

Asset:
Carrier Park and Playground

Location: Fort St. John (east)

Ownership: City of Fort St. John

Rating: 6.5 (scale of 1-10)

Remaining service life: Indefinite

Strategic value: Valuable to local neighbourhood.

Description: Pocket park with playground with soft and hard landscaped buffer. Playground equipment has been modernized.



Exterior

Year built/improved: Estimated 1980's, improved 2010's.

Site Area: 0.33 acres (100' x 150').

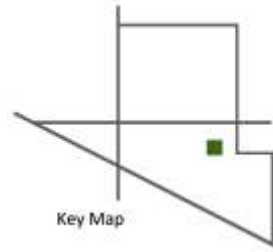
Utilization: Moderate, seasonal. Good.

Inventory: Climbing fort, monkey bars, swings, benches, waste bin. Good.

Groundcover: Sand in play area, grass, concrete pad. Good.

Site furniture: Metal benches, concrete picnic table.

Access to washrooms: None.



Code compliance: CSA conforming playground equipment.

Handicapped access: No

Appearance: Very good.

Site amenities: None, located in residential neighbourhood.

Parking: Street

Site secured: Fenced all sides.

Capital interventions anticipated: None anticipated for foreseeable future. An option may be to convert sand to wood chip.

Additional observations: Well-cared for asset respected by residents.

Asset:

Centennial Park and Playground

Location: Fort St. John (central)

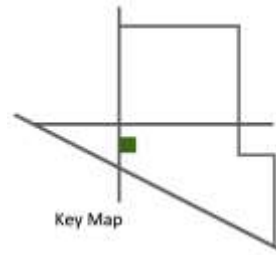
Ownership: City of Fort St. John

Rating: 6.0 (scale of 1-10)

Remaining service life: Indefinite

Strategic value: Greenspace component of the city center recreation component.

Description: Urban park fronting 100th street and bordered by North Peace Leisure Centre and Arena, Pomeroy Centre, Curling Club and the Museum. Passive and active park.



Playground

Code compliance: Playground is CSA conforming. Good
 Handicapped access: Limited. Good.
 Appearance: Very good.
 Site amenities: Adjacent recreation facilities.
 Parking: Paved, shared.
 Site secured: No fencing, passive. Good.



Park from street

Year built/improved: 1960's, improved each decade.
 Site Area: 4.0 acres (including skatepark)
 Utilization: High by local residents and recreation facility users.

Inventory: Treed park includes paved paths, seating areas, open event space, beach volleyball pitch and a playground.

Groundcover: Grass, paving, concrete, sand.

Site furniture: Signage, benches, concrete benches, volleyball net, playground.

Access to washrooms: In adjacent buildings.



Park hard-landscaping

Capital interventions: Lifecycle.
 Additional observations: Site may in the future be required for replacement recreation buildings and park rebuilt.

Asset:

Concorde Park and Playground

Location: Fort St. John (north-east)

Ownership: City of Fort St. John

Rating: 8.5 (scale of 1-10)

Remaining service life: Indefinite

Strategic value: Valuable to local neighbourhood.

Description: A neighbourhood park with playground with soft and hard landscaped buffer. Park bordered by roads on two sides and houses backing on remaining sides. Playground equipment has been modernized.



Park signage

Year built/improved: 1970's, improved 2010's.

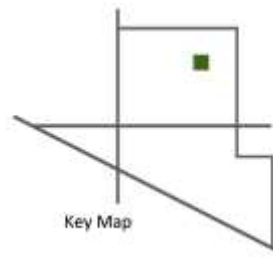
Site Area: 1.75 acres.

Utilization: Moderate, seasonal. Good.

Inventory: Climbing fort, two swing sets, picnic table. Good.

Groundcover: Sand in play area, grass, concrete pad. Good.

Site furniture: Metal benches, concrete picnic table.



Park view

Access to washrooms: None.

Code compliance: CSA conforming playground equipment.

Handicapped access: No

Appearance: Very good.

Site amenities: None, located in residential neighbourhood.

Parking: Street.

Site secured: Fenced on all sides. Good.

Capital interventions anticipated: None needed for foreseeable future. An option may be to convert sand to wood chip.

Additional observations: Well-cared for asset respected by residents.

Asset:

Duncan Cran Park

Location: Fort St. John (south-east)

Ownership: City of Fort St. John

Rating: 2.0 (scale of 1-10)

Remaining service life: Indefinite

Strategic value: Underdeveloped, under-used site. Possible surplus.

Description: Open greenspace. Difficult to find (access from panhandle on south-west corner, or rear lane on east side, or trail from the north-east corner of the school property. No signage.



Aerial view

Year built/improved: Estimated 1980's or earlier.

Site Area: 3.2 acres.

Utilization: Low. Neither sports park nor active greenspace.

