDM Rubber - 50% Black Rubber Surfacing	Approximately 2,967 Sq Ft PlayTurf to be a 50% EPDM Rubber and 50% Black Recycled Rubber mix for the top 3/8" Wear Layer and 100% BC Recycled Black Rubber for the bottom 1 5/8" Wear Layer poured in place at a 120" Certified Fall Height with a tolerance of 3/8" in any 10' direction and 1/4" in any 3' direction. Please note: The rubber may have waves, roller marks & or seams within the rubber surfacing due to various reasons. None of these possibilities are defects and do not require replacement or further attention. The appearance of same will wear down and become less prominent with	1	78,092.00	78,092.00

use. Additionally, please expect rubber granules to rub off for the first few months of use as this is just loose crumbs that did not fully adhere with the polyurethane binder detaching from the surface. The tolerances noted above apply to both the base preparation and the top surfacing layers for Playturf, WaterTurf, & Eco-Tread. It is extremely important to maintain these tolerances. The colour wear layer utilizes an aliphatic polyurethane binder that is UV stable. Buffing material to be installed at a 2-inch to 4-inch thickness, depending on fall height requirements. Rubber to be installed at a total thickness of 4-inches to 6-inches depending on the fall height.

GRANT BREAKDOWN

- Labour & Installation: \$42,950.29
- Qualified Recycled Rubber Materials \$31,236.58
- Freight \$3,904.57
- Total Weight of Recycled Rubber 72,240lbs
- Total Tires Recycled (based on 20lb passenger tire) 3612

Supply and Install Rolldown Edge	Approximately 179' Rolled Down Edge installed at a depth of 12" for the edge between the PlayTurf surfacing and into the surrounding loose fill area.	1	6,794.00	6,794.00
Disclaimer	All installation prices are quoted for normal ground conditions and a clear, clean and level site (0-1% slope) prepared to required dimensions, as well as clear access for vehicles and heavy equipment. SwingTime reserves the right to renegotiate contract pricing for any additional site preparation or related delays, or for any damage to the job site and surrounding area, unless otherwise agreed upon in the Quotation. Customer is responsible for any remediation, drainage, and landscaping unless otherwise agreed upon in the quotation. Customer is responsible for overnight security during installation. SwingTime is not responsible for any theft or vandalism due to lack of security. SwingTime will call BC One Call to locate and detail underground services. Customer will be responsible for the additional cost of an electromagnetic scan should it be required. SwingTime is not responsible for any damage to unidentified items. Removal of old borders, playground and surfacing by others.	1	0.00	0.00

Quote is valid for 30 Days

SUBTOTAL	339,995.00
GST @ 5%	16,999.75
PST (BC) @ 7%	13,339.83
GST @ 0%	0.00
TOTAL	\$370,334.58

Accepted By

Accepted Date