

To: Safety and Facilities Services Committee

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Subject: Parks Enhancement Program 2024 Update

Ward: All Wards

File: 03-05

1.0 Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide an update to the Safety and Facilities Services Committee on the achievements of the 2024 Parks Enhancement Program.

2.0 Recommendation

That the Safety and Facilities Services Committee recommend to City Council:

That Report SF-25-42, dated September 10, 2025 concerning the 2024 Parks Enhancement Program be received for information.

3.0 Input From Other Sources

- Parks and Roads Operations Services
- Legislative Services

4.0 Analysis

4.1 Background

Initiated through the 2024 Capital Budget, the Parks Enhancement Program was established to proactively manage aging park assets while reducing long-term capital pressures. The program targets parks at the mid-point of their life cycle, where focused improvements can extend functionality, enhance safety, and enrich community use without the need for full-scale redevelopment. Through strategic investments, such as refreshed amenities, accessibility upgrades, and infrastructure improvements, the program seeks to extend the overall lifespan of existing parks, support sustainable asset management, and ensure residents continue to benefit from high-quality recreational spaces. Locations are

selected through a systematic approach that incorporates input from parks operations and maintenance staff, life cycle data, health and safety considerations, and other key factors.

4.2 2024 Park Enhancement Program Overview

In its inaugural year, the Parks Enhancement Program delivered a range of amenity upgrades across all five (5) wards of the City. Improvements included accessible shaded seating, accessible benches, enhanced bleacher seating for sporting events, inclusive swing seats and replacement of aging park signage.

In total, the 2024 program delivered thirty-three (34) amenity upgrades across twenty-one (21) different parks throughout the City.

4.2.1 Accessible Shade Seating

Heavy-duty, three-seat shade tables with an open space to accommodate mobility devices were installed on accessible concrete pads at ten (10) parks across the City, with two (2) locations in each ward. These new tables provide welcoming, shaded spots for rest and gathering, especially in parks that previously offered limited opportunities for sun protection.

Shade tables were installed at the following parks:

- Coldstream Park
- Columbus Park
- Summer Glen Park
- Somerset Park
- Corbett's Park
- Copperfield Park
- Prestwick Park
- Central Park
- Wellington Park
- Lake Vista Park

4.2.2 Accessible Park Benches

Ten (10) aging park benches were replaced with new benches that meet the City's accessible park bench standard, featuring backs and armrests for added comfort and support. Each bench was installed on a concrete pad which connected to the existing accessible pathway at five (5) different park locations.

New benches were installed at the following parks:

- Columbus Park – 1 bench
- Somerset Park – 2 benches
- Edenwood Park – 3 benches
- Bermuda Park – 2 benches
- Northview Park – 2 benches

4.2.3 Bleachers

Three (3) new aluminum bleachers were installed at Ritson Fields baseball diamonds replacing the older wooden units and improving the spectator viewing experience. The updated layout features a five-row, 6.5 metre long bleacher with rear and side safety guards, all installed on accessible concrete pads. These improvements provide safer and more comfortable seating for spectators and are positioned behind the backstop and along the first and third base lines.

4.2.4 Inclusive Swing Seats

Accessible and inclusive moulded bucket swing seats were installed at ten (10) different parks with existing accessible pathways, throughout the City, two (2) in each ward.

Accessible swing seats were installed at the following parks:

- Conlin Meadows Park
- Edenwood Park
- Summer Glen Park
- Glenbourne Park
- Grand Ridge Park
- Central Park
- Cowan Park
- Chopin Park
- Lakewoods Park
- Columbus Park

4.2.5 Park Sign Replacement

A new stone park name sign at the northwest corner of Memorial Park was engraved and installed, as the previous name sign was removed. The new signage helps park users identify the park when entering from the Metcalfe & Centre St S park entrance.

5.0 Financial Implications

There are no financial implications directly related to this Report.

6.0 Relationship to the Oshawa Strategic Plan

This report responds to the Oshawa Strategic Plan Priority Area “Care: Safe and Sustainable Environment” with the goal to provide and maintain recreational outdoor spaces, parks, and trails.



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