



**To: Niagara Falls City Council**  
**From: Seth Piccirillo, Director of Community Development**  
**Date: 4/4/18**

### **PURCHASE OF 91<sup>ST</sup> STREET PARK PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT**

It is the administration's recommendation that 91<sup>ST</sup> Street Park Playground Equipment should be purchased from KOMPAN Playground Equipment, consistent with Niagara River Greenway Commission guidelines, and United States Department of Housing and Urban Development procurement guidelines. The total amount that the Niagara Falls City Council is being asked to authorize is **\$100,330.50**.

**The 91<sup>st</sup> Street Playground Project will not require any municipal general fund or casino capital fund revenue. A playground does not currently exist on the site, but the park is already maintained by the Niagara Falls Department of Public Works.**

The proposed equipment includes a warranty, as does the safety surfacing. All Niagara Falls Community Development playgrounds are designed to allow riding mower grass cutting to continue. All parks and playgrounds are also designed to be consistent with Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles. This design exceeds ADA compliance guidelines, by featuring a basket swing, wide travel pathways and ground level features. The playground is themed "Play Ball Park" to compliment 91<sup>st</sup> Street Park's strong little league baseball tradition.

The 91<sup>st</sup> Street Playground is being funded by the Niagara River Greenway Commission, as a result of an application drafted and submitted by the Niagara Falls Community Development Department. The Niagara Falls City Council unanimously passed a resolution in support of that application on January 17, 2018 and accepted receipt of the grant award on March 15, 2018. The Niagara Greenway Commission's Host Communities and Consistency Standing Committees also approved these projects in recent weeks.

The \$200,000 grant is intended to fund both equipment purchase and installation. The park was designed to be executed within that financial limit.

The idea for improvements at 91st Street Park started with advocacy from the Creating a Healthier Niagara Falls Collaborative Resident Engagement Council in 2016. The surrounding neighborhood has advocated for improvements for years before 2016 as well. Resident meetings have been held

to discuss this playground as well as park-wide improvements. These improvements are also consistent with the adopted Niagara Falls Parks Master Plan.

This project is part of Niagara Falls Community Development and the City of Niagara Falls' continuing effort to increase and improve youth facilities and services in our community.

Will the Council vote to so approve and authorize the Mayor to execute a contract for the purchase this equipment, in a form acceptable to the Corporation Counsel?

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Paul Dyster, Mayor

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Nick Melson, City Administrator

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Seth Piccirillo, Director  
Niagara Falls Community Development

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