

To: Safety and Facilities Services Committee

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Subject: Parks Enhancement Program 2025 Update

Ward: All Wards

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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 2025 Parks Enhancement Program.

2.0 Recommendation

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

That Report SF-26-14, dated April 7, 2026, concerning the 2025 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

First Initiated in 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, lifecycle data, health and safety considerations, and other key factors.

This report reflects the second year of the Parks Enhancement Program. Experience gained through the first year has strengthened the application of the program's selection approach and improved overall consistency in prioritization, supporting more informed decision-making and the delivery of targeted, cost-effective enhancements across the City.

4.2 2025 Park Enhancement Program Overview

In 2025, the Parks Enhancement Program continued to deliver targeted amenity upgrades across all five (5) wards of the City, building on the program framework established in 2024. Improvements included the addition of a junior play structure, new bleachers with accessibility upgrades, players' benches, a new swing set, and accessible shade seating.

In total, the 2025 program delivered twelve (12) amenity upgrades across the City, including individual installations of play equipment, seating, and associated accessibility improvements such as pathways and inclusive play features.

These improvements were selected to address identified service gaps, accessibility needs, and asset condition priorities within existing parks.

4.2.1 Junior Play Structure

A junior play structure, designed for children aged 2-5 years, was installed at Greenhill Park. The structure includes a double slide, imaginative play opportunities, sensory play options, climbing and balancing elements, ground level play components, and an accessible transfer station. This addition has enhanced inclusive play opportunities and addressed a previous gap in age-appropriate amenities for younger children at the park.

4.2.2 Bleachers, Players' Benches and Accessibility Improvements

One (1) new aluminum bleacher was installed at the Kedron Park baseball diamond, replacing the older wooden unit and improving the spectator viewing experience. The updated installation features a five-row, 4 metre long bleacher with rear and side safety guards. The existing asphalt surrounding the bleacher was also removed and replaced to improve accessibility.

At Woodview Park, two (2) new aluminum bleachers were installed to replace existing units in poor condition. The west side bleacher features a five-row, 7 metre long configuration with rear and side safety guards, while the southwest bleacher includes a five-row, 5 metre long unit with similar safety features. A 1.8 metre wide accessible asphalt pathway was also constructed to provide barrier free access to the bleachers, which were previously only accessible via the grass surrounding the diamond.

In addition, two (2) new aluminum players' benches were also installed, replacing deteriorated wooden benches and enhancing the overall player experience.

4.2.3 Swing Set with Accessible Seat

A new three (3) bay swing set was installed at Whitehall Park, featuring two (2) belt seats, two (2) tot seats and one (1) accessible and inclusive molded bucket seat. The installation includes an accessible concrete ramp, concrete curbing, and engineered wood fiber safety surfacing. This addition introduces a new play feature to the park which previously did not include a swing amenity.

4.2.4 Accessible Shade Seating

Three (3) heavy duty shade tables were installed on a concrete pad at Warne Park. Two (2) are four-seat models with integrated umbrellas, while one (1) is a three-seat accessible model which includes an open space to accommodate a mobility device. These improvements provide a welcoming, shaded gathering area in a park that previously offered limited protection from the sun.

5.0 Financial Implications

There are no financial implications directly related to this report. All works were completed within approved capital budgets.

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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