

RECREATION POLICY SECTION 15.3	PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FUNDING Page 1/2
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PURPOSE

To provide:

- a framework to manage funding requests for playground equipment on Wheatland County property;
- funding guidelines for communities, groups, or organizations for playground equipment.

OBJECTIVE

Wheatland County is committed to quality recreation opportunities within the County area. The primary concerns are to ensure responsible utilization of tax dollars, community support for purchasing and installing playground equipment on County property.

POLICY

1. Site selection for playground projects shall be approved by the County.
2. Playground equipment shall meet the applicable Canadian Standards Association (CSA) guidelines.
3. The County may match up to 50% of the playground costs per eligible project, pending the annual Community Services capital budget. Community organizations must ensure that they have raised, at a minimum, 50% of the total project cost to be eligible for a contribution of up to 50% project cost by the County.
4. Community Enhancement Regional Board (CERB) funds are not eligible for the organization's matching budget amount. CERB funds may be considered as part of the County's matching amount.
5. Playground equipment will be the property of Wheatland County. Maintenance will be completed by the County, as required to preserve the asset and address liability issues. If the Community Organization selects a maintenance intensive option of play equipment the following may apply:

- a) The County may approve all, part or deny any request received;
 - b) A maintenance agreement may be required between the parties to address those additional costs.
- 6. Playgrounds have a reasonable lifespan of 20 years. County administration will begin the process of community engagement 3-5 years before amenity end of life. Engagement objective is to inform the community that the structure is nearing the end of life. This will allow time for the community to mobilize fund raising efforts, if so desired by the Community. Without community fundraising support the playground equipment will be removed once it no longer meets CSA requirements; which could exceed the 20 year lifespan timeframe.
- 7. This policy may not apply to sites where there are lease/license agreements in place.