



Staff Report to Grey County Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee

From Krista House, Manager of Parks and Recreation
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Date August 26, 2022

Subject Municipality of Grey Highlands Playground Equipment Replacement
(Eugenia Community Park and Feversham Park)

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Report "Municipality of Grey Highlands Playground Equipment Replacement (Eugenia Community Park and Feversham Park)" be received; and
2. That the Grey County Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee (GCJAAC) provide input for consideration for the installation of new play equipment.

BACKGROUND

Through the 2022 Municipal budget process, the Municipality of Grey Highlands approved the replacement of aging playground infrastructure in the Village of Eugenia (Appendix A - Eugenia Community Park). Further, through a combination of community-based funding and support from the Municipality's Community Grant Program, monies were approved between 2020-2022 to replace an aging swing set in the Village of Feversham (Appendix B - Feversham Park).

These locations were identified by Municipal staff for remediation through regular playground inspections and in consultation with the respective communities. They were also included in the overall assessment of Municipal recreation resources during the information and data collection phase of the recent Recreation Master Plan.

In keeping with the Municipal Procurement By-law, quotes were requested from four reputable play equipment providers, which included provisions for accessibility in the structures and the installation.

Following an evaluation process, which included consultation with the Grey Highlands GCJAAC representative, the decision was made to proceed with Henderson based on price, timeline for delivery, accessibility, overall aesthetics and functionality. Further, Henderson will install the equipment at both sites and provide certified final inspections for each location.

DISCUSSION

The Municipality of Grey Highlands wishes to consult the GCJAAC as part of this project and in compliance with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA). Feedback will be considered when installing the play structure and swing sets, specifically pertaining to positioning, ground cover, and recommendations for defining the play area.

Submitted playground designs included a variety of equipment appropriate for children of all ages and mobilities, with Henderson providing what was determined to be a better overall inclusive package (Appendix C) which included:

- a) Ground level play elements
- b) Swing units
- c) Creative play and motion elements
- d) Social interaction or interactive play elements
- e) Active play elements such as slides, balancing, overhead play, and climbing

The Municipality of Grey Highlands appreciates the time and consideration given by the GCJAAC and thanks them for their contribution to this discussion.

If additional information is required, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully,

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Appendix A

Eugenia Community Park 222 Inkerman Street, Eugenia Grey Highlands

The playground is situated in a mature green space in the heart of Eugenia, a historic hamlet in the Municipality of Grey Highlands. It is an ideal location, adjacent to a small pavilion, informal basketball court, and ballfield (which is also used as an outdoor ice rink during the winter months). The play area is located in the northern section of the property.

The playground area measures approximately 492 square meters, and the deteriorated non-accessible wooden structures were removed in June 2022 due to safety concerns; ground cover was wooden mulch.

An aerial view of the park layout is depicted below (ESRI, 2020).

Pending input from the GCJAAC and in consultation with the equipment providers, it is anticipated that the new installation will follow a similar layout, with the swing set located a safe distance from the larger stationary play structure.



Appendix B

Feversham Park Wellington Street, Feversham Grey Highlands

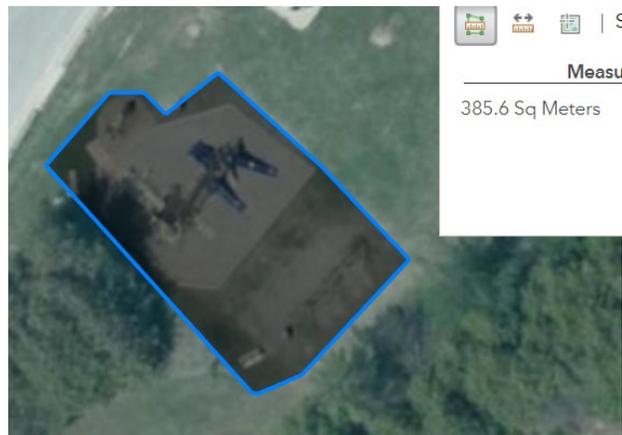
This playground is situated in a vibrant and heavily utilized community park, nestled in a green oasis on the Beaver River. It is adjacent to a ballfield, pavilion, basketball court (which is also used as an outdoor ice rink during the winter months), and community gardens.

