



Village of New Minas
Commission Meeting
October 13, 2026 @ 7:00 PM
Commission Room, LMCC
New Minas, Nova Scotia
AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest
4. Approval of Minutes:
 - a. September 14, 2026, Village Commission Meeting
5. Presentations:
 - a. Jeff Hanshaw – LMCC Camera Demonstration
6. Business Arising from Minutes:
 - a. September 14, 2026, Village Commission Meeting
7. Comments from the Chair
8. Public Input Specific to Agenda Topics
9. Committee Reports:
 - a. Beautification Committee — No meeting since last report
 - b. Finance & Audit Committee — No meeting since last report
 - c. Access and inclusion Working Group — No meeting since last report
 - d. New Minas Water Commission — Minutes included
 - e. Regional Sewer Committee — No meeting since last report
10. Staff Reports:
 - a. Clerk Treasurer/CAO — Report included in package
 - b. Director of Public Works — Report included in package
 - c. Manager of Finance — Report included in package
11. New Business:
 - a. Briefing - 12-month Strategic Plan Update
 - b. Request for Decision – Milne Playground RFD
 - c. Request for Decision – Nova Scotia Crime Stopper Awareness Guide - Advertising
12. Correspondence:
13. General Public Input
14. Closed Session

- a. Personnel
- b. Human Resources

15. Motions from the In-Camera Session

16. Adjournment



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4. Minutes



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Draft Minutes

Commissioners Present:

- James Redmond, Vice Chair
- Dave Chaulk, Chair
- Debra Windle-Smith
- Quentin Hill

Commissioners Absent:

- Mary Munroe – With Regrets

Staff Present:

- Jeff Lawrence, Clerk Treasurer/CAO
- Cory Palmer, Director of Public Works
- Erica Dominey, Recreation Coordinator
- Natalie Palmer, Active Living Coordinator

Others Present:

- Peri Bowman, Planner, Municipality of the County of Kings

1. Call to Order:

Dave Chaulk called the meeting to order at 7:00pm, welcoming those in attendance.

2. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

3. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion:

THAT the Agenda for the September 14, 2026, Commission Meeting be approved, with the addition under New Business of a discussion regarding the potential new hotel proposed for Prospect Road.

M/Q. Hill

S/ J. Redmond

Motion Carried

4. Approval of Minutes:

a. July 13, 2026, Village Commission Meeting

Motion:

THAT the Minutes for the June 23, 2026, Village Commission Meeting be approved.

M/J. Redmond
S/ Q. Hill
Motion Carried

b. August 17, 2026, Village Commission Meeting

Motion:

THAT the Minutes for the August 17, 2026, Village Commission Meeting be approved.

M/Q. Hill
S/ J. Redmond
Motion Carried

5. Presentations:

- a. Municipality of Kings, Peri Bowman, Planner - Application to Enter into a Development Agreement – 162 Jones Road

P. Bowman provided an overview of the staff report and delivered a presentation regarding an application to enter into a development agreement to permit the expansion of a non-conforming residential use from five residential units to nine residential units at 162 Jones Road (PID 55205579), New Minas.

Following the presentation, P. Bowman invited questions from the Commission. The following items were raised for discussion:

- Q. – Does New Minas bear any Liability for potential flooding?
R – No, The Municipality of the County of Kings is the Decision-making authority.
- Q - Does the Planning and Development Department have any concerns currently?
R – Not at this time.

6. Business Arising from Minutes:

- July 13, 2026, Village Commission Meeting
 - a. Flower Cart Group Presentation – Lease status
J. Lawrence Confirmed that the lease agreement has been signed.
 - b. Bench Dedication Program
D. Windle-Smith provided an update regarding the draft Bench Dedication Program and next steps.

c. Draft Strategic Initiative Fund Policy

J. Lawrence advised that he was bringing the Draft Strategic Initiative Fund Policy forward for adoption and noted that the original draft has been amended to include a review of fund expenditures as part of the Village of New Minas Annual Report presented at the Village's Annual General Meeting.

Motion:

THAT the Draft Strategic Initiatives Fund Policy be adopted as presented.

M/Q. Hill

S/ D. Windle-Smith

Motion Carried

• August 17, 2026, Village Commission Meeting

a. Union Contract

J. Lawrence confirmed that the union contract has been signed.

7. Comments from the Chair:

D. Chaulk reviewed the highlights of the previous week's Kings County Village Commissions meeting including the discussion on taxation of Village water utility assets.

8. Public Input Specific to Agenda Topics:

Councillor C. Sappington spoke to the proactive approach the Municipality of the County of Kings has taken in passing a stormwater management plan.

9. Committee Reports:

None

10. Staff Reports:

a. **CAO/ Clerk Treasurer**

CAO/ Clerk Treasurer Lawrence provided a brief synopsis of the CAO/ Clerk Treasurer Report.

Motion:

THAT the CAO/ Clerk Treasurer report be received as included in the September 14, 2026, Commission agenda package.

M/J. Redmond

S/ Q. Hill

Motion Carried

b. Public Works

The Director of Public Works provided a synopsis of the public works report.

Motion:

THAT the Director of Public Works report be received as included in the September 14, 2026, Commission agenda package.

M/D. Windle-Smith

S/ Q. Hill

Motion Carried

c. Finance

Motion:

THAT the Manager of Finance report be received as included in the September 14, 2026, Commission agenda package.

M/ J. Redmond

S/ Q. Hill

Motion Carried

11. New Business:

a. Request for Decision – 2020 Ford F-150 Transmission Replacement

C. Palmer presented a Request for Decision regarding the failing transmission in the Village's 2020 Ford F-150 work truck. The RFD outlined three options: two repair options for the existing transmission and one option to install a new transmission. Following the discussion, the following motion was put forward:

Motion:

THAT the Village Commission approve an expenditure of \$14,865 plus applicable taxes for the replacement of the transmission in the Village's 2020 Ford F-150 Water Truck #1, to be completed by Valley Ford, and authorize staff to proceed with the repair. Should administration determine that the overall budget cannot accommodate this cost, a subsequent Request for Decision will be brought forward seeking Commission approval to transfer the required funds from the operating reserve.

M/Q. Hill

S/ J. Redmond

Motion Carried

b. Briefing – Douglas Street Park – Site Assessment and Proposed Development Approach

Erica Dominey provided the Village Commission with an update on an assessment of the Douglas Street property (PID 55211718) and outlined the recommended direction, required approvals, and next steps for potential park development. A question-and-answer session followed.

c. Request for Decision – Recommendation to Establish a Recreation Master Plan Working Committee

Erica Dominey presented a Request for Decision outlining the need to establish a Recreation Master Plan Working Group as the Village of New Minas prepares to undertake a comprehensive Recreation Master Plan. The Master Plan will set the strategic direction for recreation services and infrastructure over the next decade, with the planning, engagement, and development process expected to take approximately two years.

To ensure the initiative is community-driven, professionally facilitated, and aligned with both municipal and regional priorities, staff recommend forming a Recreation Master Plan Working Group and procuring external facilitation services to lead and support the engagement and planning process.

Following a question-and-answer session, the following motion was put forward:

Motion:

THAT the Village of New Minas Commission approve the establishment of a Recreation Master Plan Working Committee as outlined and further approve the procurement of a qualified external facilitator to lead the community engagement and planning process over the anticipated two-year project timeline.

M/D. Windle-Smith

S/ Q. Hill

Motion Carried

d. Request for Decision – Lockhart & Ryan Memorial Park Pathway Paving

Natalie Palmer, Active Living Coordinator, submitted a Request for Decision seeking Commission approval related to the Lockhart & Ryan Memorial Park Pathway Paving project. In her RFD, N. Palmer advised that the purpose of the request is to obtain authorization to award the project to Dexter Construction Company Ltd. and to approve the additional funding required to proceed.

The submitted contract price of \$72,670 plus HST exceeds the Village's approved project budget of \$70,000, making Commission approval necessary before the contract can be executed. N. Palmer noted that timely authorization is important to ensure the work can be completed during the 2026 construction season.

After a question-and-answer session, the following motion was put forth:

Motion:

THAT the Village of New Minas Commission approve the award of the Lockhart & Ryan Memorial Park Pathway Paving Project to Dexter Construction Company Ltd. in the amount of \$72,670 plus HST, with the budget overage to be funded from the Capital Reserve.

M/Q. Hill

S/ D. Windle-Smith

Motion Carried

e. Discussion – Proposed Hotel – Prospect Road

J. Redmond emphasized the importance of the Village being welcoming to major new developments, including the proposed hotel on Prospect Road, and noted the need for timely communication of such proposals to the Commission.

Following discussion, it was agreed that infrastructure-related matters would be addressed at the Water Commission meeting, and that the Clerk Treasurer/CAO would ensure the Commission is informed whenever administration receives notice of significant development applications within New Minas.

12. Correspondence:

13. General Public Input:

- Councillor C. Sappington noted the lack of available conference space in the Valley for conferences like the NSFM conferences and provided a brief update regarding information scheduled to be presented to the Municipality of the County of Kings Committee of the Whole the following day concerning the sewer system.

14. Closed Session:

Dave Chaulk indicated that there was a need for an in-camera session to deal with a personnel issue.

At 8:03pm, the Commission adjourned to move into a closed session.

Motion:

THAT the Commission adjourn to move into closed session.

M/Q. Hill

S/ J. Redmond

Motion Carried

Motion:

THAT the Commission adjourn from the closed session.

M/ Q. Hill

S/ J. Redmond

Motion Carried

At 8:50pm the Commission reconvened the open session of the meeting.

15. Motions from the In-camera session

Motion:

THAT the Commission support the recommendation as presented by legal in the in-camera session.

M/ Q. Hill

S/ J. Redmond

Motion Carried

16. Adjournment

There being no further business, D. Chaulk called for a motion to adjourn at 9:51pm.

Motion:

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

M/ Q. Hill;

S/ D. Windle-Smith

Motion Carried



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5. Presentations



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6. Business Arising from the Minutes



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9. Committee Reports



Draft Village of New Minas
New Minas Water Commission
September 22, 2026 @ 1:00 PM
Commission Room, LMCC
New Minas, Nova Scotia
DRAFT MINUTES

Members Present:

- Bruce MacArthur, Citizen Member (1:43pm)
- Dave Chaulk, Commission Member & Vice Chair
- James Redmond, Commission Member & Chair

Members Absent:

- Mary Munroe, Commission Member – With Regrets
- Maynard Stevens, Citizen Member

Staff Present:

- Jeff Lawrence, Clerk Treasurer/CAO
- Cory Palmer, Director of Public Works

Others Present:

- None

1. Call to Order:

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:02pm, welcoming those in attendance.

2. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion:

THAT the Agenda for the September 22, 2026, Water Commission Meeting be approved.

M/ D. Chaulk

S/ B. MacArthur

Motion Carried

3. Approval of Minutes:

- a. June 23, 2026, Water Commission Meeting

Motion:

THAT the Minutes for the June 23, 2026, Water Commission Meeting be approved as circulated.

M/ D. Chaulk

S/ B. MacArthur

Motion Carried

4. Business Arising from Minutes:

- a. June 23, 2026, Water Commission Meeting

5. Comments from the Chair:

6. Staff Reports:

- a. Water Operations Report

C. Palmer presented an overview of the key points from the Water Operator's Report. In addition, C. Palmer provided the following:

- Selection for the Water Utility Operator is ongoing.
- Water usage is up significantly

Motion:

THAT the Water Operations Report be received as circulated prior to the June 23, 2026, Water Commission meeting and as verbally summarized by the Director of Public Works.

M/B. MacArthur

S/ D. Chaulk

Motion Carried

7. New Business

- a. Water Rate Study

After a discussion, the following motion was put forth:

Motion:

THAT the Water Utility begin a water rate study no later than April 1, 2027.

M/ B. MacArthur

S/ D. Chaulk

Motion Carried

- b. Water and Village Commission Notifications – New Developments

After a discussion, the following was agreed to:

- i. The responsibility of the water utility as it relates to fire flow for new developments is to provide the static and dynamic water flows that the utility can deliver to a property.
- ii. The water utility will focus infrastructure upgrades on areas where potential bottlenecks may limit development.
- iii. The CAO/Clerk Treasurer will notify the Water Commission as soon as he becomes aware of any large development applications submitted to the Municipality of the County of Kings Planning Department.

8. Correspondence:

There was no correspondence

9. Other Business

10. Public Input:

There was no public input.

11. Adjournment:

There being no further business, the Chair called for a motion to adjourn at 2:05pm.

