



CNV CRITERIA for Application for School Playground Funding

Project and Application Evaluation Criteria

There are a number of considerations that the applicant should demonstrate in their application to the City of North Vancouver. Once eligibility for review is confirmed, each application is reviewed based on the criteria outlined below.

What is the goal for the improvements – Why are these improvements needed?

Consider the school site and the opportunities and constraints it provides. Describe the location, slope of school yard, existing surface (asphalt, gravel, grass, etc) and how your school playground project will fit with the existing conditions. Often the best way to illustrate this is with a drawing of the site and locate the school yard improvements with accurate size (dimensions). Please provide the drawing and any other relevant images with the application showing existing conditions and proposed improvements.

Submit the communication with School District Principal and Operations staff documenting support for this project.

In addition to confirmation of meeting the eligibility criteria in the Policy for Public Elementary School Playground Enhancements the City will evaluate applications for Playground Enhancement Project funding according to the following criteria:

1) Playground design to increase physical literacy

- i) How will the proposed project improve the existing play area?

- ii) How will the proposed playground engage free play and promote healthy gross-motor development, strength and competence, while also connecting to nature?

iii) How does the proposed playground improvements plan for a variety of sensory experiences as well as quiet, calm spaces to retreat?

iv) Has the use of natural materials been considered and/or proposed?

v) How will the proposed project create elements for children to practice motor planning and body coordination skills?

vi) How will the proposed project encourage social, creative, adventurous play and learning?

2) Community accessibility and use of the playground

i) How will the proposed playground enhancement serve the surrounding neighbourhood residents, improve livability, health, safety, and complement existing services in the neighbourhood? How will it meet the neighbourhood's needs?

ii) How will this enhancement remove barriers to meet accessibility and inclusive standards for all ages and abilities?

iii) Does the project plan consider various conditions and comforts such design for heat and weather protection, access to drinking water (if possible), etc.?

iv) Does the playground link with the existing sidewalk, greenways or walking path network, and facilitate active transportation on site (e.g. bicycle parking, walking paths, etc.)?

v) How will the playground design consider the needs of a diversity of residents and multigenerational community?

vi) Will the project include appropriate spaces that provide opportunities for connection, community gatherings, outdoor classrooms and seating?

3) Project sustainability, feasibility, and inclusive process

i) How will the proposed project contribute to restoration or preservation of the natural environment?

- ii) How have the; School District, Parent Advisory Council, community/neighbourhood, school staff and students and other partners been involved in the project?

- iii) What resources and funds have been secured to implement and fund the project? (e.g. availability of PAC school contingency funds, etc.). Include a project budget complete with the funds request to the City of North Vancouver.

Please answer all the questions above and if you have any questions please contact:

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Successful applicants will be responsible for submitting a report detailing the process as outlined above, documenting construction and before/after photos.

Applicant timeline:

1. Finalize proposed concept + drawing
2. Document SD44 support and any secured funding
3. Complete application form + submit the Drawing (and any other images or materials)
4. CNV staff review application
5. CNV staff recommend to Council (if application accepted)
6. CNV Council to review and approve funding request