

Cameron Elementary Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

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January 16, 2018

City of Burnaby Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission
Attn: Kathryn Matts

Commission Agenda

Date 2018 Feb 28

Correspondence (b)

Subject: City of Burnaby Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission playground grants

Dear Kathryn Matts and Commission members,

I am writing on behalf of the Cameron Elementary Parent Advisory Council (PAC), to submit our application for a City of Burnaby Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission grant to fund the purchase of an accessible swing for Cameron's playground.

Cameron Elementary has 43 students with special needs, three of whom have significant mobility needs. Additionally, another five students have sensory needs that this swing would benefit. Most playground equipment isn't built with these children in mind, and indeed Cameron's playground is less accessible than we might like. We would like to purchase an "Oodle Swing," which has a larger saucer-shaped seat, providing more stability for children with balance or motor issues (see Appendix A). Ideally this swing would be installed adjacent to the existing swings at Cameron (see Appendix B), in order to encourage interaction and shared play among children of all abilities.

The cost of the Oodle Swing from Habitat Systems is approximately \$7200 (totaling approximately \$8100 after taxes). The Cameron PAC has received a grant of \$2500 from the Canada Post Community Foundation for the purchase of this swing (see Appendix C). Additionally, the PAC has raised over \$1600 towards this purchase, totalling a PAC contribution of at least \$4100 which is already in place. We would like to request a Playground Development Grant of \$4000 to match our funds and help purchase this important piece of inclusive playground equipment. The Cameron PAC has not requested this grant within the past four years.

Cameron's playground is accessible to the public outside of school hours—and ours is a dense neighbourhood populated primarily by high rises, so the playground is heavily used by the community. We do acknowledge that there is a similar saucer swing at Cameron Park, two blocks from the school, and we welcome the City's input on the installation of one at Cameron Elementary as well. However, we feel that it can only be beneficial to increase the number of accessible play options in our neighbourhood, and to ensure that there is an accessible feature on our playground for children to use during school. We have the support of school administration and staff for the addition of the Oodle swing to Cameron's playground. Installation of this swing is supported by the Burnaby School District (see Appendix D).

Please let me know if I can provide any further information about this project.

Kind regards,

NOTE

Item 1 of the Director's Report refers to this matter

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Jen Zerkee
Chair, Cameron Parent Advisory Council

cc: Al Post, Principal, Cameron Elementary

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Appendix A: Oodle Swing quote from Habitat Systems Inc.

*See <https://www.playlsi.com/en/commercial-playground-equipment/playground-components/oodle-swing/> for Oodle Swing specifications.



Cameron Elementary

Burnaby, BC January 8, 2018 Independent Items



Molded Bucket Seat with Harness (chains for 10ft beam height) - approx. \$1,300 Curved Balance Beam approx. \$1,440 Log Balance Beam - approx. \$5,200



Oodle Swing - approx. \$7,200

**Please note that all prices are budgetary and do NOT include accurate freight costs or installation.*

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Appendix B: Cameron Elementary existing swings and playground area



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Appendix C: Confirmation emails re: Canada Post Community Foundation grant

From: Canada Post Community Foundation / Fondation communautaire de Postes Canada [mailto:community@canadapost-postescanada.ca]
Sent: June-19-17 7:19 AM
To: Pauline Meugens <Pauline.Meugens@sd41.bc.ca>
Subject: Canada Post Community Foundation. Revised grant amount

Dear Mrs. Pauline Meugens,

Thank you for your submission to the Canada Post Community Foundation.

We are pleased to advise you that the Foundation is interested in funding your project. However, due to the volume of submissions and our desire to help as many children as possible, we are unable to fund the full amount you requested.

The Canada Post Community Foundation would like to provide you with a grant of \$2,500 for your project titled: Cameron Community Accessible Playground.

We understand this is less than what you requested in your application, and we hope the grant we are able to offer can help you implement your project, perhaps on a smaller scale.

If it is possible for you to proceed with your project with this grant amount, then we will need you to submit a revised plan and budget by Friday, July 7th 2017 to community@canadapost-postescanada.ca. We will then review and send a final confirmation of your grant by early August.

We wish to thank you for your commitment to helping improve the lives of children. The work you do is important, and we sincerely hope that we can assist you in your efforts.

Best regards,

Canada Post Community Foundation

Begin forwarded message:

From: Pauline Meugens <Pauline.Meugens@sd41.bc.ca>
Date: July 9, 2017 at 2:04:19 PM PDT
To: Al Post <AlPost@sd41.bc.ca> shatha <shatha_alqasam@hotmail.com> Teresa Veltri <Teresa.Veltri@sd41.bc.ca>
Subject: Fwd: Status of your request (Ref#2017040232)

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone

----- Original message -----
From: Canada Post Community Foundation <support@grantsstream.com>
Date: 2017-07-09 10:56 AM (GMT-08:00)
To: Pauline Meugens <Pauline.Meugens@sd41.bc.ca>
Subject: Status of your request (Ref#2017040232)

Mrs. Pauline Meugens
Principal
Cameron Elementary School

Re: Cameron Community Accessible Playground

Dear Mrs. Meugens,

Congratulations! We are pleased to inform you your 2017 application to the Canada Post Community Foundation was successful. We are thrilled to see your organization's great work acknowledged with this grant.

You will receive an email from us shortly with further details, including information on when you can publicly announce your grant.

Congratulations again, and we look forward to working with your group this year. We will be in touch soon.

Sincerely,
Canada Post Community Foundation



January 12, 2018

Ms. Kathryn Matts
Commission Secretary
Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Commission
City of Burnaby
101-4946 Canada Way
Burnaby, BC V5G 4H7

Dear Ms. Matts:

The Burnaby Board of Education is pleased to support the application by the Parent Advisory Council of Cameron Elementary School for a Playground Development Grant for the purchase of an accessible swing for Cameron's playground.

It is our understanding the PAC and the school have already raised \$4,100 of the estimated \$8,100 cost. The district hereby undertakes to prepare and install the swing within twelve months of the grant approval.

Thank you for considering the application by the Cameron PAC.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "RH" or similar, written over a horizontal line.

Russell A. Horswill, DBA
Secretary Treasurer

Copy: Cory Borg, Director of Facilities Services

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