Motion:

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

M/ D. Chaulk

S/ B. MacArthur

Motion Carried



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10. Staff Reports

Information Report

To: Village Commission

By: Jeff Lawrence, Clerk Treasurer/CAO

Meeting Date: October 13, 2026

Subject: Monthly Report — Clerk Treasurer/CAO



Monthly Report — Clerk Treasurer/CAO

Highlights of the Past Month:

- Approved Capital Projects are moving forward.
- Interviews completed for the EA and Communications Coordinator position.
- Six-month Strategic Plan prepared for the Commission
- Compensation Review Completed for Review with the Commission

Regularly Scheduled Meetings:

In the past 2 months, I attended the following regularly scheduled meetings:

- Beautification Committee (No Quorum)
- Water Commission
- Individual meetings with Department Heads

Other Notable Meetings:

- Held discussions with solicitors and met with staff regarding ongoing HR issue
- Continue to meet with recreation team regarding department priorities and reporting
- Attended quarterly meeting along with CT/ CAOs from Kingston and Port Williams
- Attended meeting regarding audio/ visual options for the Louis Millett Community Complex
- Attended monthly meeting with Councillor Christina Sappington

Professional Development:

- N/A

Outlook for Next Month:

The planned focus for the next month will be as follows:

- Continue to track the budget
- Follow up with the implementation of the staff compensation review once direction has been received from the Commission
- Complete the hiring process for EA and Communications Coordinator
- Move forward the hiring process for the Director of Finance
- Attend Commission and Committee meetings
- Attend Department Head meetings (collective and individual)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Lawrence', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jeff Lawrence

Clerk Treasurer/Chief Administrative Officer

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Recreation Department – Monthly Report

The past month has been a busy one for the Recreation Department, with a strong focus on fall programming, upcoming community events, staffing, and planning for future recreation opportunities in the Village.

Planning is well underway for Trunk or Treat, taking place October 23 at the Louis Millett Community Complex. This event has quickly become a community favourite, and we are anticipating approximately 600–700 children this year.

We are also beginning preparations for the Rotary Parade of Lights, taking place November 21, with November 22 held as the rain date. This continues to be an important community event.

The date has now been confirmed for our Seniors Dinner, and planning is underway. This will provide another opportunity to bring seniors in our community together for an evening of food, socializing, and connection.

Natalie and I will be attending the Recreation Nova Scotia Conference next week. We are looking forward to connecting with recreation professionals from across the province, learning about new ideas and best practices, and bringing those ideas back to the Village to help strengthen our programs and services.

I am excited to continue moving forward with planning for parks and recreation spaces throughout the community.

Recruitment for the After-School Program continues to be a priority. We currently have two potential leaders lined up to begin in November, which will help strengthen our staffing capacity and provide additional support for the program. However, we will lose some as they complete their practicum needed for their schooling, we will have an expanded team starting in January.

We continue to work toward building a strong staffing team so that we can better accommodate demand and provide consistent, quality programming for families.

Active Living Project Briefing- October 2026

Community Inclusion and Accessibility

- The Request for Proposals (RFP) for the paved pathway project was awarded to Dexter Construction. A site visit was conducted to create a work plan. Construction is projected to begin the week of October 19th.
- The regional SHIFT partnership with Town of Kentville and Town of Wolfville is preparing for the Fall and Winter season of programming. Planning meetings with other municipal staff have been taking place, and a full partners meeting with The Flower Cart Group, L'Arche, New Visions and CORE is scheduled for Friday, October 16th at the LMCC.

Grants and Special Projects

- Registration for the Winter Memory Café sessions is underway. This program is designed for adults living with memory loss and offers them the opportunity to socialize and participate in recreation opportunities. The sessions occur monthly beginning on November 3rd.
- Disc golf course improvements will continue through the fall. Ongoing communication with the disc golf community has allowed a project list to be created. Natalie to schedule a meeting with Public Works to create a work plan.

Professional Development and Networking

- Attended Valley Recreation meeting on September 16th and 17th.
- Attended PD Committee Meeting on October 3rd.
- Attended Valley Recreation Executive meeting October 5th.
- Attended Physical Activity Practitioner Exchange Planning Committee Meeting October 8th.
- Will be attending Recreation Nova Scotia Conference in Truro October 13th-15th.

Information Report

To: Village Commission

By: Cory Palmer

Meeting Date: October 14, 2026

Subject: Monthly Report — Director of Public Works



Monthly Report — Director of Public Works

Staff Update:

- Abby Beaumont has accepted our open water position, and her background checks have come back clean. Abby will be starting on October 19.
- We have presented an offer letter to a laborer candidate. We are waiting for them to respond to the offer letter.

Current Projects/Work:

- Park/Flower maintenance:
 - Crecent Street West Park needs some significant trimming and potential removal of plants as it is getting overgrown. The Public Works staff will work with the beautification committee to determine the path forward. The next beautification meeting is scheduled for October 21.
 - Some trimming of plants will occur in the fall.
 - Sprinklers have been scheduled to be blown out at the end of October or first of November.
 - The flowers in the planters still look good so we have left them in the planters. Once the flowers start to wilt from the cooler weather, they will be removed.
 - The parks will continue to be mowed, and leaf cleanup will be ongoing throughout the fall.
 - We will be going to pick out the tree at the end of October to deliver the week of November 16 for installation.
 - We will be getting prepared for seasonal decorating next month. The banners will be changed as soon as remembrance is complete. Tree will be installed November 16 unless the winds are too high. Tree decorating will happen on November 17 or 18 to be ready for the weekend. Other decorating will be completed prior to Remembrance Day, but not plugged in.
- Lockhart Ryan Park:
 - Field 2 continues to be used by the schools.
 - All the fields except field 2 have been aerated, seeded and top dressed.
 - The splash pad bathrooms have been shut down for the year.
 - Sprinklers have been scheduled to be blown out at the end of October or first of November.
- We completed 3 paving repairs from water service repairs at Prospect Road, Highbury sidewalk and Commercial Street home.
- We have 2 sections of sidewalk to repair. It was delayed until week of Oct. 13 due to availability of concrete.

Information Report

To: Village Commission

By: Cory Palmer

Meeting Date: October 14, 2026

Subject: Monthly Report — Director of Public Works



- Winter months preparation:
 - The Holder has been shipped to the supplier for them to complete the work on the PTO. We have been working with them for 6 months to find a local repair company, but we ended up sending it to Ontario for repair. They are paying for the shipping and confirmed we will have it back by October 31.
 - Holder salter has been refurbished as it was very rusty after the last season.
 - The plows have been lubricated and hydraulic oil changed.
 - The 2-Ton box was cleaned with wire brush and painted.
 - The Wacker plow was repaired from wear last year, and we have changed the setup to reduce future wear.
 - GPS systems will be installed to track movement of the equipment encase there are issues with plowing during the winter months.

Long-Term Projects:

- We have started to execute the capital projects for 2026-2027 fiscal year: The following projects have started:
 - Grade and gravel the LRP compound – compound looks great and we still need to prepare areas for topsoil and sand storage
 - Garbage bin replacement – the 3 bins have been shipped
 - Welding air filtration unit – Employees have been using the unit and they notice a difference in the air quality
 - GPS system for sidewalk machines and vehicles - Shipped
 - Bonavista pump station upgrades – Finished except small cleanup
 - SCADA system upgrades on sewer and water facilities – Mainly completed, just troubleshooting some issues
 - New turbidity meter - Received
 - Batteries for the monitoring wells – Waiting for delivery
 - Water meter purchases - Ongoing
 - Founding Fathers design – Meeting with designer on October 21
 - New sewer line design down the connector highway – Waiting for NS Government approval to design work
 - Water transmission line replacement to Busch Lane reservoir
 - Confined space procedures and equipment – Site audit has been completed and now the supplier is writing the procedures
 - Prospect rock walls - They have been installed, cleanup is required
 - New locks – We have finally found a supplier that can supply the keys, and he deals with other municipalities. We are waiting for his quote.
 - Gas Detection Equipment – The equipment has been ordered and some has arrived. We have matched the equipment from the fire department so both entities have backups.

Information Report (Agenda Item 9.c.)
To: Village Commission
By: Shelly Palmer, Manager of Finance
Meeting Date: September 14, 2026
Subject: Monthly Report — Manager of Finance



Monthly Report — Manager of Finance

Summary:

The Finance Department had a busy September processing payments and managing water utility disconnections and reconnections for accounts in arrears. As a result of the tax reminder notices, we received a number of payments and arranged payment plans for others. September's water bills were issued on October 1.

Current Tasks/Projects:

- Working on August's bank reconciliation now, hopefully they will be completed sometime soon.
- Second Quarterly Due to/from and HST, will be completed and filed by the end of October.

Budget Update:

Property Taxes	Budgeted	Collected Year to Date Sep 30
• Residential	\$1,582,239	\$1,432,520.18
• Commercial	\$978,171	\$1,134,796.45
• Resource	\$10,325	\$8,400.75
Sewer	Budgeted	Collected Year to Date Sep 30
• Usage Charges	\$815,000	\$415,650.97
Water	Budgeted	Collected Year to Date Sep 30
• Metered Sales	\$870,574	\$521,310.09
• Sprinkler Service	\$4,700	\$2,390.24

Professional Development Summary:

Outlook for Next Month:

- Bank reconciliations
- Accounts payable
- Invoicing and receivables
- Payroll (bi-weekly)
- CRA remittance, Union fees and Pension
- RBC Pension
- PAD, tax and water



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11. New Business

Village of New Minas Briefing



To: Village of New Minas Commission

Date: October 13, 2026

Prepared By: Jeff Lawrence, Clerk Treasurer / CAO

Subject: Six-Month Progress Briefing to Commission

Introduction

This briefing provides the Commission with a six-month update on progress toward the Village of New Minas Strategic Plan (2026–2029). The Strategic Plan outlines key actions across four pillars: Governance & Organizational Excellence, Communication & Community Engagement, Community Development & Wellbeing, and Infrastructure & Smart Growth.

As noted in the Plan, 2026 priorities include updating job descriptions, completing a compensation review, establishing a Strategic Plan review process, determining communications capacity, formalizing working groups, and initiating critical infrastructure studies.

The following summarizes progress to date.

Pillar 1: Governance & Organizational Excellence

Job Descriptions Updated (Completed)

- The Strategic Plan identifies job descriptions updated as a 2026 deliverable, with the KPI Completed/Formalized.
- Administration has completed a full update and formalization of all non-union job descriptions. These documents now reflect current responsibilities, reporting structures, and competency expectations.

Compensation Review (Presentation Tonight)

- The Plan requires a comprehensive compensation review.
- The review has been finalized and is scheduled for presentation at the October 13 meeting.

Strategic Plan Review Timeline Established

- The Plan calls for a strategic plan review process established, including a dashboard and Commission review timeline.
- Administration has established a semi-annual review cycle. The first formal review will occur tonight, with subsequent reviews every six months.

Staffing Capacity & Workplace Wellbeing

- The Plan identifies the need to review staffing levels & wellbeing initiatives.
- The Commission has accepted the business case for an Executive Assistant & Communications Coordinator, and recruitment is underway.
- This position directly supports organizational capacity, communications, and workload management.

Pillar 2: Communication & Community Engagement

Communications Capacity Assessment Completed

- The Plan identifies staff capacity for communications determined as a 2026 action.
- Administration completed the assessment and developed a job description, which formed the basis of the approved business case for the EA & Communications Coordinator.

Communications Strategy Resourcing

- The Plan requires that communications strategy resources cost be determined with a business case approved.
 - The Commission has approved the business case, enabling implementation of Pillar 2 actions beginning in 2027.
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Pillar 3: Community Development & Wellbeing

Recreation Master Plan Working Group (Approved)

- The Plan identifies the establishment of a working group with the Municipality of Kings (MoK) as a 2026 priority.
- A Request for Decision (RFD) to form the Recreation Master Plan Working Group has been approved by the Commission. Work will begin to finalize terms of reference.

Foundational Work on Parks, Greenspaces, and Underutilized Spaces

- The Plan calls for inventories of parks/greenspaces and underutilized spaces in 2026.
- Preliminary internal work has begun, with formal inventories scheduled for completion later in 2026–2027.

Grant Pursuit Framework

- The Plan requires regular report regarding grant opportunities and applications.
 - Administration has begun tracking grant opportunities and will present the first structured report during the next review cycle.
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Pillar 4: Infrastructure & Smart Growth

Water & Sewer System Modelling Completed

- The Plan identifies water and sewer upgrade studies and design as a 2026 priority, including using study reports to establish a priority list.
- The Village has completed modelling of the water and sewer systems. Bottlenecks and priority upgrade areas have been identified, forming the basis for engineering design work.

Active Participation in Regional Sewer Commission

- The Plan requires active participation in the Regional Sewer Commission, with KPIs including meeting attendance and reporting.
- Administration and the Commission representative continue to participate fully in Commission and subcommittee meetings, with regular reporting back to the Village Commission.

