

What We Decided

Crestwood Arena Park Playground Renewal

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Project overview

Crestwood Arena Park Playground, located at 9940 147 St NW, has been chosen for renewal.

The scope of this playground renewal project includes:

- Replacing the playground sand with engineered wood fibre surfacing for better accessibility
- Removing the existing play equipment at the end of its life cycle, or does not meet current standards
- Adding new play equipment
- Adding a new pathway to the playground
- Replacing three benches and renewing the concrete pad that the benches sit on

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 Crestwood Arena Park playground.

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 6, 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 Neighbourhood Resource Coordinator also helped inform residents of the event.

18 children and adults from the Crestwood neighbourhood attended an in-person event at the Crestwood Community League. Attendees viewed the designs and offered their preference for the project team's consideration. All designs were viewed favourably with one design receiving slightly more 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 City's decision on the preferred design for the playground in Crestwood Area Park below.



This design used earthtone colours and can accommodate up to 115 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:

- Climbing (12 unique climbing opportunities for all ages which are linked to encourage gross motor movement and problem-solving skills)
- Swinging (four belt swings and two infant swings)
- Sliding (three slides of different heights to accommodate all ages)

The design also includes two spinners (seated and barrel style), stepping pods to encourage balance, and five overhead play opportunities, including arched bars, a track glider and trapeze bars. Ground-level sensory and social play opportunities are provided through music and communication panels. Imaginative and social play is supported by “pet shop” and “treasure hunt” panels.

Next steps

Construction for the Crestwood Arena Playground Renewal project will be scheduled in summer 2026. Minor adjustments to the design may occur through the construction process.

To learn more about past engagements, the Playground Renewal program and project updates, visit edmonton.ca/PlaygroundRenewal.

The project team thanks the community league and local residents for their support and contributions to the project.