



# Dream a Playground

A Lions Club Project for Inclusive Play in  
Uxbridge



# \* Agenda

Draft Proposal - Time Line and \$\$\$

What does our inclusive playground include: features, orientation, accessibility

Where we are in the process

Our partners in fundraising

What we need from the community and businesses?

Next steps



The Uxbridge Lions Club proposes to build an inclusive, accessible playground at Elgin Park because:

- \* 12 - 15% of any population is identified as having a special need
- \* Children learn to value inclusive attitudes when they play with their peers - it builds kindness and confidence
- \* Children who have access to play in a natural environment where they can play with their peers and family members, develop in all areas, cognitively, emotionally, physically and socially
- \* Our hope is to complete the playground by 2022 coming in with a cost of approximately \$300,000.



\* Draft Proposal

# \* Draft Budget Breakdown

Uxbridge - Elgin Park - Lions Club -  
Universally Accessible Playground



- \* **Total Budget - \$300,000.00**
- \* Preliminary site investigations, measurements (non-legal): \$3,000.00
- \* Site hoarding, siltation controls, tree protection fencing, safety fencing: \$3,900.00
- \* Demolition, removals, disposal: Currently offered by Town of Uxbridge
- \* Grading, sub-drainage: \$4,500.00
- \* Perimeter curbing/edging: \$18,800.00
- \* Playground equipment (universally accessible) supply and install: \$160,000.00
- \* Naturalized play elements: \$30,000.00
- \* Safety surfacing: \$42,000.00
- \* Walkways and connections to existing walkways: \$6,000.00
- \* Restoration, shade tree planting: \$5,000.00
- \* Third party CSA safety certification: \$800.00
- \* Contingency: \$26,000.00

- \* Appropriate and **diverse ground cover**
  - \* **Accessibility to play experiences/equipment**
  - \* Opportunities for **nature exploration**
  - \* **Healthy risk taking opportunities**
  - \* Opportunities for children with different abilities **to play alongside each other**
  - \* A place where **Senses are engaged** in different play experiences, i.e.: hearing, touching, smelling, seeing, kinesthetic, vestibular
  - \* Cooperative activities that **promote social engagement and friendship**
  - \* Play experiences that **involve families** in joyful companionship
- \* **What Does Our Inclusive Playground Include?**





# Features



- \* Children need to climb to build muscle, spatial awareness and coordination.



- \* Children love to slide, as it allows their body to move quickly through space.



## \* Climbing and Sliding



- \* Children learn to move through space while they swing- developing their sense of motion and creating a different perspective of the world



- \* While spinning, children's vestibular sense is challenged - done in a group - wonderful social experiences occur



## \* Swinging and Spinning



- \* Children develop an understanding of their world through pretend play - acting out familiar scenarios



- \* Exploring sound through instruments allows children of all abilities to feel sound vibrations and for most to hear interesting sounds.



## \* Pretend play and Music



- \* Many aspects of a playground can offer opportunities to improve balance and coordination.



- \* In a natural, open-ended setting children have opportunities to choose how they will move through the playground, solving problems as they arise.



## \* Balance and Problem Solving

## \*Where we are in the process



- \* We have met with and collected a large number of ideas from various playground equipment suppliers
- \* We have invited the children and community of Uxbridge to dream their inclusive playground and submit their ideas - a HUGE success
- \* We have begun to fundraise, Autumn Lions Road Toll
- \* We are learning to write grant applications
- \* We are hearing from local community members who want to help out by donating expertise, time and service

## \* Partnerships

Other community organizations

In-Kind donations

Individuals

- \* We have connected with -
- \* A local playground builder who has offered services
- \* A local landscape designer who plans playgrounds
- \* The Rotary Club
- \* Support from the local Newspaper “The Cosmos” to keep our story in the community’s view
- \* The Township of Uxbridge who has contributed a substantial donation

## \*What we need to complete the playground



- \*Your support for the project and as we go forward; any skills your members may be able to share, professional commitment to get the playground built, financial aid as you are able. We thank you for the commitment you have already made.
- \*Our target date to complete building and open to the children of Uxbridge and the surrounding community is 2022.

## \*Next Steps



- \* Submitting grant applications starting in January 2021
- \* Pin down design and manufacturers of equipment
- \* Fundraise..... a lot!
- \* Keep the community involved in this exciting project!



Thank You

