



Owen Sound

STANDARD POLICY

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**SUBJECT:
PLAYGROUNDS**

**DEPARTMENT:
Community Services
DIVISION:
Rec & Culture**

COUNCIL AUTHORITY OR STAFF APPROVED:
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DATE:**

1. Playgrounds should be designed and planned to accommodate the needs of the growing child (eg. preschool, 5-8, 9-12)
2. City of Owen Sound playgrounds must meet the CSA Guidelines or equivalent standards.
 - 2.1 Playground upgrades, renovations and installations, shall be completed with due care and attention to risk management practices that utilize and/or consult recreation industry expertise in design and manufacture for location, construction and installation.
3. Playgrounds should be designed to invite parents and supervisors to take an active role in play with the child.
4. Whereas neighbourhood playgrounds may require layouts and structures that accommodate preschool – age 12, specific playground designed can be undertaken (in environments such as Harrison Park) which appeal more strictly to an older age-group users.
5. Accessibility for the physically-challenged child must be considered and incorporated into the playgrounds plan.
6. All City of Owen Sound playgrounds should be evaluated in terms of suitability of a) setting; b) layout; c) equipment.
7. Playgrounds should meet, not only safety requirements, but also “comfort needs” of the child and adult users (eg. Shaded seating area, drinking fountains, equipment useable by supervising adult)
8. Service and community groups should be involved and welcomed into a partnership for playground funding and design.
9. Landing surfaces in and around play equipment to be at acceptable safety standards is a priority.
10. Staff shall utilize the policy in operation decisions as playgrounds are developed and upgraded.