New Minas South – Pre-Development Studies Initiated

- The Plan identifies NMS pre-development studies Initiated as a 2026 action.
 - The Village has begun preliminary needs assessment work and is preparing to contract for the study over the next six months.
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Summary of Progress

At the six-month mark, the Village has achieved or initiated most major 2026 deliverables identified in the Strategic Plan. Key accomplishments include:

- Completion of updated job descriptions
 - Completion of the compensation review (presentation tonight)
 - Establishment of a semi-annual Strategic Plan review process
 - Approval and recruitment of the EA & Communications Coordinator
 - Approval of the Recreation Master Plan Working Group
 - Completion of water and sewer system modelling
 - Ongoing participation in Regional Sewer Commission activities
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Next Steps (October 2026 – April 2027)

- Finalize recruitment for EA & Communications Coordinator
 - Begin formal work of the Recreation Master Plan Working Group
 - Advance engineering design for priority water/sewer upgrades
 - Prepare 2027 communications infrastructure initiatives (text notification system, email distribution list)
 - Work towards collaboration with MoK and provincial partners on traffic and transportation planning
 - Prepare grant reporting framework for Commission review
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Village of New Minas

Request for Decision (RFD)

Department: Recreation and Community Development

Date: October 13, 2026

Subject: Additional Capital Funding – Lonnie Milne Memorial Playground Replacement

Prepared By: Erica Gillis, Recreation Coordinator

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Request for Decision is to obtain Commission approval for additional capital funding required to proceed with the recommended Terra Construction playground design. The RFP process has confirmed that the original \$65,000 budget is not aligned with current market pricing for a modern, inclusive, CSA-compliant municipal playground.

This RFD is submitted in accordance with the Strategic Initiatives Fund Policy, which requires a formal submission demonstrating strategic alignment, rationale for timing, financial implications, and sustainability considerations.

BACKGROUND

The Lonnie Milne Memorial Playground has been identified for replacement as part of the Village's ongoing renewal of core recreational assets. The original capital allocation of \$65,000 was established before the Village had current market pricing for commercial-grade playgrounds.

The competitive RFP process produced three proposals (The total is the cost plus the HST expense minus the HST rebate):

- **Dirt Road Contracting:** \$78,926
- **Terra Construction:** \$188,656**
- **Tessier Récréo-Parc:** \$210,020

**** Terra Construction bid cost less \$5,000 plus HST expense bid for playground removal. Work that will be completed by the Village (\$193,849-\$5,193).**

The lower-priced proposal does not meet the Village's expectations for quality, inclusivity, or long-term durability. The Terra and Tessier proposals reflect current industry pricing for modern, accessible playgrounds and validate that a realistic project cost is in the \$180,000–\$230,000 range.

These results suggest that the Village's original budget is no longer realistic and that a revised allocation is required to deliver a playground that meets community expectations and strategic priorities.

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES FUND – POLICY COMPLIANCE

The Strategic Initiatives Fund Policy requires that all funded initiatives demonstrate:

➤ **Alignment with Strategic Plan or Commission Priorities**

The project directly advances multiple Strategic Plan priorities:

- **Community Wellness – Parks, Playgrounds & Trails:** Renewing a core recreational asset.
- **Community Wellness – Accessibility:** Integrating accessible and inclusive play components.
- **Beautification:** Replacing an aging playground with a visually appealing, contemporary feature.
- **Sustainable Infrastructure:** Investing in long-term, durable municipal infrastructure.
- **Fiscal Responsibility:** Using competitive market evidence to revise the budget rather than proceeding with an unrealistic allocation.

➤ **Alignment with Commission Priorities**

The Commission has consistently identified accessibility, park rejuvenation, and community wellness as priority areas. The proposed playground directly supports these priorities.

➤ **Rationale for Timing**

- The RFP results provide timely, market-validated pricing that should be acted upon before further cost escalation.
- Delaying the project risks higher costs and leaves the community without the intended upgraded asset.
- Several playgrounds—including Douglas Street, King Arthur Court, Jones Road, and the Lower Playground at Lockhart & Ryan Park—are anticipated to require substantial capital investment in the coming years. Deferring this project will create a cascading impact on future budgets and may result in multiple playground replacements needing to be funded within a single fiscal year.
- The Village's Kings Vision Grant application was based on minimum funding; updated pricing now supports future grant applications at realistic levels.

➤ **Financial Sustainability**

- The Fund is supported by accumulated surplus and is intended for strategically aligned, time-sensitive needs.
- The project represents a long-term investment in a core municipal asset rather than a short-term expenditure.
- If approved, the capital amount will be transferred to the capital reserve in accordance with the Policy.

➤ **Required Submission Elements**

This RFD includes:

- Description of the initiative
- Rationale for timing
- Demonstrated strategic alignment
- Financial implications
- Recommendation and implementation plan

The project meets all eligibility criteria for the Strategic Initiatives Fund.

PROPOSAL COMPARISONS

Three proposals were received for the replacement of the Lonnie Milne Memorial Playground: Terra Construction/Jambette, Tessier Récréo-Parc, and Dirt Road Contracting.

While all three proponents offer compliant playground equipment and opportunities for accessible play, the proposals are not directly comparable on price alone.

Criteria	Terra Construction	Tessier Récréo-Parc	Dirt Road Contracting
Quoted cost	\$188,656 incl. HST expense	\$210,020 incl. HST expense	\$78,926 for midpoint option incl. HST expense
Playground age range	18 months–12 years	18 months–12 years	18 months–12 years
Accessibility / inclusion	Very Strong	Strong	Strong, depending on selected option
Accessible features	Ground-level components, accessible seating, sensory/games components, inclusive slides, musical elements, ramps where possible, asphalt-accessed play panels	Transfer platform, therapeutic rings, mobility-aid access, sensory panels, cognitive/social components, transfer-height spinner seating	Option 1 includes an accessible spiral carousel with accessible entry to the Bird's Nest and supportive handholds; other options include transfer supports
Communication / sensory play	Dedicated non-verbal communication board, sensory components and social/learning elements	Sensory, cognitive and social components	Sensory/social opportunities are incorporated through selected equipment; less extensive than Terra/Tessier in the written proposal
Safety surfacing	Included	Included	Engineered wood fibre included

Criteria	Terra Construction	Tessier Récréo-Parc	Dirt Road Contracting
Site preparation	Included, including excavation/site preparation, drainage/base work and restoration	Comprehensive project/site work	Village responsible for play-area grubbing and grading
Installation	Included	Included	Included
Walkways / access improvements	Asphalt walkway included	Included within proposal scope	Not included
Play equipment	Broad range of play, social, sensory and inclusive elements	Broad multi-age and inclusive play design	More budget-focused equipment packages with three options
Standards	CAN/CSA-Z614 and applicable standards	CAN/CSA-Z614	CAN/CSA-Z614:20
Relevant experience	15+ years; 60+ playgrounds throughout Atlantic Canada	40 years; more than 10,000 projects	Significant Nova Scotia municipal playground experience
Accessibility credentials / experience	Accessibility Awareness Practitioners within Jambette/Terra team	Detailed accessibility-focused equipment design	Team includes Rick Hansen Foundation accessibility training/certification in progress and certified playground professionals
Overall approach	Comprehensive turnkey playground and site renewal	Comprehensive turnkey playground and site renewal	Cost-effective playground installation with Village involvement in site preparation
Overall value	Very Strong	Strong	Strong at a reduced scope/cost

Accessibility

All three proposals demonstrate a commitment to accessible and inclusive play; however, they approach accessibility somewhat differently.

Terra Construction/Jambette provides the most comprehensive combination of physical, sensory, communication and social inclusion. Of particular note is the inclusion of a non-verbal communication board, along with ground-level play components, sensory elements, accessible seating, inclusive slides and play panels that can be accessed from an asphalt surface. Terra also identifies Accessibility Awareness Practitioners within its team.

Tessier Récréo-Parc provides the most detailed individual descriptions of mobility-focused accessibility features. These include a transfer platform, therapeutic rings designed to accommodate mobility aids, sensory panels and transfer-height seating. The proposal demonstrates a strong focus on ensuring children with different mobility and sensory needs can participate in the playground.

Dirt Road Contracting also demonstrates meaningful accessibility experience. Its proposal includes an accessible spiral carousel, designed with an opening for easier access to the Bird's Nest with assistance and supportive handholds. Dirt Road also provides examples of previous accessible playground projects, including its Acadia Park project in Westville, where accessible areas were connected through common grades and ramps, an accessible sand kitchen was installed, and accessible pathways were incorporated. Accordingly, Dirt Road should not be characterized as an inaccessible option. Its proposal does, however, provide a smaller overall scope of inclusive and sensory features than the more comprehensive Terra and Tessier designs.

COST AND MARKET VALIDATION

- Terra Construction/Jambette provided a detailed estimate of \$188,656, inclusive of the Village's portion of HST.
 - Tessier Récréo-Parc's comparable proposal of \$210,020 demonstrates that Terra's pricing is competitive and well-positioned within the market.
 - The Dirt Road Contracting proposal of \$78,926 is substantially lower because it places responsibility for some site preparation with the Village and provides a much more limited playground scope.
 - Recent projects cited by all three proponents—and summarized in Appendix D—provide confirmation that the first two proposal costs listed align with current industry pricing for modern, accessible playground installations.
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WHY THE ORIGINAL \$65,000 BUDGET IS NO LONGER REALISTIC

- Playground costs have increased significantly due to materials, safety standards and supply chain pressures.
 - The lowest-priced proposal does not meet the Village's expectations for quality or long-term value.
 - Proceeding within the existing budget would require substantial reductions in equipment, accessibility, and play value.
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OPTIONS

Option	Advantages	Disadvantages
1. Approve additional \$128,849 to be funded from the Strategic Initiative Fund and proceed with awarding to Terra	Delivers intended quality, accessibility and long-term value; supported by competitive market evidence; aligns with Strategic Plan and Commission priorities.	Requires significant additional capital funding versus what was budgeted.
2. Reduce scope to remain near \$65,000	No additional capital required.	Produces a lower-quality, lower-value playground; not recommended by staff.
3. Defer project pending additional grants	May reduce Village's immediate capital contribution.	Delays replacement, risks cost escalation, and leaves community without upgraded asset.

RECOMMENDATION

Option 1 – Approve additional \$123,656 to be funded from the Strategic Initiative Fund and proceed with awarding to Terra Construction.

The RFP results provide clear, competitive evidence that a quality replacement playground requires an investment substantially greater than the original budget. The project meets the eligibility criteria for the Strategic Initiatives Fund, advances multiple Strategic Plan priorities, and represents a timely long-term investment in community wellness and accessible infrastructure.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- Current capital allocation: \$65,000
- Terra proposal: \$188,656
- Additional funding required: \$123,656

RECOMMENDED MOTION

THAT the Village Commission approve additional capital funding in the amount of \$123,656 to be sourced from the Strategic Initiative Fund, for the Lonnie Milne Memorial Playground replacement project; bringing the total project budget to \$190,849 inclusive of the Village's HST expense; and further, that the Commission authorize staff to proceed with the Terra Construction proposal, subject to the completion of all required procurement, contractual, and financial processes.

Community Engagement Session Lonnie Milne Memorial Park August 2026

Summary of community suggestions and potential future improvements.

1. Examples of Playgrounds Mentioned

Participants identified the following playgrounds and locations as good examples to consider when planning the new playground:

- Port Williams Community Park
- New Minas Elementary Playground
- Kings County Academy Playground
- Oakdene Park (Kentville)

2. Key Design Themes

a. Balance of Natural Space and Structured Play

- Maintain a balance between greenspace and structured play areas.
- Keep as much greenspace as possible.
- Avoid disturbing the existing hill. The hill is currently used extensively for sledding, so preserving this use is important.

b. Inclusive Variety of Play

- Provide features that appeal to different ages and abilities.
- Add more features for older children.
- Include a mix of active, climbing, balancing, spinning and imaginative/nature-based play.

c. Safety & Site Layout

- Keep the playground away from the road.
- Consider sightlines and the relationship between the playground and surrounding open space.
- Avoid unnecessary impacts to the existing landscape and hill.

d. Materials & Amenities

- Preference for a non-metal slide.
- **Add more seating** (this response was given frequently).
- Lighting was noted as a consideration; the notes recorded a preference for no lighting.

2. Most Frequently Suggested Features / Priorities

- Keeping greenspace
- Round swing
- Spring animals (like the ones that were removed previously)
- Balance between structured and unstructured play options
- Pump track
- Perimeter trail

- Spinning feature
- Balance beams/logs
- More seating
- Features for older kids (universal design)
- Monkey bars
- Zipline
- Soccer nets
- Rope bridge

Site Amenities

- **More seating**
- Consider garbage/recycling bin locations
- Non-metal slide
- Keep playground away from road

Overall Direction from the Engagement

The feedback suggests that the community is looking for a playground that adds meaningful structured play without sacrificing the existing natural character of the site. There was particular support for preserving greenspace and the sledding hill, while adding opportunities for active, challenging and varied play for both younger and older children.

For the current fiscal year, the strongest feedback could be used to guide selection of the single playground feature, with the remaining ideas documented as a future playground enhancement plan.

