

## Playground Maintenance and Repair

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### Policy Statement

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Insofar as financial resources allow, Strathcona County will provide the community with safe and healthy playgrounds and playground equipment. A system assigning labor, equipment and materials to playgrounds on a prioritized basis shall be adopted. Levels of service shall be established for playgrounds dependent upon their priority ranking.

Recreation, Parks and Culture shall have a comprehensive playground inspection and maintenance program to ensure that all playgrounds are inspected on a regular basis and that any playground apparatus that poses a health or safety hazard to the public shall be assessed and prioritized in accordance with this policy and repaired, removed or otherwise dealt with so as to prevent further use of that apparatus.

### Definitions

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1. "Playground" means an outdoor area containing a physical structure in a retained shock-absorbing base (usually sand), designed for the purpose of unstructured play.
2. "CSA" means Canadian Standards Association, Children's Playspaces and Equipment.

### Guidelines

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#### GENERAL

In order to create and maintain a safe environment, Recreation, Parks and Culture shall:

1. Inspect every new County-owned playground installation before the playground is opened for public use and confirm that it meets all current CSA Standards and is installed according to manufacturer specifications.
2. Follow a schedule of bi-monthly and seasonal inspections, and perform maintenance and repair for all County-owned playgrounds in accordance with this policy.
3. Prepare an annual playground condition status report.
4. Maintain detailed installation, inspection, accident and repair records for every County-owned playground site in Strathcona County in accordance with the County's Corporate Records and Information Management Policy.
5. Include the costs associated with this ongoing inspection and maintenance in the annual Department budget.