



REPORT TO

CORPORATE SERVICES, STRATEGIC PLANNING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

SUSTAINABLE OUTDOOR ENVIRONMENTS PROJECT UPDATE

"I can do all things through Him who strengthens me." Phillippians 4:13 (NRSVCE)

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INFORMATION REPORT

Vision: IN GOD'S IMAGE: Growing in Knowledge, with Justice and Hope.

Mission: Nurturing the faith development and academic excellence of our Catholic learning community through the love of God, neighbour, and self.



MULTI-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN 2022 - 2025

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A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report updates the Board on the status of projects undertaken by the Sustainable Outdoor Environments team and includes playground and schoolyard improvements, as well as larger site renewal projects. Projects are funded through various sources including school Renewal allocations, municipal grants, school fundraising and smaller third-party grants.

In 2022-2024, 200 separate projects ranging in size were completed at TCDSB school sites. The current value of the outdoor environments program is \$12.3M including work funded by the Playground and Schoolyard Revitalization Fund and site renewal work funded through annual Renewal Plans.

As of November 31, 2024, site improvement work that was previously delayed or deferred has now been substantially completed, with limited exceptions.

The cumulative staff time required to prepare this report was 42 hours

B. PURPOSE

1. This report provides and update on the status of all outdoor site projects under the purview of the Sustainable Outdoor Environments team.

C. BACKGROUND

1. *Since its inception, the Playground Reserve in 2019, with an allotment \$100K per ward plus equity funding, has evolved into the Playground and Schoolyard Revitalization Fund with an allotment of \$125K per ward.* The following table summarizes the funding and number of successful applicants per year of the program:

Year	2020	2022	2023	2024	Total
Funding	\$1.48M	\$1.2M	\$2.16M *\$1.5M + PR Carryover	\$1.5	\$6.34M
Successful Applicants	91 **plus 140 CVRIS projects	77	109	73	350

Note: Individual applications consist of a single playstructure, or include multiple play elements.

2. ***The 2022-23 Renewal Plan allocated \$6.6M for site work projects in addition to the Playground and Schoolyard Revitalization funding for outdoor improvements.*** Site work projects cover the renovation of both softscape and hardscape components of school sites. Replacement of parking lot and playground pavement and site drainage required due to life cycle and wear and tear make up the majority of this work.
3. ***The 2024-2025 Renewal Plan, approved in October 2024, has allocated \$12.3M for new site works projects*** , representing 19% of the total 2024-2025 School Renewal Plan.
4. ***Through a partnership with the City of Toronto***, 140 trees are scheduled to be planted at 13 schools Fall 2024. Tree planting collaboration with City of Toronto was paused in 2023 due to shortage of staff and reinstated once 2 new SOE Supervisors were hired in 2024.
5. ***The SOE team has also reinstated a partnership in 2024 with Green Communities Canada*** providing free bike racks, supplied and installed to any TCDSB school submitting a request through our SOE Officer.
6. ***As of November 31, 2024, all delayed and deferred site work Renewal projects from previous years will be completed with limited exceptions*** for late changes, additions to the scope of work and completion of construction deficiencies.

D. METRICS AND ACCOUNTABILITY

1. ***As of December 31, 2023, all outdoor improvement projects funded through the Federal CVRIS program were completed.*** In total 83 outdoor classrooms and 57 playground improvement projects were completed under this program.
2. ***As of October 31, 2024, a total value of \$3.24M in Playground Reserve and Playground and Schoolyard Revitalization Funds has been completed.*** There are a elements that are currently back ordered yet to be installed.
3. ***Previously awarded \$1.6M in funding remains unspent where schools have chosen to bank their funding for larger projects, work is in progress or schools have not yet spent their full funding award.*** Staff are currently engaged in working with schools to spend any surplus available.
4. ***Refer to Appendix A for a listing, by Ward, of all projects allocated funding through the Playground and Schoolyard Revitalization Fund*** or the Playground Reserve since 2021.
5. ***Refer to Appendix B for a list of current site projects allocated funding through the annual Renewal Plans,*** project status and anticipated construction timeline.
6. ***As part of the Renewal Project updates issued three times a year, outdoor project status updates are being issued*** and distributed by email for circulation to school communities. These updates are provided to Principals, Trustees, Superintendents and Senior Staff. Principals are asked to share the information with their school communities.

E. CONCLUDING STATEMENT

This report is for the information of the Board of Trustees.