

# What We Decided Carlisle Park Playground Renewal

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## **CARLISLE PLAYGROUND RENEWAL - WHAT WE DECIDED**

### **Project overview**

Carlisle Park Playground, located at 117 Street and 143 Avenue, has been chosen for renewal.

The scope of this playground renewal project includes:

- Replacing the playground sand with surfacing for better accessibility
- Repairing playground curbs where necessary
- Replacing the concrete pathway from 117 Street to the park
- Removing the existing play equipment
- Adding new play equipment
- Repairing the concrete pad at the southwest corner of the park
- Replacing four benches and three picnic tables
- Adding trees and keeping mature trees where possible

### **Project background**

In May 2025, a first phase of public engagement took place, where local residents identified the type of play elements and colours they would like to see in their renewed playground. Engagement participants also provided local knowledge and suggestions they wanted the project team to consider. The project team included [Phase 1 engagement results](#) as part of the instructions given to designers when they were asked to develop playground designs for Carlisle Park.

### **Design selection**

Over the winter months in 2025/26, the project team evaluated the playground designs received, with specific focus on:

- Play value (e.g., the number of children who can use the space at one time)
- Varied play elements
- Promotion of active play
- Suitability for the site
- Ability to meet the project schedule
- Social value within its supply chain (e.g., Canadian businesses)

On March 10, 2026, the project team sought public feedback on three designs that best met the above criteria. The event was promoted through postcard delivery to local residents, lawn signs, the City's social media accounts, public service announcements and public engagement calendar. The St. Timothy Catholic Elementary School, which is nearby the playground, also helped inform local residents of the event.

22 children and adults from the Carlisle neighbourhood attended an in-person event at St. Timothy Catholic Elementary School. Attendees viewed the designs and offered their preference for the project team's consideration. All designs were viewed favourably with two designs receiving similar positive feedback.

## Preferred design

Taking all evaluation criteria into account, including public feedback, along with policy and technical requirements, the project team is pleased to share the preferred design for the playground in Carlisle Park below.



This design uses colours preferred by neighbourhood residents in the first phase of engagement and can accommodate over 200 children between the ages of 18 months to 12 years at one time. It emphasizes the most preferred play elements identified in [Phase 1 public engagement](#) for this project, including:

- Swinging: six belt swings, two “bucket” toddler swings and one “Oodle swing” that is accessible and encourages social play
- Climbing: 18 climbing elements of varied heights and challenge to accommodate all ages
- Sliding: three smaller slides for children under 5 years of age, two larger slides for older children and one firepole.

The design includes several opportunities for spinning and bouncing including a “saddle” spinner for smaller children; a ReviWheel and ReviBouncer which are both accessible; and a TopsyTurny spinner that allows many children to play together at one time. A seesaw, pod climbers, and vine climbers opportunities to develop balancing skills. There are also varied overhead ladder elements for children of all ages to practice hand-over-hand activities.

There are pathways leading to the playground for ease of stroller use and accessibility and benches are nearby with good sightlines for supervision. The design uses existing mature trees to provide areas of shade within the play area and, where possible, this project will include additional tree planting at the park.

### **Next steps**

Construction of the renewed playground is scheduled to start in summer 2026. Minor adjustments to the design may occur through the construction process.

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The project team thanks the teachers and staff at St. Timothy Catholic School and local residents and children for their support and contributions to the project.