

The Playground Committee is very pleased to announce that we have unanimously agreed to a funding deal brokered by City of Edmonton Project Manager Michele Finn. We were awarded a \$250,000 Neighbourhood Park Development Program grant from the City last fall. We have decided to use \$200,000 of that grant this year for the playground, and \$50,000 sometime in the next 3 years for the park furniture and new gazebo development.

Currently, we are also awaiting official confirmation of an expected \$109,000 Community Facilities Enhancement Fund grant from the province. We have verbal confirmation of the amount from MLA Steve Young and he says he will look into the expected arrival date of the CFEP grant funds. We hope to have the CFEP funds in place by April 1st, or else it will delay construction.

In the meantime, we have put the final touches on our playground design, which is being handled by Park N Play. The plan, once approved, will be unveiled to the community on the website and newsletter in the spring. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the community for their continued support.

Next Steps:

Mid-April: Equipment approvals all done and finalized (by committee and then the City)

Late June: City releases tenders

Mid-July: Construction

September: Playground's Grand Opening