Appendix A

Dirt Road Contracting Limited

Dirt Road Contracting Limited has chosen playground equipment supplied by Huck and KanGoRoo. All are high quality, low maintenance structures with proven performance and are detailed on the following pages. Our playground features conform to the design elements and specifications provided in the RFP. We have selected the following options to provide a range of activities that the Village can choose from, while keeping in the budget.

Option 1: Accessible Spiral Carousel - Double Bay Swings - Kitchenette

Accessible Spiral Carousel (Huck)

The Spinner Series develops balance, strength, imagination, and social development. The Accessible Spiral Carousel combines two elements into one very exciting piece. It's a climber and spinner in one. This structure has a grid of nets leading to the top with a unique feature that allows children to push the entire unit to rotate. The floor of the spinner is a flexible platform for children to stand upon. The ADA Spiral has an opening in the net on one side of the for easy access to the Bird's Nest with assistance. This rope structure design provides easy handholds and support for the rider.



- 62 inch galvanized steel pole
- 5 foot Bird's Nest platform
- Rotational speed limited to 13 feet per second
- 8 vertical Netform ropes
- 1 spiral horizontal Netform rope
- Installed Height = 118.5"
- Use Zone = 295" diameter
- Fall Height = 92.5"
- Age Group = 5 to 12 years



Swings (KanGoRoo) (18 month to 12 year)

KanGoRoo Playgrounds has proudly manufactured commercial playground structures and equipment in Canada since 1993. KanGoRoo is committed to designing quality playground equipment and play areas. They are based in Atholville, New Brunswick.

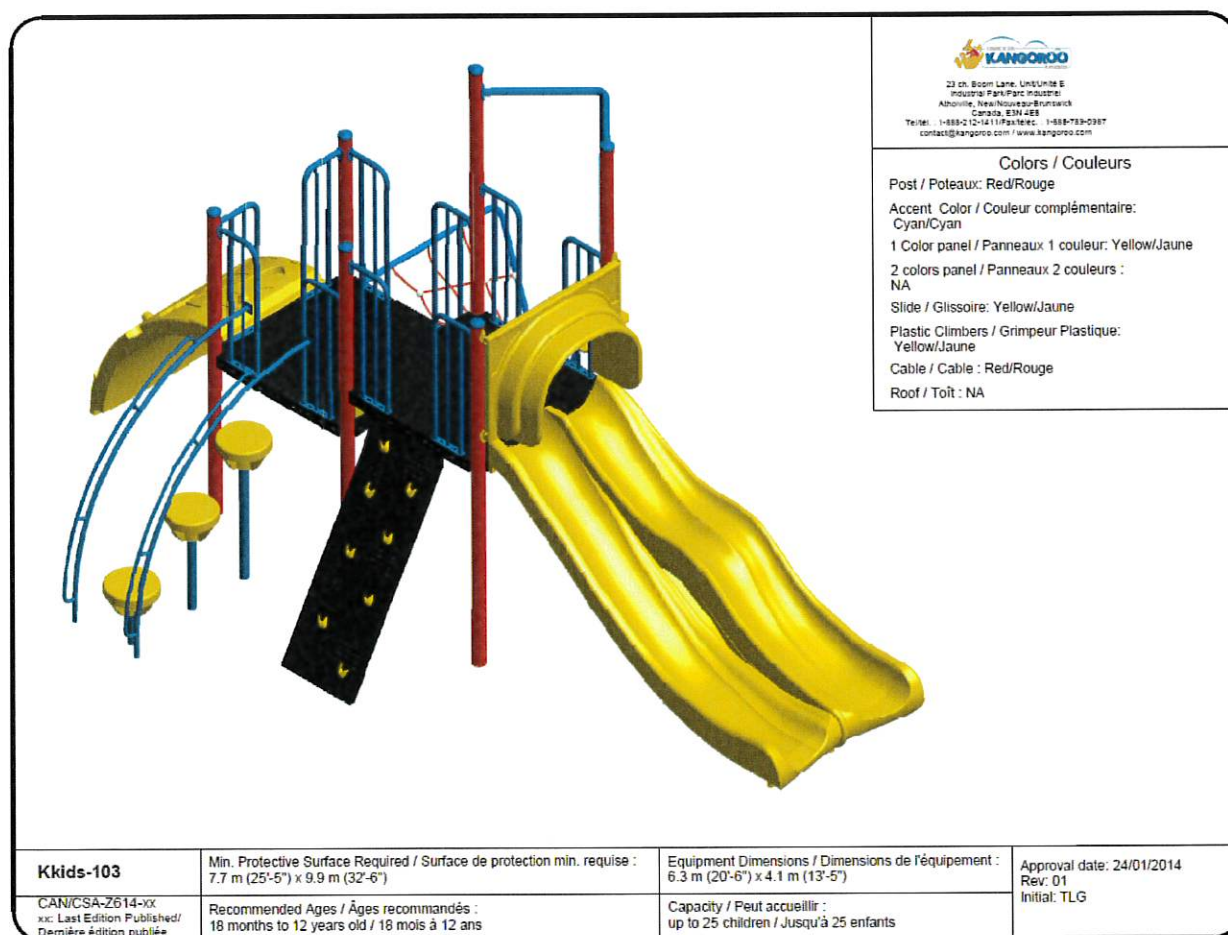


Kitchenette or Workbench (KanGoRoo) (18 month to 5 year)



Option 2: Play structure for 18 months to 12 years (KanGoRoo) and single Bay swing set

We have provided 2 designs for Option 2 to choose from for a traditional design play structure from KanGoRoo, along with a single bay swing set that could have any combination of tot (bucket) or belt seats. Detailed drawings are in appendix 3.



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Blue & Yellow/Bleu et jaune
Slide / Glissoire: Blue/Bleu
Plastic Climbers / Grimpeur Plastique:
Blue/Bleu
Cable / Câble: NA
Roof / Toit: NA

Kkids-107M1	Min. Protective Surface Required / Surface de protection min. requise : 8.2 m (27'-1") x 10.7 m (35'-2")	Equipment Dimensions / Dimensions de l'équipement : 4.6 m (15'-1") x 7.1 m (23'-2")	Approval date: 22/10/2014 Rev: 01 Initial: TLG
CAN/CSA-Z614-xx xx: Last Edition Published/ Dernière édition publiée	Recommended Ages / Âges recommandés : 18 months to 12 years old / 18 mois à 12 ans	Capacity / Peut accueillir : up to 27 children / Jusqu'à 27 enfants	

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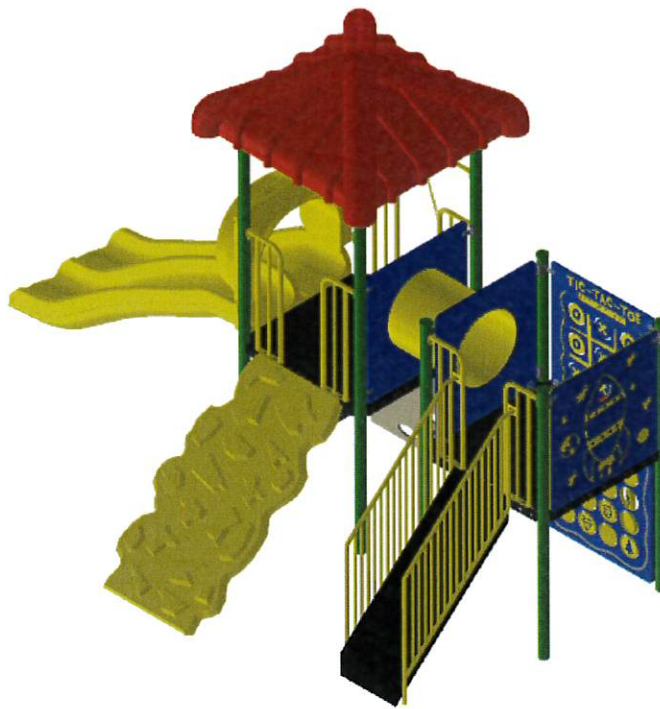


Option 3: Play structure for 18 months to 12 years (KanGoRoo) and single Bay swing set

We have provided 2 alternate designs for Option 3 to choose from for a traditional design play structure from KanGoRoo, along with a single bay swing set that could have any combination of tot (bucket) or belt seats. Detailed drawings are in appendix 3.



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Min. Protective Surface Required / Surface de protection min. requise

Equipment Dimensions / Dimensions de l'équipement :

Approval date: 2024-04-08

CAN/CSA-Z614

Recommended Ages / Ages recommandés :
 18 months to 12 years old / 18 mois à 12 ans

Capacity / Peut accueillir : up to 25 children / Jusqu'à 25 enfants

Rev: 01

Initial: O.P.

SHEET 1 OF 3



3.0 Price Proposal

Dirt Road has endeavoured to provide a creative, fun and pleasing play space. Our pricing proposal is outlined below. In effort to maximize the budget toward the play equipment, we have factored in for the Village to do the play area grubbing and grading. We would review and stake out the area with the Village.

Our Lump Sum Pricing includes:

- Playground equipment supply, delivery and Install
- Safety Surfacing Supply and Install (Engineered Wood Fibre)
- Grass berm
- Site Cleanup

Option 1 Lump Sum: \$75,995.00

Option 2 Lump Sum: \$72,840.00

Option 3 Lump Sum : \$ 78,650.00

The above prices are Excluding HST.

These options as presented are suggestions and we welcome the Village to review and perhaps select a different combination of play items. We are open to working with the Village to arrive at the optimal design and play events.

Our proposal will remain valid for 30 days. Prices will not include any tariffs imposed after October 1, 2026.

We look forward to your review of our proposal and hope to be granted the opportunity to build this exciting project. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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Kimberly Meisner, P.Eng.
Co-Owner / project Manager
Dirt Road Contracting Limited

Appendix B Terra Industrial Construction

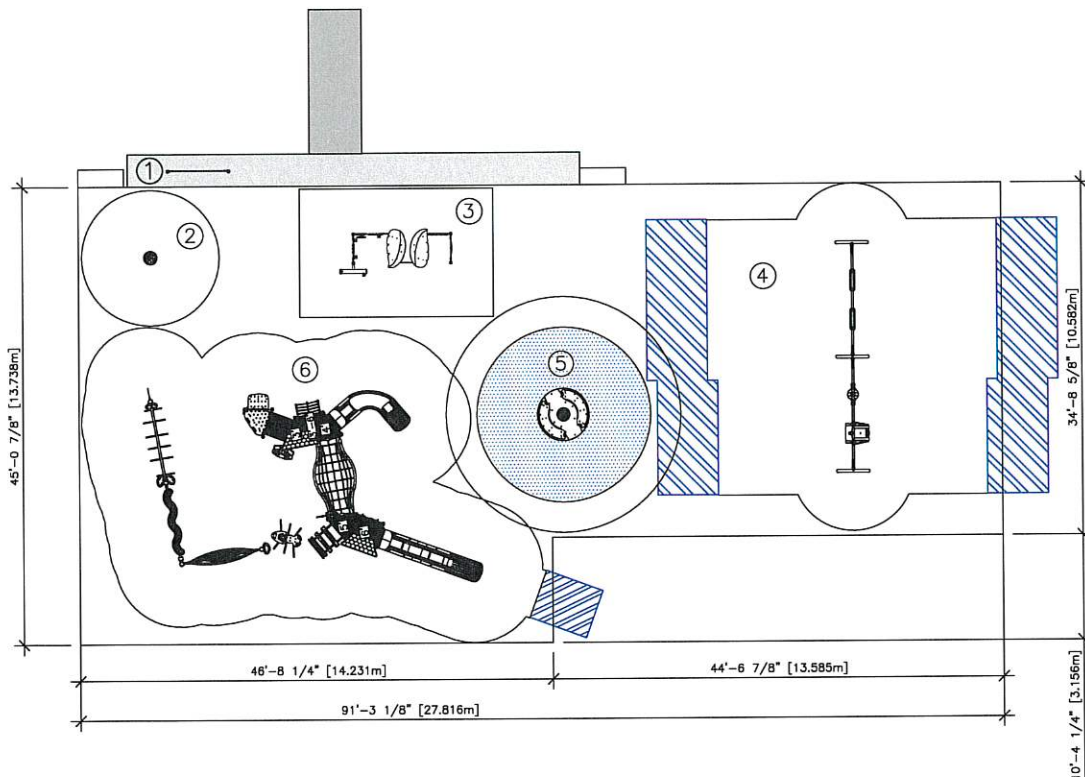
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Terrain Equipment

Lonnie Milne
Memorial Park Playground

Layout Plan

- 1- Non-verbal comm. board
L-20021
- 2- Xyra-35
L-09001
- 3- Creative space
L-16044-A
- 4- 8' arch swing 4 pl.
L-06014
- 5- Gira Spinner
L-23019
- 6- Recreational space
M-25066-HA5B



Legend

- = No-encroachment zone(s) 6' (1.83m)
- = Protective surfacing zone(s)

WARNING: The dimensions on this plan represent the measurements of the safety surfacing.
Jambette holds no liability for the dimensions provided by the client.

