

## Hillview Park and Playground Redevelopment Project

### Where we are in the Redevelopment Cycle (most current info is first)

- **April 13, 2015:** The Official Opening of the Hillview Playground will take place on Thursday May 28 from **12:30 pm to 2:15 pm**. The community is invited to attend with the opening ceremonies starting in the Hillview School gym (adjacent to the playground). Weather permitting, the ceremonies will move to the playground for the ribbon and cake cutting.
- December 9, 2014: The playground rebuild was completed at the end of October, with the fencing removed on November 3 and the playground then available for the community to use. This playground is now considered finished and initial reaction has been very positive with the variety of equipment used.
- August 12, 2014: There have been delays in the construction being able to start, however fencing to go up this week and they will start to remove old equipment by next week. Work will continue through at least September with fencing possibly up to the end of October 2014 dependant on the weather and finishing aspects around the playground area.
- July 18, 2014: Work is expected to start on Hillview Playground the week of July 28.
- July 8, 2014: Tendering closed and a contractor has been selected by the city.
- June 23, 2014: Tendering issued and closes July 4 for Hillview Park Playground.
- May 29, 2014: Tendering will be going out shortly for the Hillview playground redevelopment with construction expected to start in July, 2014.
- May 28, 2014: The Hillview Playground Open House was held as indicated below.
- May 23, 2014: Received approval from the Government of Alberta to transfer their grant funds to the Hillview Playground site for use in 2014.
- April 21, 2014: With formal approval received from the city, follow-up was now possible to request the Government of Alberta approve the transfer of their grant funds also to the Hillview site as those funds also had to be used in 2014 or returned.
- April 17, 2014: Formal approval received from the City of Edmonton to move the previously approved Greenview matching funding to the Hillview Playground site for 2014 as it had to be used up in 2014 or be forfeited.
- April 2, 2014: The Hillview Playground will be rebuilt during the summer of 2014 with construction expected to start in early July and be completed by the fall 2014. **An Open House will be held on Wednesday May 28, 2014 at the Woodvale Facility in the Tournament Room on the Mill Wood's Golf course (4540-50 ST NW) from 5 pm to 7:30 pm.** Committee members will be on hand to provide information on the redevelopment and residents of Woodvale are encouraged to come out to see the exciting new playground planned!

The playground will have two main areas, the same as today, with the larger area containing equipment for 6 to 12 year olds and the smaller existing area having equipment for younger children. While most of the surface areas of both areas will be using bark chips for the ground cover, the larger area will have one area using rubber as required for a particular item of equipment and the smaller area will contain a smaller area still having some sand.

All the equipment in the playground will be new and the larger area will contain items such as the Net Climber, Infinity Web, balance beam, a Fire Pole, gliders, 2 tunnels, three bridges, 1 double wide slide as well as a single slide plus various climbing features and overhead strength items in addition to swings along with many other items. The smaller area will contain 2 slides, climbing items, a vehicle with two steering wheels, swings as well as other items. A 24 foot gazebo is being constructed between the playground and the basketball courts. Two new benches are being added along with three picnic tables, additional waste cans and a bike rack in the area.

- March 19, 2014: Changes requested at the February meeting had been reviewed by the committee and the city during the past month and the City Playground Supervisors have completed their full inspection of the

proposal and signed off on it as well. The committee met to work some of the final aspects such as color of equipment and the furniture, gazebo etc. along with planning for an Open House for Woodvale residents to see the playground layout.

- February 19, 2014: Follow-up meeting held with the City of Edmonton Project Manager and Landscape Architect as well as with the playground supplier (CRS) to go through the proposed layout and look at some additional changes as well as review the expected costs of the playground.
- January 23, 2014: Follow-up meeting held to review all proposals presented. A decision was made to use the services of Canadian Recreation Solutions (CRS) for the Hillview Playground. Follow-up meeting scheduled for Feb 19 on changes required, next steps etc. with the supplier as well as the City of Edmonton Project Manager and Landscape Architect. Once costing is finalized then we will have to advise the AB Gaming Commission removing approved grant funds from the Greenview playground site to the Hillview site (these funds were also required to be spent in 2014) and wait for their approval as well although preliminary discussions with them have been encouraging.
- January 14, 15 and 16, 2014: One meeting per evening held with a playground supplier.
- January 10, 2014: Received notification from Blue Cross that we were NOT successful in being the recipient for the 2013 grant (towards Hillview playground).
- December 13, 2013: Received approval from the City of Edmonton that redevelopment for the Hillview playground can proceed. Three playground suppliers were contacted to provide layouts for the proposed redevelopment with meetings scheduled for January 2014. Issued the Grant request to the city which in turn is just to transfer the original Greenview grant approved funds to the Hillview site as they must be spent in 2014 or be forfeited.
- Sept through Nov 2013: Meetings were held by committee reps with the PACs at Hillview School, Greenview School and John Paul 1 School asking for assistance in fund raising towards their respective playgrounds as the grant process to date has not been successful in obtaining funding needed. Hillview and John Paul 1 PACs have both committed to working on fund raising and the Greenview PAC will be advising in the New Year once they receive some casino funding, as to whether they may be able to assist and in what amount.
- Sept 30, 2013: Applied for a \$50,000 grant through Blue Cross (one available for organizations within City of Edmonton) towards the Hillview Playground site.
- Sept 25, 2013: Issued request to city to receive approval to go ahead with the Hillview Playground. Once this is received we can then issue the grant request which will be looking at moving funding approved for Greenview Playground to the Hillview site (as must be spent in 2014 or is forfeited).
- Sept 23, 2013: The playground committee has been meeting over the summer to decide how best to proceed with the playground redevelopments and the funding shortfall. A decision was made in August and approved by the Woodvale Board to try and work on the Hillview Playground first instead of the Greenview Playground due to lower costs expected i.e. main infrastructure (concrete curbs) are in good shape and do not need to be replaced although new weeping tile would be installed. It was also decided to speak to all three Parent Advisory Councils, that we need their assistance in fund raising towards their respective playgrounds or we may have to reduce the size of the playgrounds from what we may only have in funding. While grants are still being applied for, funding levels and number of grants available for the playground type of applications are declining. Donations are being accepted via the Woodvale Community League to assist with funding of the 3 playgrounds. See "[\*\*Playground Donations\*\*](#)" for more information.