



**POLICY TITLE:            PLAYGROUNDS AND EQUIPMENT**

**POLICY NUMBER:        OPERATIONS / ENG. - 638**

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**Policy:**

It is recognized that due to budgetary and resource constraints that supervision of playgrounds and detailed daily or monthly inspection of all playgrounds, playground and exercise equipment is not possible. The City **will not** supervise playgrounds and has put in place a system of inspections of playground and exercise equipment on a four (4) month basis. The inspection will consist of checking for loose bolts or connections, levelling of fall zones and removal of graffiti. The noted inspections **do not** conform to CSA/CSA – Z614-M90, however the results will be documented on a CSA 614-M90 check list.

In addition to annual inspections the City will also encourage members of the public and staff to report any deficiencies noted.

- Within three (3) working days after notification that a hazardous condition exists, City staff will inspect, take photographs and assess the situation, the Manager, Municipal Operations or his designate will be notified as soon as practical.
  
- If required repair of Playgrounds and Playground and Exercise Equipment will be carried out as soon as practical.
  - Temporary precautions will be taken to ensure public safety prior to the repairs being carried out, which may involve the placement of barricades, warning signs and/or temporary fills.
  - Staff will visit the site, as required, to ensure the temporary precautions remain in place until the repairs are completed.
  - Time permitting; they will also inspect the site for other potential hazards during these visits.
  - Repair of the playground and equipment will be carried out as scheduled.
  - It is recognized that, where cost effective to do so, repairs may also be carried out to other portions of the playground and equipment.

### **New Playground Equipment Purchase**

All newly purchased playground equipment is to be in compliance with CAN/CSA-Z614-M90 wherever possible.

### **Rationale:**

The City of White Rock wishes to demonstrate that balanced against the nature and quality of the risk involved, the City of White Rock's system of Playgrounds, Playground Equipment and Outdoor Exercise Equipment Inspection / Maintenance Program is reasonable in light of all circumstances including budgetary limits, available personnel and equipment and the criteria of wanting to meet the standard duty of care.