The CSA Z614:20 standard and the professional judgement of the manufacturer were used to determine the layout of this plan.

Excavation surface and
Protective surface = 3652 square feet
Perimeter = 272'-8" linear feet

Drawn by: TD
Date: 29.09.2026

Quotation
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Lonnie Milne Memorial
Park Playground

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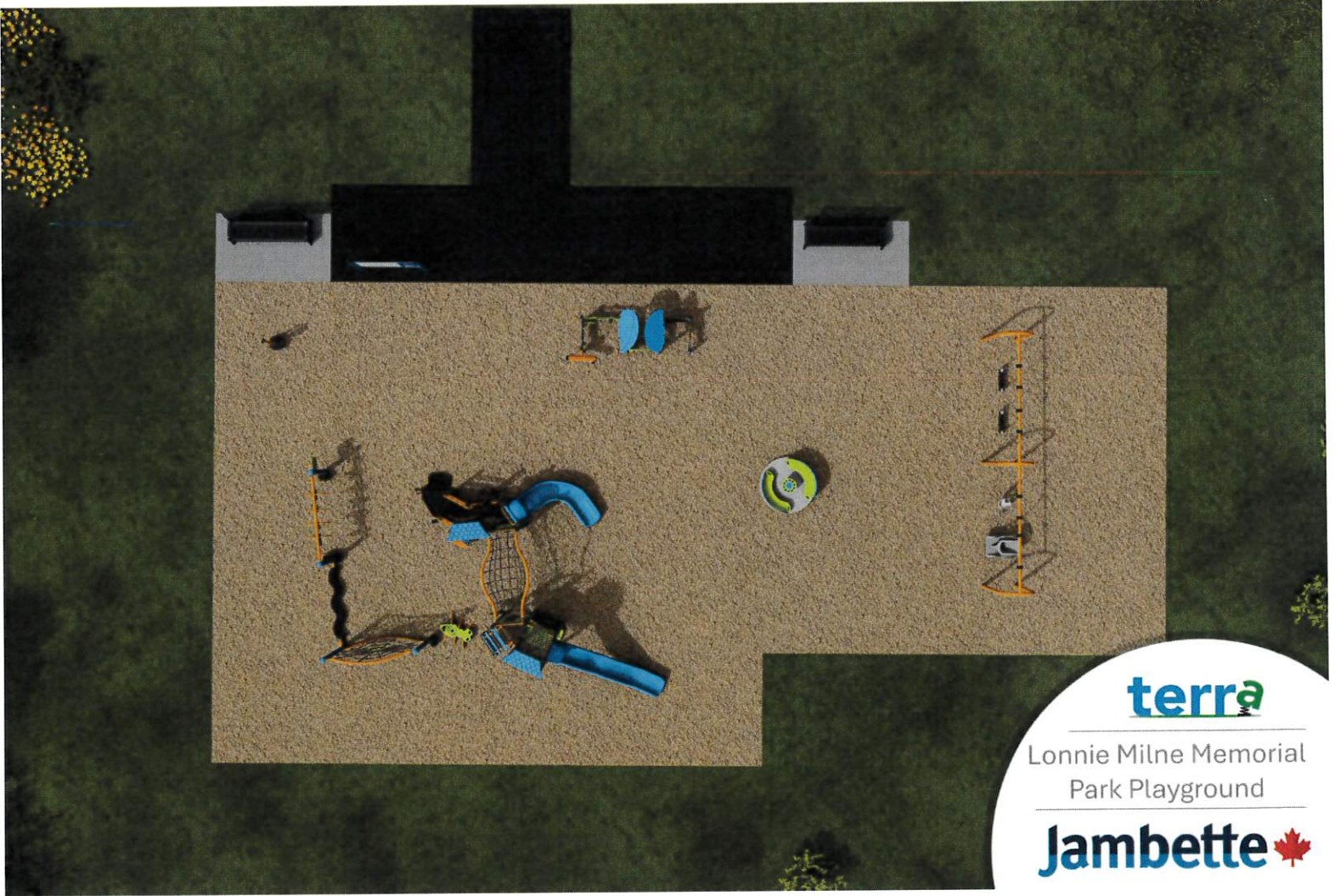
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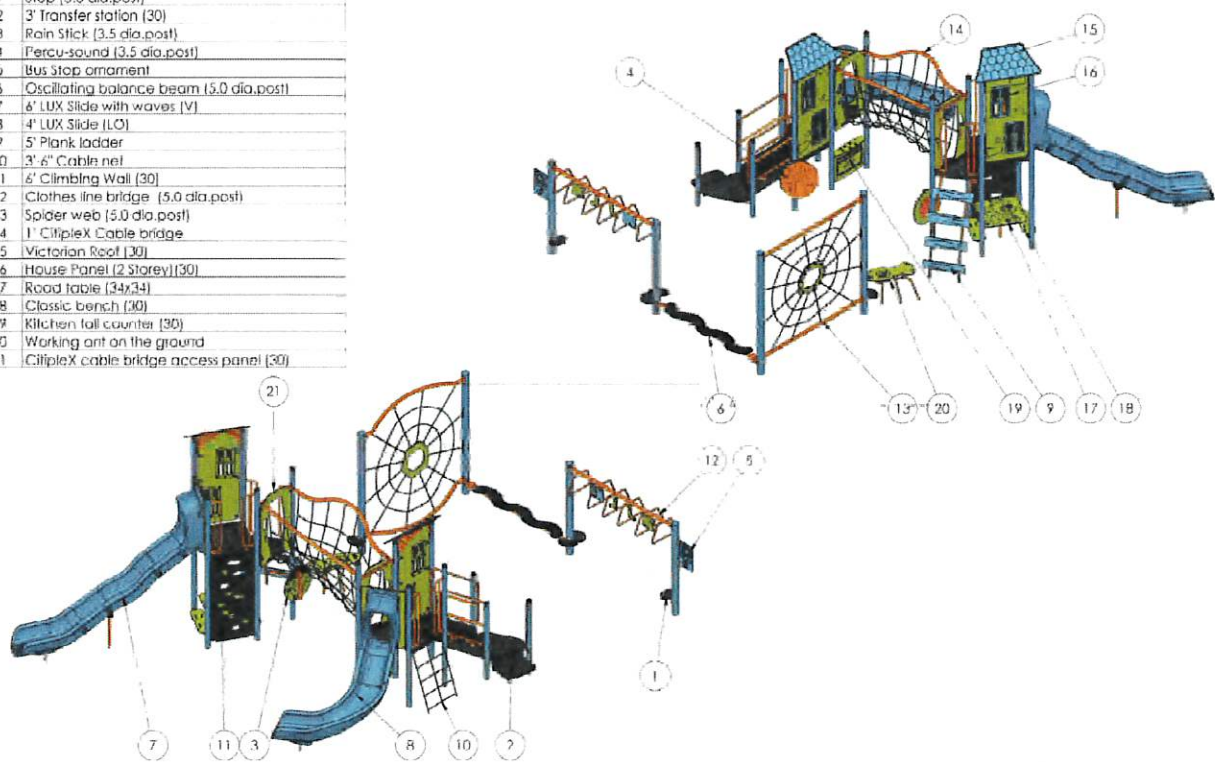


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Lonnie Milne Memorial
Park Playground

Jambette 

#	DESCRIPTION
1	Step (5.0 dia.post)
2	3' Transfer station (30)
3	Rain Stick (3.5 dia.post)
4	Percu-sound (3.5 dia.post)
5	Bus stop ornament
6	Oscillating balance beam (5.0 dia.post)
7	6' LUX Slide with waves (V)
8	4' LUX Slide (LO)
9	5' Plank ladder
10	3' - 6" Cable net
11	6' Climbing Wall (30)
12	Clothes line bridge (5.0 dia.post)
13	Spider web (5.0 dia.post)
14	1' Citiplex Cable bridge
15	Victorian Roof (30)
16	House Panel (2 Storey)(30)
17	Road table (34x34)
18	Classic bench (30)
19	Kitchen tall counter (30)
20	Working ant on the ground
21	Citiplex cable bridge access panel (30)



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BASIC FEATURES

AGE GROUP: 18 months to 5 years old

CHILD CAPACITY: 19 children

REQUIRED SURFACE: 13' 0" x 20' 0" (4m x 6.1m)

DESCRIPTION

An assembly of play panels that offer a variety of stimulating activities.

ANCHORING



ON STRINGERS

This product is anchored by a system of frames covered with a protective coating buried in the ground. Some parts of the frames can be made from recycled plastic.

MATERIALS

METALS

Hardware: Made of stainless steel, Anti-vandal type.

Post(s): 6061-T6 aluminum alloy tube measuring 3-1/2" (89mm) in outer diameter, with 0.148" wall thickness.

PLASTIC MATERIALS

Panels: High density polyethylene (HDPE), colored in the mass. (sv)

COATINGS

Paint: Z-Series polyester powder, with ultraviolet (UV) rays and weather extreme resistance.(sv)

Galvanization: Some attachments are hot dipped galvanized.

COLOUR CHOICES

Metal elements

01	02	03	04
05	07	08	10
11	12	13	14
17	18	20	21
22	23		

Polyethylene Panels

02	05	07	10	11	14
15	17	18	19	21	

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Recreational SPACES

BASIC FEATURES

AGE GROUP: 18 months to 12 years old

FALL HEIGHT: 110" (2.8m)

CHILD CAPACITY: 53 children

REQUIRED SURFACE: 36' 9" x 43' 1" (11.2m x 13.1m)

DESCRIPTION

This play structure provides innovative fun physical activities sure to enhance your recreational space. Physical movements such as climbing, hanging, balancing, swinging, crawling and sliding as well as socializing and cognitive activities make Jambette's product an excellent tool for a child's overall development.



BODY MOVEMENTS



Sliding
Intensive (8)



Learning
Light (3)



Balancing
Intensive (8)



Pulling up
Moderate (5)



Socializing
Moderate (5)



Climbing
Intensive (10)



Imagining
Moderate (6)



Crawling
Light (3)



Hanging
Intensive (10)

ANCHORING



IN CONCRETE

This product is anchored to the ground with concrete columns.

MATERIALS

METALS

Post(s): 6061-T6 aluminum alloy tube measuring 3-1/2" (89mm) in outer diameter, with 0.148" wall thickness.

Post(s): 6061-T6 aluminum alloy tube measuring 5" (127mm) in outer diameter, with 0.125" wall thickness.

Metal frame(s): Made of steel (sv)

Hardware: Made of stainless steel, Anti-vandal type.

PLASTIC MATERIALS

Casting(s): High density polyethylene (HDPE), colored in the mass. (sv)

Panels: High density polyethylene (HDPE), colored in the mass. (sv)

Slide(s): Rotomolded UV stabilized high density polyethylene (HDPE), colored in the mass.

COATINGS

Paint: Z-Series polyester powder, with ultraviolet (UV) rays and weather extreme resistance.(sv)

Galvanization: Some attachments are hot dipped galvanized.

OTHER MATERIALS AND COMPONENTS

Deck(s): 12-Gauge steel sheets, perforated and coated with polyvinyl chloride (PVC). (sv)

Cable(s): A cable with a diameter of 5/8.. (16 mm) composed of 6 strands of 8 galvanized steel threads covered with black polyester joined together by pressed aluminium links

Climbing grip(s): Polyester resin made of 10% recycled materials, with a non-slip finish.

COLOUR CHOICES

Metal elements

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Molded Polyethylene

02	05	07
08	15	18
19	21	23

Polyethylene Panels

02	05	07	10	11	14
15	17	18	19	21	

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**BASIC FEATURES**

AGE GROUP: 18 months to 12 years old

FALL HEIGHT: 12" (0.3m)

CHILD CAPACITY: 2 children

DIMENSION (WT x DT x HT): 3'0" x 3'0" x 1'0" (0.9m x 0.9m x 0.3m)

REQUIRED SURFACE: 15' 0" x 15' 0" (4.6m x 4.6m)

**DESCRIPTION**

A little monster that brings an interesting challenge to a dynamic that stimulates the imagination! The bars represent the insects' legs and the openings in the eyes and at the bottom of the abdomen provide safe grips and holds.

BODY MOVEMENTS

Balancing
Intensive (10)

ANCHORING**ON STRINGERS**

This product is anchored by a system of frames covered with a protective coating buried in the ground. Some parts of the frames can be made from recycled plastic.

MATERIALS**METALS**

Metal frame(s): Steel tube measuring 1-1/2"(38mm) in outer diameter.

Hardware: Made of stainless steel, Anti-vandal type.

