June 11, 2020

Dear Neighbour:

Re: Ambleside Park Playground Improvements

The City of London’s Parks Planning and Design Team is currently working on improvement plans in Ambleside Park, located at 257 Ambleside Drive (please see enclosed map or visit london.ca/parkconstruction).

Improvements to this park include the replacement of playground structure and swing set and may include an expansion of the play area. Some of the funding for this project is from a successful 2019 Neighborhood Decision Making submission selected by the community. The safety surfacing will also be upgraded from sand to engineered woodchip. As part of this project, the City will improve the accessibility to the play area, upgrade benches, adding a bike rack and a few trees.

Following Provincial orders to slow the spread of COVID-19, the construction of this project was put on pause on April 13, 2020. Because you own property, or live in the immediate area of Ambleside Park, we are reaching out to inform you that under the Ontario Government’s Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, construction in parks is now deemed an essential service.

As a result, the City of London will resume all park construction, including the construction of Ambleside Park.

Construction for this project is expected to start summer 2020. Please note that the schedule is dependent on weather conditions. At this time, playgrounds are still “closed” for use by the Province. In anticipation of playgrounds reopening in the coming months, this project is proceeding so that the playground is upgraded and ready for full use at that time.

All measures taken to prevent the spread of COVID-19 amongst contract workers will be done in compliance with requirements under the Occupational Health and Safety Act and associated regulations and public health directives issued by the Chief Medical Officer of Health.

It is also the responsibility of City Staff during onsite visits to practice these protocols and ensure that contractors are practicing safety precautions at all times.

Accessibility: proposed pathways are considered a ‘Recreational Trail’ under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005, and would meet all technical requirements for accessibility, including minimum width, maximum slope, and head clearance space. As part of this project, the City of London is inviting comments and suggestions from residents with various disabilities on their specific needs regarding recreational trails and outdoor play spaces.

You can forward your questions, comments and suggestions to Eric L Conway at the Parks Planning and Design section by phone at (519) 661-CITY (2489) ext. 4288, or by e-mail at elconway@london.ca. Please provide comments by August 9, 2020.

There is nothing more important than the health and well-being of our community and City staff members. We acknowledge the challenging times that you may be facing and thank you for your efforts to stop the spread of COVID-19.

Sincerely,

Eric Conway
Landscape Architect

Cc: J. Morgan - Ward 7 Councillor
    V. Santos – Parks Planning & Design
    E. Conway – Parks Planning & Design
    D. Clarke – Parks Operations
    File – Ambleside Park
Please contact 519-661-2489 Ext. 2425 or accessibility@london.ca by June 25, 2020 if you need information in an alternate format, or require the assistance of a communication support. Arrangements are made upon request by submitting a Customer Accommodation Request Form, and at no additional cost.

Location Map

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