McBurney Park

Conversion of Wading Pool to Splash pad and Playground Improvements.

Public engagement summary

Proposed park improvements to McBurney Park include converting the existing wading pool to a splash pad, replacing the safety surfacing in the playground and some of the play equipment as well as providing a new accessible path with seating.

Proposed concepts for McBurney Park were presented to the public and included options for the splash pad layout and equipment and playground layout and equipment. The images presented are available on the City’s website on the McBurney Park webpage.

Summary of feedback collected:

- For the splash pad; the “Option A” layout was preferred by the majority of respondents.
- There were several comments that the splash pad design did not accommodate for small children and toddlers. The splash pad equipment has been revised to include spray toys designed specifically for younger users.
- In the playground, keeping the existing Spaceball (spider web) climber was unanimous.
- Many commented that sand play should be retained at the playground. The design has been revised to include sand play.
- The presented play structures were equally received. Many respondents wanted to see transfer platforms included in the structure and others wanted monkey bars. The play structure has been revised to be blend of the Option A and B structures and now includes both transfer platforms and monkey bars.
- There was a significant desire to keep the existing stepping stones. In the revised plan the stones have been retained but have been relocated to the perimeter of the sand area.
- McBurney Park is a registered historical cemetery. The design aims to minimize impact on the cemetery. Archaeological monitoring will occur during construction and there may be design changes as a result.