PLASTIC MATERIALS

Plate(s): Panels are made of HDPE polyethylene colored in the mass and treated against UV rays. All edges are rounded for maximum safety.(lv)

COATINGS

Paint: Painted metal parts are white blasted first, then coated with a primer and Z-series polyester powder, which has an extreme resistance to ultraviolet (UV) rays and weather. (lv)

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Non-Verbal Communication Board (English/Double-Sided) • L-20021

BASIC FEATURES

DIMENSION (WT x DT x HT): 6'3" x 0'4" x 5'2" (1.9m x 0.1m x 1.6m)

DESCRIPTION

This panel features a large selection of communication pictograms that allows children who are mute or have language difficulties to communicate. In English on both sides.



ANCHORING



IN CONCRETE

This product is anchored to the ground with concrete columns.

MATERIALS

METALS

Post(s): 6061-T6 aluminum alloy tube measuring 3-1/2" (89mm) in outer diameter, with 0.148" wall thickness.

Hardware: Made of stainless steel, Anti-vandal type.

Fasteners: Hot dipped gavanized steel tube and plate

Aluminum: 66" x 36-3/4" aluminium panel with colour printing and protective film.

COLOUR CHOICES

Metal elements

01	02	03	04
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Xyra-35 • L-09001

BASIC FEATURES

AGE GROUP: 18 months to 12 years old

FALL HEIGHT: 13" (0.3m)

CHILD CAPACITY: 3 children

DIMENSION (WT x DT x HT): 1'4" x 1'4" x 5'3" (0.4m x 0.4m x 1.6m)

REQUIRED SURFACE: 13' 4" x 13' 4" (4.1m x 4.1m)

DESCRIPTION

Spin into the galaxy with your friends! Spinners develop core strength, balance and co-ordination. Spin alone or with another friend.



BODY MOVEMENTS



Rotating
Intensive (10)



Socializing
Moderate (7)

ANCHORING



IN CONCRETE
This product is anchored to the ground with concrete columns.

MATERIALS

METALS

Pole(s): Made of steel tube measuring 2-3/8" (60mm) in diameter.

Base: Made of steel tube measuring 4-1/2" (114mm) in diameter.

Hardware: Made of stainless steel, Anti-vandal type.

COATINGS

Paint: Painted metal parts are white blasted first, then coated with a primer and Z-series polyester powder, which has an extreme resistance to ultraviolet (UV) rays and weather. (lv)

FLEXIBLE MATERIALS

Disc(s): The disc is composed of three pieces of 82 durometer ultra resistant rubber, treated against UV rays and steel reinforced.

Flange Covers: Made of 82 durometer ultra resistant rubber and treated against UV rays.

MECHANICAL COMPONENTS

Ball Bearings: Tapered roller type. Capacity of 34,000 lbs (15422 kg).

COLOUR CHOICES

Metal elements

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BASIC FEATURES

AGE GROUP: 5 to 12 years old

FALL HEIGHT: 37" (0.9m)

CHILD CAPACITY: 6 children

DIMENSION (WT x DT x HT): 5'3" x 5'3" x 3'4" (1.6m x 1.6m x 1m)

REQUIRED SURFACE: 23' 3" x 23' 3" (7.1m x 7.1m)



DESCRIPTION

An excellent complement to your park, this turnstile is safe with these two benches which allows users to be well seated and to be able to propel themselves thanks to its self-propulsion mechanism which is located in the center. An experience not to be missed!

ANCHORING



IN CONCRETE

This product is anchored to the ground with concrete columns.

MATERIALS

METALS

Hardware: Made of stainless steel, Anti-vandal type.

Metal frame(s): 6063-T52 aluminum alloy tube measuring 2-3/8" (60mm) in outer diameter, with 0.154" wall thickness.

Rotary structure(s): Steel

COATINGS

Paint: Painted metal parts are white blasted first, then coated with a primer and Z-series polyester powder, which has an extreme resistance to ultraviolet (UV) rays and weather. (lv)

PLASTIC MATERIALS

Plate(s): Panels are made of HDPE polyethylene colored in the mass and treated against UV rays. All edges are rounded for maximum safety.(lv)

MECHANICAL COMPONENTS

Ball Bearings: Tapered roller type. Capacity of 34,000 lbs (15422 kg).

COLOUR CHOICES

Metal elements

01	02	03	04
05	07	08	10
11	12	13	14
17	18	20	21
22	23		

Polyethylene Panels

02	05	07	10	11	14
15	17	18	19	21	

Made at our factory in Lévis, Québec, Canada • Meets CAN/CSA-Z614 and ASTM ASTM F1487



8' Arch. Swing, 4 pl.(Anti-Wrap) • L-06014

BASIC FEATURES

AGE GROUP: 18 months to 12 years old

FALL HEIGHT: 98" (2.5m)

CHILD CAPACITY: 4 children

DIMENSION (WT x DT x HT): 22'9.5" x 3'3.5" x 8'4" (6.9m x 1m x 2.5m)

REQUIRED SURFACE: 28' 8" x 34' 3" (8.7m x 10.4m)



DESCRIPTION

A must for all playgrounds! Modern arch swing set.

ANCHORING



IN CONCRETE

This product is anchored to the ground with concrete columns.

MATERIALS

METALS

Metal frame(s): Steel tube measuring 3-1/2"(89mm) in outer diameter.

Tips: Steel tube measuring 4"(100mm) in outer diameter.

Swing hanger(s): 3 1/2" Anti-wrap type. Made of hot galvanized steel ring rolling around a high-density polyethylene ring (HDPE).

Chain(s): Welded mesh with a stud measuring 1/4" (6mm) in diameter.

COATINGS

Paint: Painted metal parts are white blasted first, then coated with a primer and Z-series polyester powder, which has an extreme resistance to ultraviolet (UV) rays and weather. (lv)

Galvanization: Swing hangers and chains are hot dipped galvanized.

COLOUR CHOICES

Metal elements

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To verify product certification, visit www.ipema.org and conduct a search.



Rubber Seat • S-2156

BASIC FEATURES

DIMENSION (WT x DT x HT): 0'6" x 2'6" x 0'0.25" (0.2m x 0.8m x 0m)

WEIGHT: 3.0 Lbs (1.36kg)

DESCRIPTION

Our most popular swing seat! A high density slash proof flexible rubber belt seat.



MATERIALS

FLEXIBLE MATERIALS

Seat(s): 6"(152mm) wide rubber belt seat with high carbon spring steel insert.

METALS

Fasteners: Plates and rods made of hot dipped gavanized steel.

Meets CAN/CSA-Z614 and ASTM F1487• IPEMA Certified
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Rotomolded Adaptive Swing Seat • S-18000

BASIC FEATURES

CHILD CAPACITY: 1 child

DIMENSION (WT x DT x HT): 2'7" x 2'1" x 3'3" (0.8m x 0.6m x 1m)

WEIGHT: 59.0 Lbs (27kg)

DESCRIPTION

A swing set seat that will provide a unique experience for children with disabilities. It might even be the first contact with a swing set for some children! It is equipped with a safety harness. The seat can hold the weight of an adult.

5-14 years old

120 kg maximum



MATERIALS

METALS

Chain(s): Welded mesh with a stud measuring 1/4" (6mm) in diameter.

PLASTIC MATERIALS

Casting(s): Rotomolded UV-stabilized high-density polyethylene (HDPE), colored in the mass. (lv)

Meets CAN/CSA-Z614 and ASTM ASTM F1487 • Wheelchair accessible products



THE PROMENADE BENCH

Locally Fabricated Public Seating | Halifax Regional Municipality

Overview

The Promenade Bench is a robust, all-steel outdoor bench designed and fabricated locally in the Halifax Regional Municipality, it is intended for use in parks, promenades, streetscapes, and civic public spaces where durability, low maintenance and long service life are required. The design balances visual simplicity with structural strength and is suitable for high-traffic public environments. The bench can be surface-mounted and anchored as a permanent fixture where required.

Bench Construction

- All primary components fabricated from steel
- Solid steel end frames with integrated armrests
- Continuous horizontal steel slat seat and back construction
- Integrated mid-spans supports for long-term rigidity
- Fully welded assembly for strength, alignment, and vandal resistance
- Surface-mount capable for installation on concrete or hardscape



Surface Preparation & Finish

All steel components receive an industrial, multi-stage coating system selected for Atlantic Canada's climate

- Abrasive blast cleaning of all steel surfaces
- Zirconium-based, phosphorus-free pretreatment compatible with steel, aluminum, and zinc
- Zinc-rich epoxy primer for enhanced corrosion resistance
- High-durability polyester powder top coat

• Dimensions

- Overall Width: 72" (1830 mm)
- Seating height and geometry designed to meet municipal comfort and accessibility standards
- Surface-mount adaptable for concrete and hardscape installations



Manufactured locally in the
Halifax Regional Municipality



Anti-corrosive exterior finish for
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ESTIMATE**DATE**

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01/10/2026

DESCRIPTION	TAX	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
Mobilize equipment to site	HST NS 2025	1	550.00	550.00
Playground design layout	HST NS 2025	1	1,500.00	1,500.00
Removal / disposal of existing equipment	HST NS 2025	1	5,000.00	5,000.00
Site prep/excavation	HST NS 2025	1	7,000.00	7,000.00
Gravel 1" Clear stone base, geo textile, 4" pvc drainage system	HST NS 2025	1	8,500.00	8,500.00
Playground equipment supply	HST NS 2025	1	62,000.00	62,000.00
Swings and seats	HST NS 2025	1	14,000.00	14,000.00
Spinners	HST NS 2025	1	11,500.00	11,500.00
Creative accessible space	HST NS 2025	1	16,400.00	16,400.00
Safety Surfacing wood chips	HST NS 2025	1	10,000.00	10,000.00
Shipping	HST NS 2025	1	5,700.00	5,700.00
Labour installation	HST NS 2025	1	22,000.00	22,000.00
Labour- site prep	HST NS 2025	1	2,000.00	2,000.00
equipment machinery	HST NS 2025	1	4,000.00	4,000.00
Site restoration / clean up - Sodding	HST NS 2025	1	6,000.00	6,000.00
Benches and concrete pads, asphalt walkway	HST NS 2025	1	10,500.00	10,500.00

Lonnie Milne Memorial Playground

SUBTOTAL

186,650.00

HST (NS) 2025 @ 14%

26,131.00

TOTAL

\$212,781.00**TAX SUMMARY**

Appendix C

Tessier Recreó Park

LONNIE MILNE MEMORIAL PARK

Our proposed playground concept has been thoughtfully developed in response to the Village of New Minas' vision for a modern, engaging, accessible, and inclusive destination playground that provides a wide variety of play experiences for children of different ages and abilities.

By providing a progressive range of physical challenges and play opportunities, the play unit is built in a fluid continuity while providing different sections for all age groups.

Elements such as the **Spiral Climber**, the **Quiver**, the **Exuma** and **Get-A-Grip** all leading to the **8 foot spiral slide** are targeting an **older age group** along with **different physical challenges**.

Moving to a **middle age group**, the **Vista Hive 4**, **Narrows Climber**, and **double slide** promote climbing, balancing, adventuring and dynamic play experience.

The **River Run Climber**, **Hi-Line Climbing Link**, **Therapeutic Rings**, **Cloudland Crossing**, **Little River Pass** encourage climbing, upper-body strength, balance, coordination, and active movement, all suitable for the younger ones and add excitement for a broad range of users.

Accessibility and inclusive play have also been integrated into the **overall design** rather than treated as a separate play area, reflecting the Village's stated objective of allowing children with different abilities to **play alongside their peers**.

Together, these components create a multi-age and multi-experience playground that combines **challenge, movement, sensory engagement, imaginative play, social interaction, and accessibility** all closely aligning with the Village's goal of creating a functional, exciting, durable, and welcoming recreational space for the community.