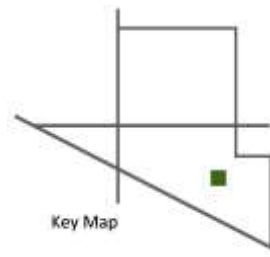
Inventory: Partially treed.

Groundcover: Grass.

Site furniture: None.

Access to washrooms: None.

Code compliance: n/a



Handicapped access: No

Appearance: Poor.

Site amenities: None.

Parking: None.

Site secured: No.

Capital interventions anticipated:

None. Playground equipment already exists behind school.

Additional observations:

Park is land-locked and has no visibility or exposure. In asking for directions, neighbourhood residents spoken to didn't even know where it was. Site may have been a selling amenity for the original developer, but the park has limited or no use and should be considered for surplus disposal and the neighbourhood greenspace replaced elsewhere.

Asset:
Estates Park

Location: Fort St. John (north-east)

Ownership: City of Fort St. John

Rating: 3.0 (scale of 1-10)

Remaining service life: Indefinite

Strategic value: Greenspace inventory value only. Attractive and treed, but unused.

Description: Under-utilized linear park fronted by roads on the two short-sides and backs of residential properties on long sides. No trail or hard landscaping, and no amenities such as picnic tables or playground. May be a storm water overflow retention site owing to gully-shape.



Park view

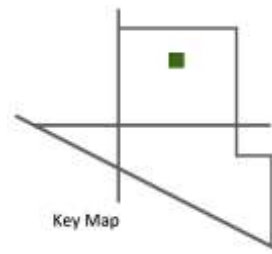
Year built/improved: Estimated 1970's given vintage of surrounding housing.

Site Area: 2.5 acres (160' x 680')

Utilization: Visual relief, evidently not used except by dog owners.

Inventory: Treed. No trail or amenities.

Groundcover: Grass.



Site furniture: Garbage bin at street entrance.

Access to washrooms: None.

Code compliance: n/a

Handicapped access: No

Appearance: Attractive landscaping. Good.

Site amenities: None. Impeded in a residential neighbourhood.

Parking: Street.

Site secured: Fencing on street sides, private fences on lot sides.

Capital interventions anticipated: None.

Additional observations: Retain for greenspace requirement.

Asset:
Heritage Park

Location: Fort St. John (north central)

Ownership: City of Fort St. John

Rating: 8.5 (scale of 1-10)

Remaining service life: Indefinite

Strategic value: Very high. Accessible to elderly and disabled.

Description: A pleasant pocket park with paving stone paths, raised planting beds and conversation seating areas.



Park street view

Year built/improved: Improved in 2010's.

Site Area: 0.25 acres

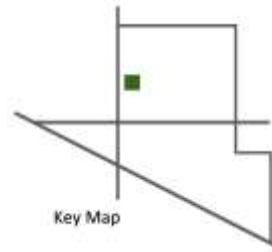
Utilization: High daytime use by limited ambulatory residents. Excellent.

Inventory: Hard and soft landscaping. Excellent.

Groundcover: Paving stone and raised beds. Giant chessboard pattern in center area.

Site furniture: Benches, waste bins.

Access to washrooms: None.



Code compliance: n/a

Handicapped access: Yes. Excellent rating.

Appearance: Attractive and inviting. Excellent

Site amenities: Surround by medium-density housing and single family residential.

Parking: Street and on-site lot.

Site secured: Not fenced, but highly visible for user safety.



Park aerial view

Capital interventions anticipated:

Paving stone may periodically need to be reset owing to ground heaving. Access to washroom may be beneficial for elderly (i.e free-standing locking WC).

Additional observations:

A great amenity located near medium-density seniors housing.

Asset:

Kearney Park (Fort St. John)

Location: Fort St. John (north)

Ownership: City of Fort St. John

Rating: 3.0 (scale of 1-10)

Remaining service life: Indefinite

Strategic value: Valued by immediate neighbourhood and adjacent residents.

Description: Another land-locked park surrounded by houses on all sides with one panhandle entrance and no signage.



Park aerial view

Year built/improved: Estimated 1990's. based on age of neighbourhood housing.

Site Area: 0.75 acres including panhandle entrance.

Utilization: Very low, given its obscured location and lack of openness.

Inventory: Greenspace with edge trees.

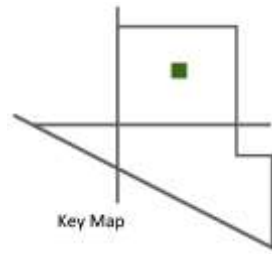
Groundcover: Grass.

Site furniture: None.

Access to washrooms: No.

Code compliance: n/a

Handicapped access: No



Appearance: Good.

Site amenities: None. Surrounded by housing, but one block away from Dr. Kearney Junior Secondary School.

