

# Committee Information Report

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**SUBJECT                   MAFFEIO SUTTON PARK INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND GRANT  
FUNDING APPLICATIONS**

## **OVERVIEW**

### **Purpose of Report**

To provide an update to the Finance and Audit Committee on grant applications for the Maffeo Sutton Park inclusive playground project.

### **Recommendation**

That the Finance and Audit Committee receive the report titled Maffeo Sutton Park Inclusive Playground Grant Funding Applications, dated 2018-APR-11, for information.

## **DISCUSSION**

At the Committee of the Whole meeting held 2017-NOV-27, Council received a presentation regarding the Maffeo Sutton Park Master Plan Update and delegations from community groups supporting the development of an inclusive playground at Maffeo Sutton Park. At that meeting, Council passed a motion directing Staff to work with the Nanaimo Child Development Centre, Rotary Club of Nanaimo, and partners, to develop a plan for the Maffeo Sutton Park playground that is all-inclusive.

The playground at Maffeo Sutton Park is a key park feature and destination for the community. The majority of playground equipment and safety surfacing has reached end of life and does not meet current safety standards.

The 2018 budget currently has \$450,000 allocated for improvements to the playground with Phase 1 construction planned to start in October 2018. Since November, Staff have been working with several stakeholder groups to develop concepts for the playground improvements including the Nanaimo Child Development Centre, PacificSport, Nanaimo Association of Community Living, Nanaimo Rotary Club and other community groups.

Inclusive playgrounds are laid out to follow universal design principles. They are spaces that appeal to people of all ages and abilities and invite inclusion and sensory appeal to all children, people with disabilities, caregivers, and seniors.

Canadian Tire Jumpstart charity is a Canadian charity focussed on helping children stay active and facilitating all kids to access sport and play. Staff applied for an Inclusive Playground Design Innovation grant through Jumpstart for the Maffeo Sutton Park Playground improvement project. If awarded, a grant could range from \$250,000 to \$1,000,000. Grant application results

will be announced in June. In 2017, McGirr Elementary School received \$250,000 in funding from Jumpstart towards the inclusive playground on their school grounds.

Working with stakeholders, other grants and fundraising options will be ongoing as planning continues for playground improvements.

#### **SUMMARY POINTS**

- Staff applied for an inclusive playground grant through Jumpstart for the Maffeo Sutton Park playground improvement project.
- Staff may apply for additional funding from other agencies for inclusive improvements to the Maffeo Sutton Park playground.

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