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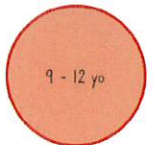
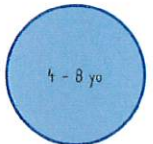
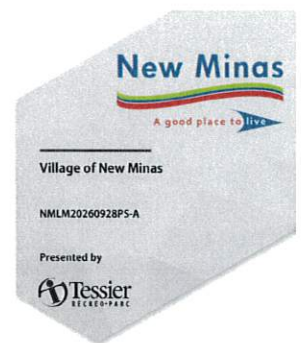
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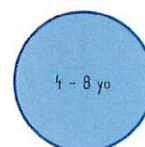
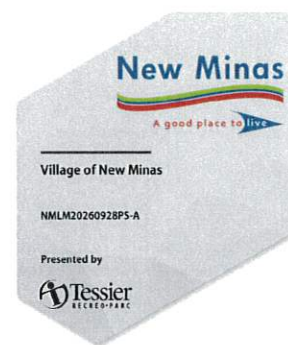
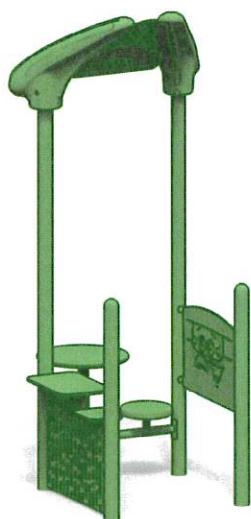
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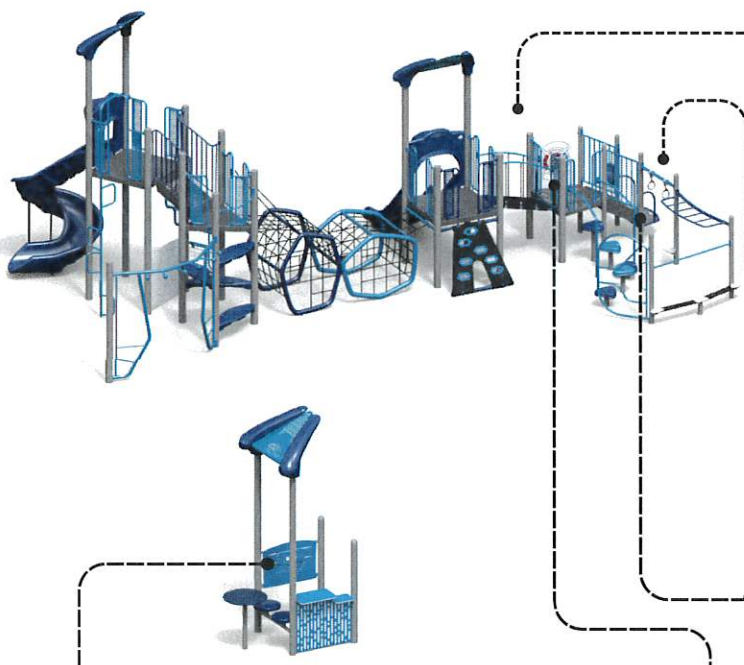
Age group of play equipment



Age group of play equipment



Inclusivity



Face Creator Panel

Access and Use: An interactive panel inviting children to manipulate, explore and play at their own pace. Rotate the central circle to align the different mouths with the eyes, creating various expressions among the four faces.

Inclusive Impact: Supports sensory exploration, fine motor skills and independent or shared play, while being accessible to different skill levels.

- Social game
- Creative and cognitive game
- Quiet game



Hi-Line Traverse

Access and Use: Allows children to move between play elements with a raised crossbar promoting balance and coordination of movements.

Inclusive Impact: Offers an active transition between play zones while developing core strength, coordination and confidence through a progressive challenge.

- Physical game



Therapeutic Rings

Access and Use: Offering a width and height suitable for the passage of a mobility aid device, the hanging rings allow children to grip, swing or hang to explore movement.

Inclusive Impact: Supports the development of strength, coordination and sensory regulation, while offering physical activity adapted to different skill levels.

- Physical game
- Sensory



Transfer Platform

Access and Use: Ground-level transfer platform providing a stable surface allowing children to move safely and independently from a mobility aid to elevated play elements.

Inclusive Impact: Promotes barrier-free access to the play structure and enables children with mobility limitations to participate in elevated activities with their peers.

- Physical game



Sensory Play Panel

Access and Use: A tactile and visual play panel with different shapes and textures that invites children to explore through touch, hand movement, and observation.

Inclusive Impact: Stimulates sensory exploration, fine motor skills and interactive engagement, while being accessible to children of diverse abilities.

- Social game
- Creative and cognitive game
- Quiet game



Inclusivity



Gizmo with Echo Chamber



Access and Use: Gizmo with built-in game producing sound feedback when the child speaks or makes sounds, creating a simple auditory and sensory interaction.

Inclusive Impact: Offers an accessible sound activity that promotes communication, sensory exploration and engagement in play without physical requirements.

- *Social game*
- *Creative and cognitive game*
- *Quiet game*



Vista Hive 4



Access and Use: Cable games offer a variety of motor challenges that promote climbing, balance, and motor skills. Their design also allows for interaction on the ground, including for children in wheelchairs.

Inclusive Impact: They offer different ways to play according to abilities, fostering confidence and engagement. They bring children together, stimulate interaction, and provide sensory and visual stimulation through textures, movement, and shadow play.

- *Physical game*
- *Social game*



Ludo Game Panel



Access and Use: Ground-level playful and interactive Panel. Players choose a color and take turns spinning the center spinner to determine their moves. The player that is able to navigate their pieces around the board and land them in the matching color slots outside the arrows wins!

Inclusive Impact: Sparks social and imaginative play, engages the senses.

- *Social Game*
- *Sensory*



Double Zip Slide



Access and Use: Two-lane slide allowing two children to slide simultaneously from the platform.

Inclusive Impact: Promotes parallel play and social interaction by allowing children to experience sliding side-by-side. Each sliding lane offers a different experience.

- *Social game*
- *Physical game*



Inclusivity



Saucer Arch Swing

Access and Use: Disc swing allowing several children to swing together in a shared movement experience. Promotes balance, coordination, and social interaction through collaborative use.

Inclusive Impact: Encourages group play and provides a sensory experience accessible to children with different abilities and ways of playing.

- Cognitive and creative game
- Social game
- Quiet game

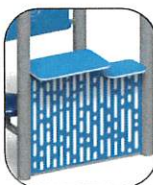


"Duo Spinner" Rotating Equipment

Access and Use: A separation between the seats limits unwanted physical contact—ideal for children with sensory sensitivities. It installs at transfer height to promote accessibility and inclusive play.

Inclusive Impact: A simple and engaging solution for integrating inclusive rotating play. Allows two children to play and socialize together in seats that offer good body support.

- Social game
- Physical game



ADA Inclusive Store (2 levels)

Access and Use: Two-level interactive panel accessible to children with and without disabilities. Allows them to play, discover and explore shapes, alone or with others, while promoting learning through play.

Inclusive Impact: Encourages interaction and social participation, while supporting sensory, cognitive, and socio-affective development.

- Social game
- Creative and cognitive game
- Quiet game



Seat and Table for Two

Access and Use: Game table with integrated seats offering an accessible space to sit, chat or participate in quiet activities in the heart of the play area.

Inclusive Impact: Creates a pause point that promotes socialization, parallel play, and prolonged participation in the play environment.

- Social game
- Quiet game



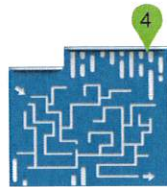
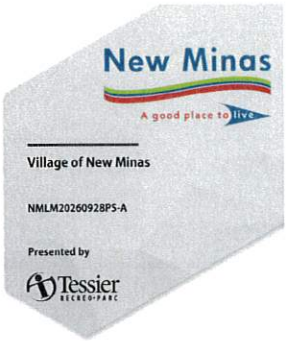
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No	Description	Qty	Activity
	Ada49"Sq Punch Steel Deck	2	0
	Ada 49"Tri Punch Steel Dk	1	0
	Conversion Deck	1	0
	Entryway - Barrier	1	0
	High Point Entryway - Barrier	2	0
	Entryway (Versa)	3	0
	Archway with Socket (Versa)	1	0
	Barrier Hi Point Entryway (Versa)	1	0
1	4' Double Zip Slide, Std Dk	1	1
2	Single Spiral	1	1
3	Spiral Climber	1	1
4	8' Quiver Climber	1	1
5	Narrows Climber	1	1
6	Exuma Climber	1	1
7	River Run Climber	1	1
8	Mini Toad Stool Climber With Guiderail	1	1
9	Modern Transfer System w/Barrier 2' Rise	1	1
10	2'-0" Transfer System W/ Barrier	1	1
11	VISTA HIVE 4	1	1
12	Hi-Line Climbing Link 1' Rise (1 dk)	1	1
13	Get A Grip	1	1
14	Little River Pass	1	1
15	Ada Cloudland Crossing	1	1
16	Myriad Visor	2	0
17	Up We Go Step	1	1
18	Pod (1'-0")	1	1
19	Mini Pod Toad Stool	1	1
20	Therapeutic Ring Attach	1	1
21	Single Gizmo Panel	1	0
22	Echo Chamber	1	1
23	Sensory Fidget Panel	1	1
24	Ludo Game Panel (Below Deck)	1	1
Total quantity of components:		37	
Total quantity of activities:		22	
Child capacity:		50-55	



Components list

No	Description	Qty	Activity
1	Seat And Table For Two 36"	1	1
2	Myriad Visor	1	0
3	Face Creator Half Panel	1	1
4	« Modern » custom store play panel	1	1
5	« Modern maze » custom store panel	1	0
6	Duo Spinner	1	1
7	Arch Swing	1	1
Total quantity of components:		7	
Total quantity of activities:		5	
Child capacity:		5-10	





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61498 - Lonnie Milne Memorial Playground

PROJECT MANAGER	ESTIMATED DATE	PAYMENT TERMS
ISABELLE GOSSELIN	September 22, 2026	NET 30 DAYS
SALES REP.		CUSTOMER PO
Jessica Decker		

NOTE : **SOUSSION - MODULE DE JEU**
RFP : VNM2026-02

ITEM CODE	DESCRIPTION	QTY	UOM	SALES PRICE SUPPLY		INSTALLATION
				UNIT	TOTAL	
	Site preparation / Excavation			0.00	0.00	0.00
INST-TRA	Site adjustment work Excavation 2,780 sq.ft. at 12" deep 4" perforated agricultural drain 60 lin.ft. Fibercloth 2,780 sq.ft.	1	un	0.00	0.00	13247.08
	Site preparation / Excavation sub total			13,247.08	13,247.08	0.00
	Accessible walkway			0.00	0.00	0.00
INST-TRA	Site adjustment work	1	un	0.00	0.00	3388.23
	Accessible walkway subtotal			3,388.23	3,388.23	0.00
	Playground equipment			0.00	0.00	0.00
Module 18-12	Play unit NMLM228PS29PT-A [For children age 18 ms to 12 yo]	1	un	114,736.25	114,736.25	26451.23
	Playground equipment sub total			141,187.48	141,187.48	0.00
	Accessible equipment / components / Playhouse			0.00	0.00	0.00
Module 18-5	Play unit NMLM20260929PT [Intended for children de 18 m to 5 yo]	1	un	6,256.46	6,256.46	1969.52
	Accessible equipment / components / Play House sub total			8,225.98	8,225.98	0.00
	Swing			0.00	0.00	0.00



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ITEM CODE	DESCRIPTION	QTY	UOM	SALES PRICE	SUPPLY	INSTALLATION
				UNIT	TOTAL	
5058	Arch Swing (Galv)	1	un	7,802.86	7,802.86	2012.20
	Swing sub total			9,815.06	9,815.06	0.00
	Spinning/play elements			0.00	0.00	0.00
6376	Duo Spinner	1	un	2,547.21	2,547.21	548.78
	Spinning/play elements sub total			3,095.99	3,095.99	0.00
	Safety surfacing, borders, site reinstatement			0.00	0.00	0.00
TRP-DIVERS	EWf Zeager - 142 cu.yard. - 12" thick	1	un	12,524.20	12,524.20	0.00
TRP-DIVERS	EWf Install by Nova Peak- 142 cu.yard.	142	un	26.14	3,712.05	0.00
BOR-TRP-6	Black TRP polyethylene border timber, 6' long, 12" high	36	un	82.70	2,977.22	1609.41
	Safety surfacing & borders sub total			20,822.88	20,822.88	0.00
	Project Manager: ISabelle Gosselin Email: lgosselin@tessier-rp.com			0.00	0.00	0.00
Final Sale: Items in this order cannot be returned, exchanged, or refunded after purchase. Soil Composition: The installation price does not take soil composition into account. If there are rocks or boulders in the soil, their removal is the installer's responsibility and will be at their expense.						

Appendix D

Park References as Provided

Sector Specific Project Experience

Town of Westville

Contracting Authority:
Scot Weeres
CAO
Town of Westville

Contract Value: \$400 K

Dirt Road Contracting was retained in 2024 for a 2025 install to design and install a playground at **Acadia Park, Westville, NS**. The project site had an existing playground at end of life, which we de-commissioned and transformed into an accessible playground. The project was a complete installation including earthworks preparation, drainage installation, assembly of three play structures and two double swing bays. We installed a sand kitchen complete with decking so that it is accessible for mobility devices. We also created a large play space with artificial turf, log play houses, a seating circle and musical instruments. All of the play areas are designed to be accessible and connected by constructing all areas to be at the same grade and/or creating ramps as needed. We also installed a concrete pad and two shade pergolas and concrete path to connect this to the playground and to the parking lot. The contract was completed in June 2025, on time, on budget and to the client's complete satisfaction.



