



MEETING DATE: APRIL 8, 2025

REQUEST FOR DECISION - TO COUNCIL

SUBJECT

MARWAYNE PLAYGROUND – MOTION REQUIRED

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the County of Vermilion River approve the Marwayne Playground Community Association funding request for \$44,000.00 from the General Recreation Reserve, to be released no sooner than 60 days before beginning construction of the new playground.

DETAILS

Background: The playground at Marwayne Jubilee School is used daily by elementary students and is always open for the community to use. The current playground structure is over 60 years old. With the deterioration of the playground equipment, there is concern for the safety of the users. If inspected today, it would not pass. A new, safer structure that is accessible for abilities of all children is needed.

The Marwayne Playground Committee (the “Committee”) has been fundraising for a new playground since May 2023. This small committee of four (4) has secured donations and facilitated several fundraisers.

This is a summary of their project budget as of the March 14, 2025 Capital Grant Application:

Revenue	
Fundraising	\$25,431.74
Donations / Sponsorships	\$12,208.00
Other Grants	\$29,208.75
Total Revenue	\$66,848.49
Expenses	
Building Construction (Equipment)	\$143,593.80
Installation	\$31,762.50
Freight	\$2,415.00
Total Expenses	\$177,771.30



Discussion: The Committee's goal is to begin construction of a new playground in the Summer of 2025. As you can see, the Committee has a deficit of \$110,922.81. The Committee has submitted a Capital Project Application requesting \$44,000.00 prior to having the full amount of funding. Approval of this funding would reduce the deficit to \$66,922.81.

If the County of Vermilion River (the "County") approves the requested amount of funding, this would aid the Committee in securing more funds. It would assist in efforts to receive matching grants. The Committee presented to the Village of Marwayne, however the response from the Village is that they would like to see the Committee closer to their fundraising goal before they commit any funding.

The Committee is working in partnership with Buffalo Trail Public Schools. Buffalo Trail Public Schools has committed \$50,000.00 to complete the landscaping. Buffalo Trail Public Schools will have the responsibility to maintain the playground structure following the completion of the structure.

Maintaining a healthy Park Trust balance allows County owned parks to benefit from the ability to fund for new and upgraded playground equipment that will be necessary in the near future.

Relevant Policy/Legislation Practices:

Policy PD 021 – Community Enhancement Funding Policy

Desired Outcome (s): THAT the County of Vermilion River approve the Marwayne Playground Community Association funding request for \$44,000.00 from the General Recreation Reserve, to be released no sooner than 60 days before beginning construction of the new playground.

Response Options: THAT the County of Vermilion River approve the Marwayne Playground Community Association funding request for \$44,000.00 from the General Recreation Reserve, to be released no sooner than 60 days before beginning construction of the new playground.

IMPLICATIONS OF RECOMMENDATION

Organizational: Notification to Marwayne Playground Community Association of Council decision

Financial: Funding amount from General Recreation Reserve



Communication Required: Council, Administration, Marwayne Playground Community Association, Public

Implementation: Upon Council approval

ATTACHMENTS

1. Funding request
2. Map
3. Policy PD 021 – Community Enhancement Funding

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DATE: March 27, 2025