

Playground Maintenance Management Policy Update

Governance and Services Committee Meeting

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Background

- Park users owed “Duty of Care”
- July 25th, 2005 - Adoption of 4.41 Playground Maintenance Management Policy
- March 2020 – Canadian Standards Association CAN/CSA Z614-2020
- Meeting CAO Recommendation 1 from the RDCO 2020 Regional Parks Service Review



Key changes:

- Securing of Site during construction
- Inspection Frequency
- Owner identification for new builds
- Record of reported injuries



Securing of Site during construction



- Prevention of children playing on site
- During construction site and materials secured when left unattended
- Temporary barricade at unprotected openings
- Protective surfacing installed as soon as possible, and equipment not used until protective surfacing is in place

Inspection Frequency

- Not feasible to perform in depth inspection for every playground daily
- Associated with peak and non-peak times of the year
- Inspected in accordance with the weekly, monthly and annual inspections



Service Level Frequency

Type of Inspection	Frequency	Responsibility
Routine Walk-Through	Weekly	Park Operators
Routine In-Depth	Monthly	Parks Team Lead (Certified Playground Inspector)
Routine Inspection	Annually	Parks Team Lead with Parks Supervisor (Certified Playground Inspector)
New Playground Installation	Upon Installation	Parks Team Lead (Certified Playground Inspector)

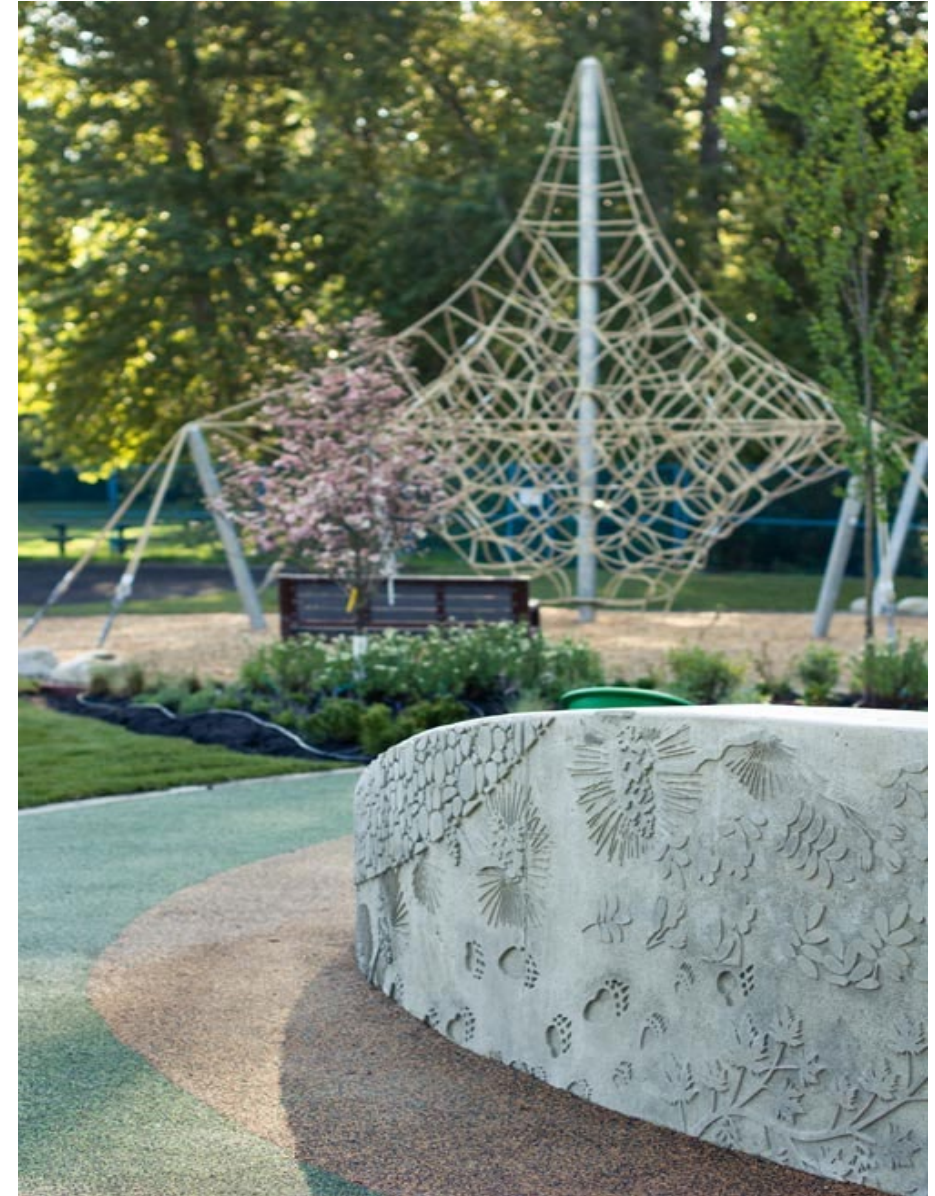
Owner Identification for new builds



- Posted on the premise of all playgrounds
- Includes contact number of Parks Services for:
 - Notification of emergency situations
 - Notification of defective equipment and hazards
 - Reports of injury

Record of Reported Injuries

- Recorded by staff on injury report form
- Immediately reported to Park Supervisor
- Collected to help to identify:
 - Potential hazards
 - Dangerous design features



Recommendation

THAT the Governance and Services Committee recommends the Regional Board approve the updated RDCO Playground Maintenance Management Policy.