



WEST HANTS REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY REPORT

Information ☐	Recommendation ☐	Decision Request ☒	Councillor Activity ☐
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To: Mayor Zebian and members of Council

Submitted by: Councillor Bonnie Smith

Date: June 24, 2025 Council Meeting

Subject: **Playground Equipment at Elmcroft Park**

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

RECOMMENDATION or DECISION REQUEST

Council recommends that staff complete a visit and assessment of the playground equipment at the Elmcroft Park and provide a report to Council on:

- a. Assess the area to determine if it is a suitable location and explore potential options for relocating the playground equipment—either on the same property or at a new site—with improved visibility to help deter damage.
- b. Evaluate the current structural safety and provide estimates for replacing and installing new equipment to create a safe and inviting community space for the children of West Hants.

BACKGROUND

The playground equipment at Elmcroft Park is nearly 30 years old. It is missing a slide which is boarded up. There has been a hole cut in the top of one section where children crawl through. It is weather worn with sections of plastic torn up and metal exposed. It has also been the unfortunate target of a lot of graffiti. All these things have created an unpleasant but more importantly an unsafe environment for the children.

Property ☐	Public Opinion ☐	Environment ☐	Social ☐	Economic ☐	Councillor Activity
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DISCUSSION

Elmcroft Park is the only park within reasonable walking distance to downtown Windsor where there is a concentration of families with young children. At one time it was a very active park and gathering spot for families to take their children to play and socialize. In its current condition, I don't feel it is a safe area for children to climb and play on.

NEXT STEPS

If the recommendation is approved, staff to carry out the direction of council.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications with the approval of this motion.

ALTERNATIVES

Council may not approve the motion.

Council may choose a different course of action.

ATTACHMENTS

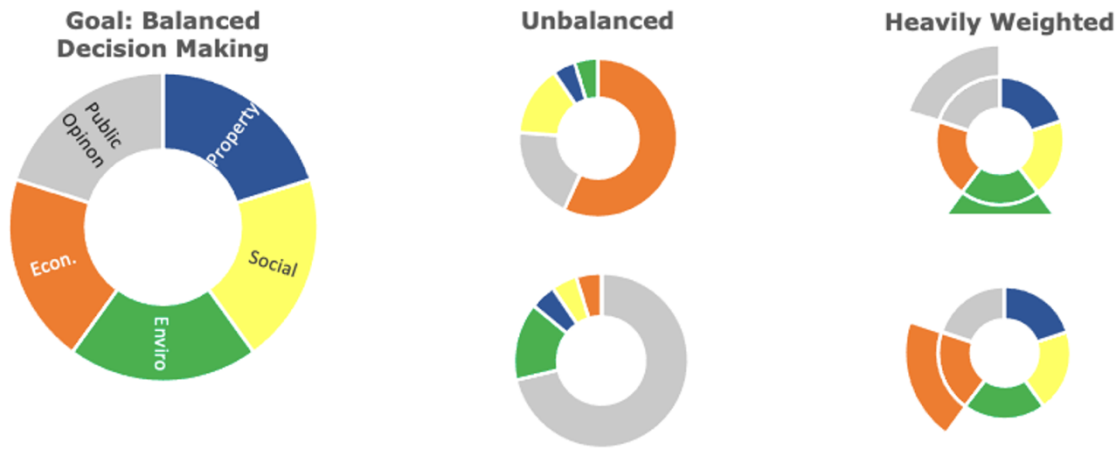
Photos showing the conditions of the current conditions.

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REVIEW

Staff have completed an inspection of the the playground and have addressed immediate safety related concerns. Staff have also scheduled the "top-up" of fall protection / pea stone at the site. Admittedly, the space has aged and reflects wear and tear indicating it is at the end of its' life cycle. Pending Council's discussion and direction an alternative site and new instalation is recommneded and not a relocation of the existing components.

I support the recommnedation.

Council has been provided with a reference taken from the Meeting and Committee Procedural Policy , Appendix C “Decision Making by Council and Committee of the Whole” as a reminder of the principles highlighted for good decision making.



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