

Administrative Procedure 546 Appendix

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT/STRUCTURES SPECIFICATIONS

All construction, development and/or maintenance of playground equipment, structures and associated landscaping shall comply with the following standards in addition to the CAN/CSA Z614-98.

1. Wood structural posts shall not be used on Division property. All wood used shall be pressure treated.
2. Fully enclosed spiral tube slides will not be used.
3. Protective surfacing shall be a minimum of 12" of washed white sand and/or 7mm washed round gyra rock, in accordance with CSA Standards regarding critical height and protective surface zones.
4. Retaining borders may be used around all play equipment. Site conditions will determine type, size and need if required.
5. Swing hangers shall be equipped with means of lubrication and all wearing parts shall be easily replaced (i.e. sleeves, 's' hooks, eyes, etc.).
6. Swing seats shall be constructed with a metal or aluminium core.
7. If site furniture is installed, it shall be constructed of coated metal and include table(s), and/or bench(es), and refuse container(s). Landscaping around playground sites shall be completed in accordance with development standards and acceptable planting practices.
8. Prior to installation of new playground equipment the grade and elevation of the site shall be determined and steps shall be taken to insure the site is well above grade and the site will not hinder drainage in this or adjacent areas.
9. New playgrounds shall not be installed on old playground sites unless the sites have been excavated and brought back to grade, or a proper drainage system is installed.
10. All designated play surfaces shall not exceed a maximum of 9'0" in height.
11. Playground equipment manufacturers shall be selected on the basis that they meet the standards and specifications in indicated in the procedure 3.3
12. A Certificate of Compliance is required from the manufacturer and certified CSA Playground Inspector upon completion of construction (CSA Standard).

These specifications are subject to change and/or revisions at any time.

Reference: Section 60, 61, 113, 116, 117, School Act
Joint Use Agreements – Ward Municipalities
CSA Standards