



INFORMATION REPORT

TO: Chair and Members Public Works Committee	WARD(S) AFFECTED: WARD 12
COMMITTEE DATE: September 6, 2011	
SUBJECT/REPORT NO: Playground Equipment in Golflinks Park (PW11062) - (Ward 12) (Outstanding Business List Item)	
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Council Direction:

Public Works Committee at its meeting of June 20th, directed staff to report back to the September 6th Public Works Committee meeting with a schedule on the replacement of playground equipment and the replacement of the gravel base at Golflinks Park located at Seymour Street and Orton Avenue in Ward 12.

Information:

In 2002 staff installed a refurbished play structure in Golflinks Park. At the time, the refurbished structure was upgraded to CSA standard components and had two spring toys and an independent climber added to the play area. The pea gravel safety base material was the standard in the former Township of Ancaster at the time.

Staff have assessed the site and the ten year old play structure currently has the expected amount of wear and tear for a structure of this age and moderate to heavy use. No components of the structure warrant replacement, however a couple of the platform boards will be replaced to minimize potential splinters.

The normal life cycle replacement for any play structure is fifteen to twenty years and with proactive maintenance this can be extended by another five to ten years. The Parks and Cemeteries Section of Public Works receives funding, through the Capital Budget, to perform approximately three replacements per year. With the current inventory of 260 structures and growing, and the current block funding level, the replacement cycle is approximately 86 years.

The Golflinks play structure is not on the five year forecast for replacement and from the recent assessment, staff estimate that it will be replaced in 2020 at the earliest. The Capital funding for 2012, if approved, will be used for structures in poorer shape or in order to remain in compliance with CSA standards. The replacement of the pea gravel base is not forecasted for replacement until the structure is replaced.