

Allenby Field and Playground Update

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TDSB Artificial Turf

- Allenby is 1 of 9 schools to receive TDSB funding of artificial turf
- Scheduled for 2015-16 (Installation summer 2016)
- 'Basic' turf includes design, materials, labour, installation, maintenance and replacement

Getting It Done Earlier?

- Only possible way of moving date to Summer 2015 is to secure full amount of turf portion (\$450,000)
- Potential Ways:
 - Bridge Financing
 - Partnership & Fundraising

Financing A Field

- Bridge Financing:
 - Trustee Goodman suggested the concept of APA bank loan (TDSB would pay APA back);
 - Terms to be researched and Trustee/TDSB would need to inquire re: process
 - Financing plan would need to be in place by Spring 2014 for installation Summer 2015.

Funding Partnerships

- North Toronto Soccer Club has expressed interest as potential partnership
- NTSC would commit \$250,000
- TDSB unable to actively pursue partnership
- If no funding agreement can be reached for purposes of 2014 installation, NTSC would withdraw financial funding.

Funding Field Refurbishment

- Artificial turf would last 10-12 years
- Expense to resurface area to be achieved through permits
- TDSB hesitant to commit to long-term partnership agreements (e.g. like the one with NTSC)

Beyond the “Field”

- TDSB agrees master plan for turf and supporting elements (playground, basketball courts, greenery etc...) should be done together
- TDSB unable to pay for design work beyond turf (i.e. playscape, basketball, greenspace, etc.)

Beyond the “Field”

- TDSB agrees to financially support design work for turf a year earlier than planned (i.e. Fall 2014 instead of Fall 2015), knowing APA would like to start work earlier for supporting elements.

Landscape Architect

- TDSB agrees APA can contact a TDSB-assigned landscape architect to begin consultation process for design work (APA must pay non-TDSB funded aspects of design)
- Victor Ford and Associates is landscape architect and planner (not a TDSB employee)
- Has been involved in Field discussions in past with Principal Ucar & previous field committee

Landscape Architect

- Master Plan for playgrounds would be \$6000.
- Includes all consultation and detailed design work for main and kindergarten playgrounds
- TDSB to cover “field” aspect of design in 2014-15 (percentage of \$6000)

Section 37, Ontario Planning Act

- A municipality can ask for public contributions from property developers in exchange for increases in height or density beyond existing zoning allowances
- As of Summer/Fall 2013, all s37 funds for Ward 16 were already allocated

Section 37 Update

- Recently informed s37 funds have become available from a developer of future building on Avenue Road
- Coun. Stintz's office offered to direct funds to Allenby and John Wanless for green space improvements (approx. \$25,000-\$35,000 per school)
- Timing of issuance is 2-5 years

Next Steps

- Motion to APA for funding of design services.
- If motion passes (Jan.), meet with Landscape Architect early Feb. 2014
- Revise Project Plan
- Continue to gather input from key stakeholders (teachers, parents, students, daycare)

Next Steps Cont.

- Expand committee as process evolves
- Follow-up H. Goodman re: concept of bank loan, terms of loan
- Continue to liaise with Wanless and other community contacts re: their experiences to date



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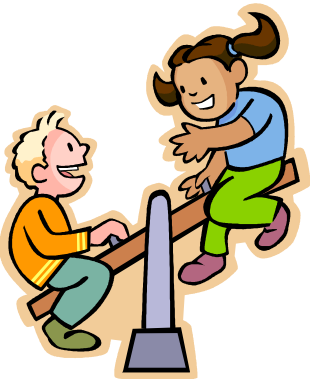
○ Questions/Discussion

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Motion 1

- Move to release \$10,000 of segregated funds that were reserved in September 2012 to demonstrate APA commitment to playground and/or field improvements.

Motion 2

- Move to spend up to \$6000 for Landscape Architect design services for playground and field improvements in both the main playground and kindergarten playground areas.