

## The Corporation of the Town of LaSalle

Date	March 21, 2019	Report No:	C & R 2019 -04		
Directed To:	Council	Attachments:			
Department:	Culture and Recreation	Policy References:			
Prepared By:	Director of Culture and Recreation				
Subject:	Heritage Park Playground				

## RECOMMENDATION:

That the report from the Director of Culture and Recreation dated March 21, 2019 (C&R 2019-04) regarding the recommendation of Park n' Play to supply and install the new accessible playground at Heritage Park in the amount of \$297,289 +hst BE APPROVED;

AND THAT the successful playground design be presented to the Accessibility Committee;

AND FURTHER that the staff coordinate the playground project install in conjunction with the drainage project works at Heritage Park in a timeline that minimizes the disruption of access to the park for residents:

## REPORT:

Staff coordinated an RFP for a new accessible playground including rubber surface at Heritage Park with a total budget of \$340,000 +HST. The budget amount will be covered by both the capital and operation budget including funds from the parks reserve, playground replacement and accessibility accounts. The existing playground and shade structure will be removed as part of the overall park enhancements and a new accessible playground with shade option installed. The RFP called for playground submissions with a design focus on aspects of the Town's history and heritage, included a new climber, swing unit, ramped access, shade structure, interactive panels/apparatus and site amenities.

There was discussion at the Parks and Recreation Committee and Accessibility Committee in 2018 to enhance a Town of LaSalle Playground with a focus on inclusion and interactive play. The hope was to create an interactive playground with a rubberized surface and ramping to allow for an enriched fully accessible experience meeting Annex H and all CSA requirements.

The Heritage Park Playground RFP was posted on the Town's Bids and Tenders site calling for submissions that could provide a new accessible playground, shade structure with site amenities at Heritage Park. They were marked according to Design, theme, budget, value, accessibility and unique features. The top scoring bids were invited to present their designs with the Parks, Recreation and Events Committee to share their vision and explain their unique elements.

From that meeting the committee reviewed each proposal and are recommending Park n' Play for the RFP at a cost of \$297,289 +hst.

The playground design will be presented to the Accessibility Committee once approved and posted on the Town website as well as social media for residents to gain knowledge throughout the year.

Director of Culture and Recreation

Reviewed by:							
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