Parking: None.

Site secured: Bordered by private property fences on all sides.

Capital interventions anticipated: None identified.

Additional observations: Retain for greenspace requirement.

Asset:

Kin Park Playground, BMX and Exercise Area

Location: Fort St. John (north)

Ownership: City of Fort St. John

Rating: 5.0 (scale of 1-10)

Remaining service life: Indefinite

Strategic value: High. Excellent compliment to the sports fields side of the park to the east.

Description:

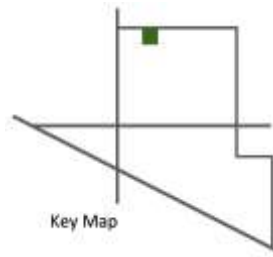


Outdoor exercise circuit



BMX circuit

Year built/improved: Estimated 1960's, some playground equipment, BMX circuit and outdoor exercise equipment added in 2010's.



Site Area: 38 acres total site, half for ball diamonds and half dedicated for greenspace and playground.

Utilization: High, evidenced by visits at different times of day.

Inventory: Newer and older playground equipment, two fenced asphalt tennis courts, a dirt-mounds BMX challenge track, trails and treed areas.

Groundcover: Grass, sand in playground, dirt in BMX, asphalt in tennis and rubber tile in exercise area.

Site furniture: As per inventory.

Access to washrooms: Field house by diamonds.

Code compliance: CSA conforming playground equipment and outdoor exercise equipment.

Handicapped access: No

Appearance: Very good.

Site amenities: Sports fields to the west.

Parking: Road and gravel lot.

Site secured: No.

Capital interventions anticipated: Playground and tennis appear in good repair.

Additional observations: Possibility exists to add new amenities and features to the site over time. Abundance of space.

Asset:
Matthews Park and Playground

Location: Fort St. John (south)

Ownership: City of Fort St. John

Rating: 7.0 (scale of 1-10)

Remaining service life: Indefinite

Strategic value: High value. Asset to community.

Description: Matthews Park is a large parcel of land featuring a trail circuit through a treed area as well as two sets of playground equipment and a basketball court.



Park view

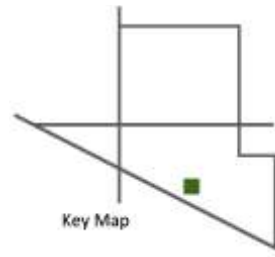
Year built/improved: Estimated 1990's.

Site Area: 11.0 acres

Utilization: High. Concentration of family housing in surrounding area.

Inventory: A 0.45 kilometre walking / running trail, playground equipment, a basketball court with uprights and backboards and, portable washrooms.

Groundcover: Grass, sand (playground), gravel (trails), asphalt (basketball court).



Site furniture: At least three picnic tables.

Access to washrooms: Two portable toilets.

Code compliance: CSA conforming playground equipment..

Handicapped access: No

Appearance: Very good.

Site amenities: Near downtown and shopping centre.

Parking: Road and gravel lot.

Site secured: Perimeter fencing on all sides.



Park aerial view

Capital interventions anticipated: Trail could be upgraded to the paved standard of the Forest and Community Trails. Permanent washroom building feasible for a park this size.

Additional observations: City has proposed budget to construct a washroom building in Matthews Park.

Asset:

Panorama Ridge Park and Playground

Location: Fort St. John (north-east)

Ownership: City of Fort St. John

Rating: 9.0 (scale of 1-10)

Remaining service life: Indefinite

Strategic value: High value. Asset in brand new subdivision.

Description: New park in a new subdivision features playground equipment, picnic table and open greenspace adjacent to group mailboxes.



Park view

Year built/improved: 2012 / 2013

Site Area: 1.0 acres (280' frontage x 165' deep) plus path access from south.

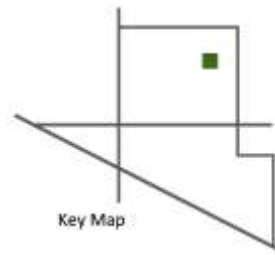
Utilization: Area populated by young families, observed utilization high.

Inventory: New playground equipment.

Groundcover: Grass, sand in playground.

Site furniture: Three picnic tables.

Access to washrooms: No



Code compliance: CSA conforming playground equipment.

Handicapped access: No

Appearance: Excellent.

Site amenities: None.

Parking: Street.

Site secured: fenced on three sides, but not on road side.



Park aerial view

Capital interventions anticipated: None.

Additional observations: Distance from swings to road is very short – it may be wise to add chain-link fence and a gate along frontage as an impediment to small children running into traffic.

Asset:
Parklane Estates Park

Location: Fort St. John

Ownership: City of Fort St. John

Rating: 2.0 (scale of 1-10)

Remaining service life: Indefinite

Strategic value: Currently low but, undeveloped property will become more significant to the community when real estate development to the south-east occurs.