Sector Specific Project Experience

Rising Sun Trail Park, Hammonds Plains, NS Halifax Regional Municipality Technical Authority: Tom Jangaard CSLA Park Planner, Parks Capitol Projects Parks & Recreation, HRM Contract Value: \$164 K	Dirt Road Contracting was retained in 2025 to design and install a playground suitable for the age groups of 18 months to 5 years and 5 years to 12 years and a swing set at Rising Sun Trail Park, Hammonds Plains, NS. The project was a complete installation including demobilizing old playground equipment, earthworks preparation, drainage installation, assembly of play structures and wood fibre protective surface with grass berm, asphalt pathway construction and benches installed on accessible pads. The contract was completed in October 2025, on time (under three weeks), on budget and to the client's complete satisfaction. Challenges and solutions: The site was very compact and required precise layout and planning to ensure safety surfacing allowances were maintained, as well as keeping an aesthetically pleasing layout. Innovative use of the space resulted in a beautiful park with many play features that is now a fun hub of the community.	
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Sector Specific Project Experience

Lost Creek Park, Beaver Bank, NS Halifax Regional Municipality Technical Authority: Gary Young CSLA Landscape Architect Strategic Planning & Design - Parks & Recreation, HRM Contract Value: \$240 K	Dirt Road Contracting was retained in 2025 to design and install a playground suitable for the age groups of 18 months to 5 years and 5 years to 12 years and a swing set at Lost Creek Park, Beaver Bank, NS. The project was a complete installation including demobilizing old playground equipment, earthworks preparation, drainage installation, assembly of play structures and wood fibre protective surface with grass berm, asphalt pathway construction and benches installed on accessible pads. The contract was completed in August 2025, on time, on budget and to the client's complete satisfaction. Challenges and solutions: It was an extremely dry, hot summer which negatively impacted the chance of the sod surviving. We were able to shift the sod laying schedule to more suitable conditions so that it was sustainable. We also ensured safety practices were in place and followed for working in the extreme temperatures.	 
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Sector Specific Project Experience

Dr. Gerald J. Lebrun Memorial Centre Park
Halifax Regional Municipality

Technical Authority:

Gary Young CSLA
Landscape Architect
Strategic Planning & Design - Parks &
Recreation, HRM

Contract Value: \$180 K

Dirt Road Contracting was retained in 2025 to design and install a playground suitable for the age groups of 5 years and 5 years to 12 years at **Dr. Gerald J. Lebrun Memorial Centre Park, Bedford, NS**. The project was a complete installation including demobilizing old playground equipment, earthworks preparation, drainage installation, assembly of play structures and wood fibre protective surface with grass berm, asphalt pathway construction and benches installed on accessible pads. The contract was completed in September 2025, on time, on budget and to the client's complete satisfaction.

Challenges and solutions:
As with all playgrounds, the goal was to minimize downtime of the playground so that the recreation centre programs could use the space as much as possible. We worked with Stakeholders to determine the best schedule and timing for the construction. We compressed our schedule as much as possible by adding resources.



Sector Specific Project Experience

Client and Contract Info:	Project Description	Project Photo:
Municipality of East Hants Contracting Authority: Michael Hatfield Procurement Officer Municipality of East Hants mhatfield@easthants.ca Technical Representative: Evan MacDougall Manager of Parks and Buildings Municipality of East Hants 902 883 6140 emacdougall@easthants.ca Contract Value: \$107K	Dirt Road Contracting was retained in 2024 to design and install a playground suitable for the age groups of 18 months to 5 years and 5 years to 12 years at East Uniacke, NS. The project was a complete installation including earthworks preparation, drainage installation, assembly of play structures and wood fibre protective surface with grass berm. Burke was able to replicate the East Uniacke fire Department logo on the playground structure, creating a customized feature for the community. The contract was completed in October 2024, on time, on budget and to the client's complete satisfaction. There was also an additional scope incorporated at the client's request. Challenges and solutions: The site is in a remote setting requiring pre-planning of resources for efficient project delivery. Site Security was maintained with temporary fencing	

Sector Specific Project Experience

Client and Contract Info:	Project Description	Project Photo:
Strait Regional Centre for Education Contracting Authority: Sandra Beaton Manager of Purchasing Strait Regional Centre for Education sandra.beaton@srce.ca Technical Representative: James Shaw Assistant Manager of Facilities Strait Regional Centre for Education James.shaw@srce.ca Contract Value: \$191 K	Dirt Road Contracting was retained in 2024 to design and install a playground at Cape Breton Highland Academy, Belle Cote, NS. The project site was an existing playground which we de-commissioned and transformed into a playground. The project was a complete installation including earthworks preparation, drainage installation, assembly of five play structures on two separate playground areas. We constructed the soil and sod berm and placed the engineered wood fibre protective surfacing. The contract was completed in July 2024, on time, on budget and to the client's complete satisfaction. Challenges and solutions: The site is in a remote setting requiring pre-planning of resources for efficient project delivery. Weather (strong winds and rain) presented challenges during the installation, which we were able to safely manage.	

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Tri-Country Regional Centre for Education Technical Representative: Jamie Boudreau Coordinator of Property Services Tri-County Regional Centre for Education jboudreau@tcrce.ca Contract Value: \$320 K	Dirt Road Contracting was retained in 2024 to design and install a playground at Meadowfields Elementary School, Yarmouth, NS. The project site was an existing pea stone-surfaced area which we transformed into a playground. The project was a complete installation including earthworks preparation, drainage installation, assembly of three play structures and wood fibre protective surface. Features included the inclusive Volta Spinner, Pyramid X Climber, arch swings, and an inclusive structure with accessible ramps and play features. The contract was completed in July 2024, on time, on budget and to the client's complete satisfaction. Challenges and solutions: The site is in a remote setting requiring pre-planning of resources for efficient project delivery. The existing site had a significant slope requiring earthworks preparation to level the playground and ensure proper drainage. Peastone was repurposed for the client in another play area resulting in additional savings to the client.	   

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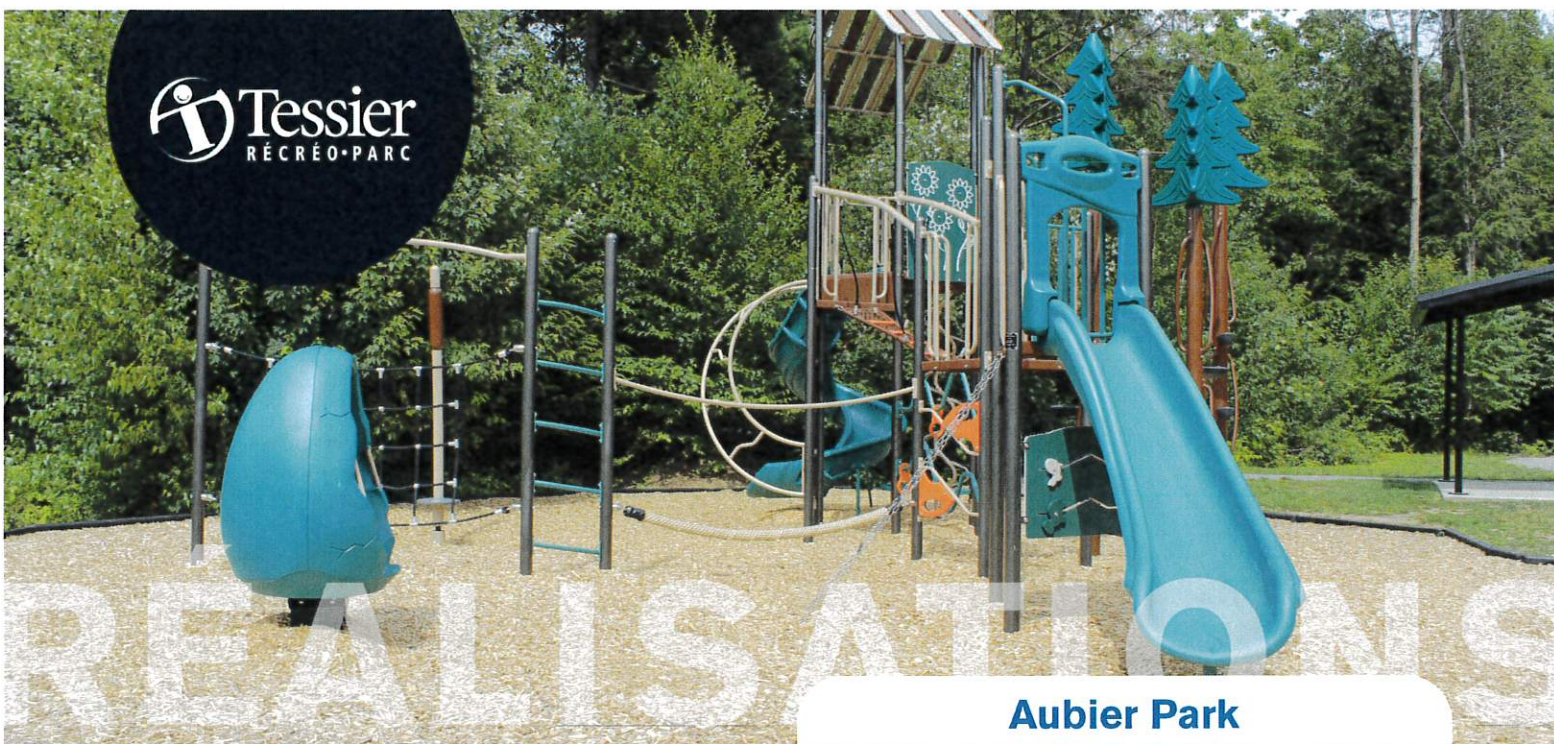
Henri-Lacroix Park

City: Contrecoeur (Completed 2023)
Contact: Amélie Champigny (450 587-5901)

Budget : 120 326\$ + taxes

Project: Play module for 18 months - 5 years
with borders, preparation of the play area and
wood fiber.





Aubier Park

City: Saint-Lin-Laurentides

Contact: Jonathan Dionne (450 439-3130)

Budget : 195 000\$ + taxes

Project: Play module for 18 months - 5 years
and 5-12 years old, swings, furniture and
landscaping work.



Section E: References

Project Installation and Design, Murray Harbour, PEI

Client:

Community of Murray Harbour, Murray Harbour, PEI

Address:

27 Part Street, Murray Harbour, PEI, COA 1V0

Contracting Officer:

Roy Main, 902-566-5584

Tech Rep:

Mark Tiller, 902-962-3835

Project Value:

\$163,500 (est. value was \$159,000 before extra work)

Project Description:

Murray Harbour issued a tender to specific proponents for a playground design and install. We had to arrange shipping to PEI, hire someone to off load the delivery, supplies and materials to install and landscape the site. Start to finish; the project was 1 week from shipment to completion. We installed two large structures, a two bay swing set and 2 benches. This project was started and completed in the month of December, arranging heated concrete, managing the weather and elements, and working with limited suppliers due to the time of year were all challenges that we faced during the project.



Project Installation - Halifax Grammar School

Client:

Halifax Grammar School

Address:

945 Tower Road, Halifax, NS, B3H2Y2

Contracting Officer:

Kerri Scarff - 902-718-7512

Tech Rep:

Kerri Scarff - 902-718-7512

Project Value:

\$435,000.00

Project Description:

Halifax Grammar had been dealing with another playground contractor and was having a lot of issues getting a response in a timely manner. So they reached out to us to step in and help them complete Phase 1 and 2. We worked with them to get them a design that they were very happy with. For phase one we installed a smaller playground area for the younger students. For phase 2 we did one of the biggest projects we had ever done. Seen below.

Key Challenges & Solutions:

The site access was very tight and on the busy Tower Road, we also ran into some bedrock. We quickly got the bedrock broken and removed and were able to get the project installed on time and ready for the children before school started. The client was very happy with the product and the process.



Playground Installation - Paley Brook

Client:

East Hants Municipality

Address:

15 Commerce Court, Elmsdale, NS B2S 3K5

Contracting Officer:

Evan MacDougall -emacdougall@easthants.ca

Tech Rep:

N/A

Project Value:

\$145,000 including the prep work

Project Description:

East Hants issued a tender at Paley Brook Park. The scope of the project included 2 structures, 2 bay swing set, landscaping and shade structures. We completed all of the work without the help of any subcontractors. The project was on time and within the budget. The budget for this work was 145,000.00

Key Challenges & Solutions:

This project required careful coordination to complete work within a new subdivision with a lot of new home construction going on with contractors and deliveries coming and going.. Phased construction and strong site management ensured public safety and minimized disruptions. Our project coordinator, Kody, managed the bidding process, required technology, site locates, staff, and construction activities while maintaining a safe and efficient work site. The result was a brand new park that significantly improved accessibility, functionality, and user experience for the community.



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Respectfully,

Rob Griffiths

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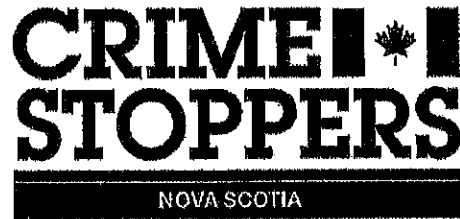
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