

THE CORPORATION OF THE  
**CITY OF WHITE ROCK**  
CORPORATE REPORT



**DATE:** October 7, 2024  
**TO:** Mayor and Council  
**FROM:** Justin Schneider, Manager, Parks  
**SUBJECT:** Generations Playground Splash Pad Update

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**RECOMMENDATION**

THAT Council receive the corporate report dated October 7, 2024, from the Manager of Parks, titled “Generations Playground Splash Pad Update” and approve the final concept drawing and direct staff to proceed with the detailed design phase.

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This corporate report provides Council with an update on the Centennial Splash Pad project and the opportunity to review recommendations.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION**

<b>Motion # &amp; Meeting Date</b>	<b>Motion Details</b>
2024-225 June 24, 2024	THAT Council:  1. Review the pros and cons of the three (3) concept design options; and  2. Direct staff to proceed with Concept Design #1 as per the reasons outlined within the Corporate Report.  <b>CARRIED</b>

**INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND**

The Splash Pad project has continued to advance since the presentation of the initial concept layout options and has evolved to incorporate Council’s feedback and refine the overall vision.

The final concept drawing, included in Appendix A, reflects the approved design option and addresses key considerations raised during the review process. This includes optimizing sun and shade exposure, ensuring efficient space utilization, and maintaining an intuitive flow for users. The operational water play space will now feature all-concrete surfacing, eliminating the sand previously proposed, ensuring that the facility can be enjoyed by all users.

As highlighted in the previous report, the Splash Pad project will offer a multitude of benefits to the community, including:

- Increased play opportunities
- Inclusion and accessibility
- Enhanced cooling and fun
- Multi-generational appeal
- Improved park utilization

The Peach Arch Hospital Foundation (PAHF) has generously contributed \$100,000 to the project, supporting the relocation and repurposing of existing fitness equipment, as well as purchasing new equipment.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Funds for the project are included in the approved 2024 Financial Plan.

### **INTERDEPARTMENTAL INVOLVEMENT/IMPLICATIONS**

Recreation and Culture and Engineering and Municipal Operations staff are working together on this project, especially with respect to the fitness equipment priority. Recreation and Culture are actively researching new design options for replacing some of the existing fitness equipment and will be submitting an update for 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, 2024.

### **CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS**

Sustainability is a key priority for this project. In addition to optimizing water use and maximizing play value with on-demand activators, we are committed to incorporating a water management system that minimizes environmental impact. For the current detailed design phase, we are reviewing the options for a flow-through system that diverts a portion of water away from the sanitary sewer and towards a percolation or repurposing system.

### **ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PRIORITIES**

The Generations Playground Splash Pad is a Council proposed and endorsed project, and it is in alignment with Community and Infrastructure priority areas of focus. The Community priority identifies that we foster a livable city with connected residents enjoying distinctive places and activities, and the Infrastructure priority identifies that we plan, build, and maintain infrastructure to enhance quality of life and civic service delivery while mitigating and adapting to environmental impacts.

**CONCLUSION**

In conclusion, this report has presented the final concept drawing for the Splash Pad project. The design, incorporating valuable feedback, reflects the approved vision for this exciting community asset.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by,



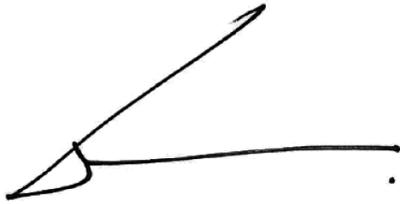
Justin Schneider  
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Jim Gordon, P.Eng.  
Director, Engineering & Municipal Operations

**Comments from the Chief Administrative Officer**

I concur with the recommendation of this corporate report.



Guillermo Ferrero  
Chief Administrative Officer

Appendix A: Final Concept Design

## Appendix A FINAL CONCEPT DESIGN