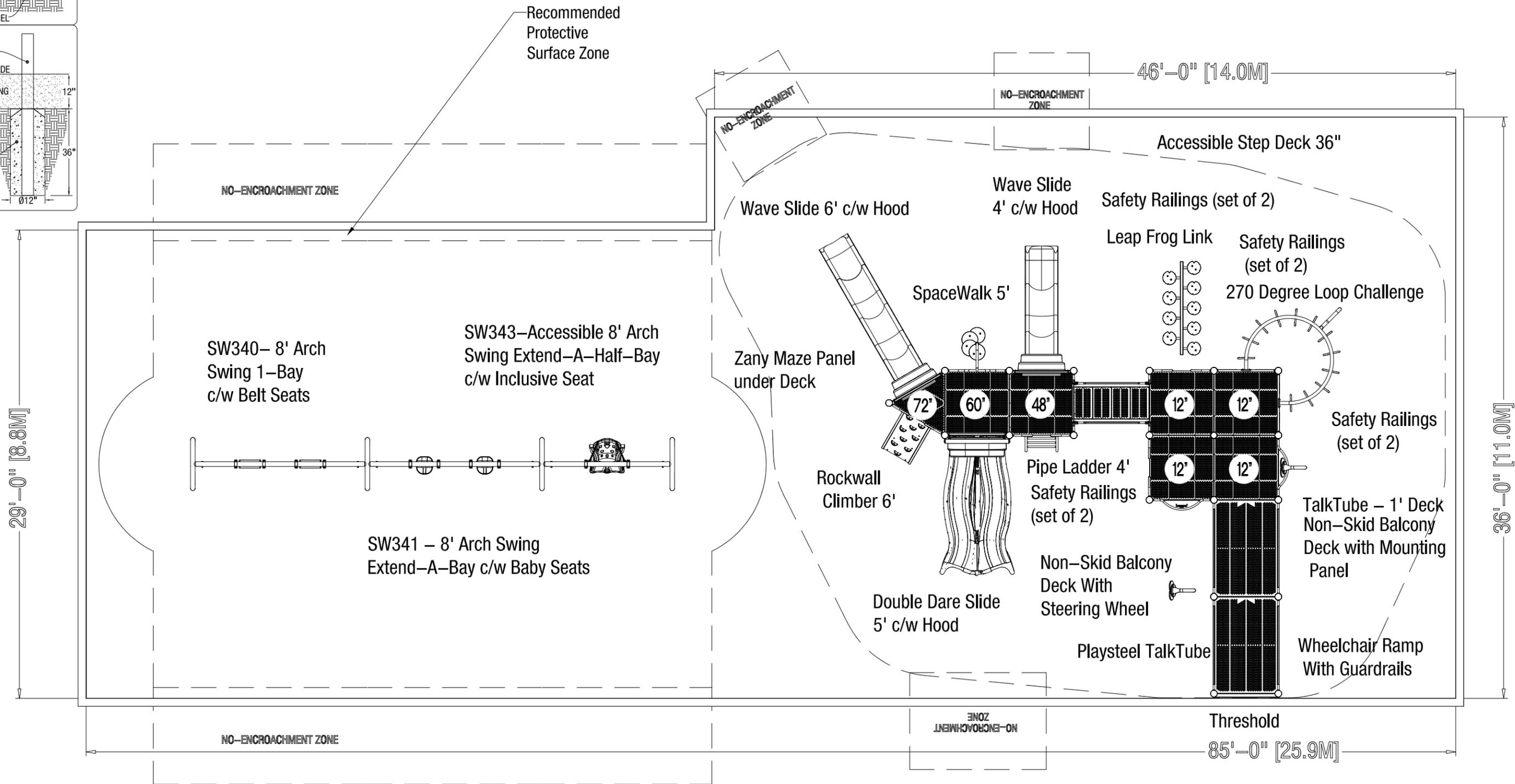
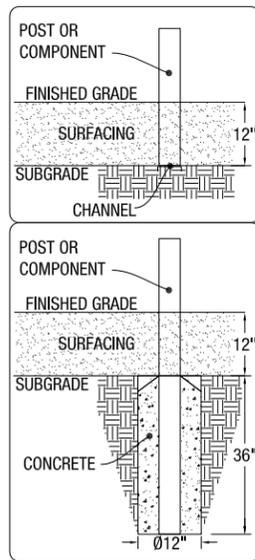
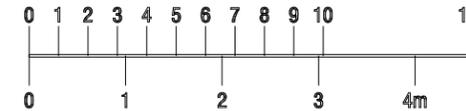
The formal playground area measures just over 385 square metres, and the existing play structure and swing set is located in the southeastern portion of the park.

An aerial view of the existing park layout is depicted below (ESRI, 2020).

The play area is set in the southeast corner of the property, with the ballfield located to the north, and pavilion, hard surface court, and community gardens located to the west.

Pending input from the GCJAAC and in consultation with the equipment providers, it is anticipated that the new swing installation may be moved from the nearby tree line and be positioned at a distance, slightly north of the existing play structure.





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Product Line | Playsteel MAX
Standard Compliance | CAN/CSA-Z614
Best User Age | 5 to 12 yrs.
Protective Surfacing Type | Wood Chips
Accessibility | Yes
Number of Children | 40
Fall Height | 10'

Border Area | 2,787 sq/ft
Border Perimeter | 242'
Installation Type | Mix

WARNING: All play equipment shall have a protective surfacing zone that consists of an obstacle free soft resilient surfacing, as specified for each type of equipment and at depths to meet the critical fall heights as specified by the CAN/CSA Z614, ASTM F1487 and the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.



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