



Greenview Park September 2, 2017, photo by Al Aben

Greenview Park and Playground Redevelopment Project

Where we are in the Redevelopment Cycle (most current info is first)

- **September, 2017**: The fencing finally came down around the playground on Friday, September 1 and after 7 ½ years since the project started, the last Woodvale Playground has now been rebuilt and available for use! The official re-opening will be held on Saturday September 16 as part of Woodvale's Community league Day with a ribbon cutting at 1 PM at the new Gazebo.
- **June, 2017**: Work started again in April and unfortunately due to some wet weather this spring we had further delays. Work is progressing with concrete work currently being done and footings poured to support the playground equipment. This will continue through the summer and it is planned that the playground may be opened in stages with remaining areas fenced off until they are also completed.
- **October, 2016**: While work started in August, problems were encountered with the amount of material and old concrete that had to be removed as well as the amount of clay to be brought in for additional fill.

Additional wet weather delayed the removal work. While work will continue this year, the playground will not be completed until likely August 2017. Unfortunately this means the site will remain fenced off over the winter and not reopen until later in the summer of 2017.

- August, 2016: The City of Edmonton has finished the tendering process and awarded the contract to rebuild the playground. A meeting was held with the respective groups involved with this playground on August 10 and work is scheduled to start the week of August 15 with fencing off of the area and removing the old equipment and infrastructure i.e. concrete, sand, weeping tile etc. Construction vehicles will be accessing the park site from 38 Avenue and we appreciate the community's understanding during this time. It is hoped that the playground work will be completed in November 2016 although some landscaping work may have to wait until 2017.
- January, 2016: Work is underway to rebuild the Greenview Park playground in 2016. Working with the City of Edmonton Project Manager and once more information is available as to a planned start date, the information here will be updated.
- December, 2015: The additional amount of the CFEP grant application originally applied for, was received.
- Late Fall 2015: Received some of the CFEP funding applied for. Some follow-up work being done if the remaining amount applied for might still be possible in order to proceed with the majority of the work planned for the site.
- October 29, 2015: the 1st Annual General Meeting of "The Friends of the Greenview Playground Development Society" was held at 8 PM at the Woodvale Facilities Building on the Mill Wood's Golf Course.
- July to September, 2015: Ongoing follow-up re the CFEP application which is still under review by the provincial government.
- January to June 2015: Follow-up still ongoing re CFEP grant application. As well grant applications were submitted to the Canada Post Community Foundation, the Coop Community Spaces, Edmonton Community Foundation and Alberta Recycling Municipal Grants and all were unsuccessful **except the Alberta Recycling grant which will provide some assistance with some of the cost of the rubber required under specific playground features.**
- March 19, 2015: 2nd meeting held of the society and looked at other possible funding sources.
- January 7, 2015: 1st meeting of the new society with elections held. Currently 9 members form the society.
- December 2014: Updated costing review was done with the playground supplier and a new CFEP grant application submitted to the provincial government.
- November 2014: A separate committee has been formed to oversee the Greenview Playground project and has been set up as the "**The Friends of the Greenview Playground Development Society**: through the Alberta Corporate Registry.
- May 2014: Work is currently on hold for this playground while work is underway on the Hillview Playground site during the summer of 2014. Meetings are expected to resume with the City after the completion of the Hillview site. However dollars available from the City of Edmonton for the 2015 to 2018 cycle for playground redevelopment will not be known until December 2014 when budgets are decided by the city. As well it is expected that overall costs will have increased on the Greenview Playground site and fund raising will be necessary by the Woodvale Community if this playground is to go ahead. It is likely that \$50,000 to \$100,000 additional dollars will have to be raised in addition to grants that may be possible even assuming that the full amounts are received from grant requests.
- May 23, 2014: Received approval from the Government of Alberta to transfer their grant funds to the Hillview Playground site for use in 2014.
- May 20, 2014: The Greenview PAC has advised that they will be able to provide some funding towards this playground redevelopment.
- April 21, 2014: With formal approval received from the city to move funding to the Hillview playground site, follow-up was now possible to request the Government of Alberta approve the transfer of their grant funds also to the Hillview site as those funds also had to be used in 2014 or returned.
- April 17, 2014: Formal approval received from the City of Edmonton to move the previously approved Greenview matching funding to the Hillview Playground site for 2014 as it had to be used up in 2014.
- Sept through Nov 2013: Meetings were held by committee reps with the PACs at Hillview School, Greenview School and John Paul 1 School asking for assistance in fund raising towards their respective playgrounds as the

grant process to date has not been successful in obtaining funding needed. Hillview and John Paul 1 PACs have both committed to working on fund raising and the Greenview PAC will be advising in the New Year once they receive some casino funding, as to whether they may be able to assist and in what amount.

- **Sept 23, 2013:** The playground committee has been meeting over the summer to decide how best to proceed with the playground redevelopments and the funding shortfall. A decision was made in August and approved by the Woodvale Board to try and work on the Hillview Playground first due to lower costs expected i.e. main infrastructure (concrete curbs) is in good shape and does not need to be replaced although new weeping tile would be installed. It was also decided to speak to all three Parent Advisory Councils, that we need their assistance in fund raising towards their respective playgrounds or we may have to reduce the size of the playgrounds from what we may only have in funding. While grants are still being applied for, funding levels and number of grants available for the playground type of applications are declining. Donations are being accepted via the Woodvale Community League to assist with funding of the 3 playgrounds. See "**Playground Donations**" for more information.
- **June 18, 2013:** Received some funding from the provincial government towards the Greenview Playground, however the amount was considerably less than the grant amount requested and has caused a major shortfall in overall funding towards this playground. At this point various aspects are being explored in completing the Greenview and the remaining two playgrounds. It is hoped that we will have more information in the fall of 2013.
- **June 5, 2013:** Still waiting to hear re the status on the provincial grant for the Greenview Playground. The playground committee met with the Project Manager and Landscape Architect from the city re looking at preliminary aspects for the Hillview Playground area. Assuming funding is all in place, this playground would be targeted for work to be done in 2015. This still requires grant funding of which the city has not set any funding for the 2015 to 2017 time period at this point (the last funding was for the 2012-2014 period in which the Greenview Playground received approval for the 2014 period in Dec 2012) plus funding from other sources too.
- **March 21, 2013:** We received notice re our federal grant application for some funds towards the Greenview Playground, that we were not approved for any funding. At this point we are waiting to hear from the provincial government re that grant application, with a decision expected in Q2 2013.
- **January 2013:** The city has advised the committee that the Hillview Playground footprint design would not be ready until the spring of 2013; also no further information provided by the Separate School Board re the John Paul 1 site, so no further work initiated towards those two sites at this time.
- The grant request submitted to the province in September had to be withdrawn in late October but was resubmitted December 12 with some modifications.
- **December 10, 2012:** **The grant application submitted to the City in September has been approved, assuming we have the necessary matching funds (e.g. such as provincial or federal grant funding) in place by preset deadlines.**
- **November 19, 2012:** Submitted grant application for possible Federal funding to assist with the project costs.
- Park N Play Design had submitted the Greenview Playground layouts with the equipment discussed, to the City however some changes were required to meet some city mandates. A modified layout was resubmitted in November and these changes were accepted by the City.
- The grant applications have been submitted to the City of Edmonton (Sept 11) and to the Province (Sept 12) for the Greenview Park/Playground work and we should know in early 2013 if we are successful.
- **September 15, 2012:** **An Open House was held for the community to review the Greenview Playground site layouts and equipment being proposed, from noon to 3 PM at the Jackie Parker Park in the Pavilion. This was part of Woodvale's Community League Day celebrations held at the same time.**
- **July 18, 2012:** Met with Park N Play Design to review changes discussed at July 4 meeting and review updated site drawings. Work fairly well completed on equipment items with colors to be determined later; some aspects still to be finalized re picnic tables, benches, gazebo and waste receptacles but examples were provided for the committee to view.
- **July 4, 2012:** Met with the City Project Manager who provided updates on some new changes to playground requirements as well as with **Park N Play Design** in our starting in-depth work on the equipment selections and site layout. Additional meetings planned to continue this process until finalized.

- June 27, 2012: Decision made to go with the playground supplier **Park N Play Design** for the Greenview site.
- June 20, 2012: Met with the two suppliers with each providing drawings of specific equipment features to budget for the Greenview site, based on both information from the survey results as well as observations of committee members in looking at other playground sites etc.
- May 30, 2012: Decision made on having two equipment suppliers back with drawings based on our specific needs assessment aspects, to scale for the site and within a specific budget amount.
- May 10 and 17, 2012: Met with four equipment suppliers to obtain additional information on their equipment, warranties, installation rates, etc.
- April 18 to May 2, 2012: Committee members visited a number of playgrounds in Edmonton that had been redeveloped from 2005 to 2011, to look at the various equipment suppliers' work and how the sites were being utilized along with speaking to the other community league boards re the work done.
- April 10, 2012: Open House held at Woodvale Community Hall to provide residents with the Greenview site Concept Drawing and information on the plans for this site as well as an overview on next steps on John Paul 1 School site and Hillview Park. See also the FAQ information on an overview on the playground/park work.
- April 4, 2012: Met with city project manager and landscape architect and work started on looking at Approved Playground Suppliers for equipment and others aspects identified on the needs assessment.
- March 20, 2012: after being approved by the committee, the Woodvale Board approved the Concept Drawing.
- March 7, 2012: The city project manager and landscape architect presented the Greenview site Concept Drawing to the committee.