Description: Undeveloped land for park.



Aerial View

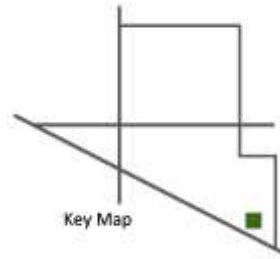
Year built/improved: Unknown

Site Area: 0.83 acres.

Utilization: Low

Inventory: None.

Groundcover: Undeveloped.



Site furniture: None.

Access to washrooms: No.

Code compliance: Not applicable.

Handicapped access: No

Appearance: Fair.

Site amenities: None identified.

Parking: No.

Site secured: No.

Capital interventions anticipated:

This park on list for development in the near future.

Additional observations: None.

Asset:

Pickell Park and Playground

Location: Fort St. John (west)

Ownership: City of Fort St. John

Rating: 4.5 (scale of 1-10)

Remaining service life: Indefinite.

Strategic value: High importance to area residents. At least one kilometer to next nearest playground.

Description: Playground and open greenspace.



Park view

Year built/improved: 1980's, equipment improved within past five years.

Site Area: 0.86 acres (300' frontage x 125' deep).

Utilization: Medium.

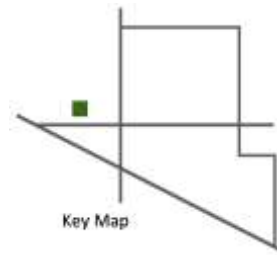
Inventory: Playground equipment (two sets plus two swing sets), picnic tables.

Groundcover: Sand, grass.

Site furniture: Two picnic tables, signage.

Access to washrooms: None.

Code compliance: Relatively new CSA conforming playground equipment.



Handicapped access: No

Appearance: Very good.

Site amenities: Commercial nearby.

Parking: Street.

Site secured: fenced all sides. Visibility good with chain-link on street sides.



Park aerial view

Capital interventions anticipated:

Possible more playground equipment.

Additional observations:

Sand area room for additional playground equipment or could be space left from equipment removed and not replaced. Opportunity exists to add more.

Asset:
**Princess Crescent Park and
Playground**

Location: Fort St. John (north-central)

Ownership: City of Fort St. John

Rating: 4.5 (scale of 1-10)

Remaining service life: Indefinite

Strategic value: Low. Land-locked hidden park.

Description: Triangle-shaped park surrounded by houses with high privacy fencing on all sides.



Park view

Year built/improved: Estimated 1980's.

Site Area: 1.25 acres, plus panhandle entrance path.

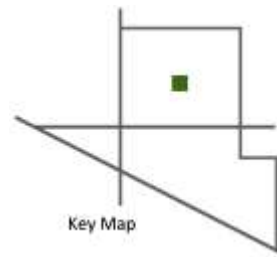
Utilization: Low, by immediately surrounding families only.

Inventory: Fort climbing playground equipment and two sets of swings.

Groundcover: sand (playgrounds), grass.

Site furniture: One picnic table.

Access to washrooms: No.



Code compliance: CSA conforming playground equipment.

Handicapped access: No

Appearance: Good.

Site amenities: None.

Parking: None.

Site secured: Fenced on all sides.

Capital interventions anticipated: None.

Additional observations:

Rumour has it the park once held a communal outdoor pool built by the housing developer as a selling feature for the sub-division in the 1980's. There were likely no fences or transparent barriers to the water feature giving it a small-lake feel.

Asset:
Surerus Playground and Horseshoe Pitch

Location: Fort St. John

Ownership: City of Fort St. John

Rating: 3.0 (scale of 1-10)

Remaining service life: Indefinite

Strategic value: Medium. Provides something for small siblings of players on sports fields. Otherwise remote from housing.

Description: Horseshoe clubhouse and pitches, playground and three tennis courts (one with rebounding wall in middle). Part of the large sports fields complex with eight ball diamonds and two soccer fields.

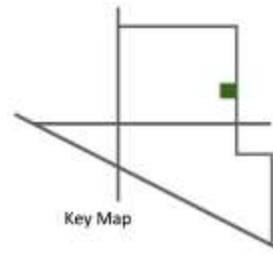


Horseshoe clubhouse and playground

Year built/improved: Estimated 1980's, some modest improvements each decade since.

Site Area: 0.5 acres for Horseshoe club, 0.5 acres for tennis courts and 0.2 acres playground and buffer area.

Utilization: Low.



Inventory: Playground equipment (small, no swings), Horseshoe clubhouse (windowless wood shack on crawlspace).

Groundcover: Sand, grass.

Site furniture: None.

Access to washrooms: Sports fields field house.

Code compliance: CSA conforming playground equipment.

Handicapped access: No

Appearance: Poor.

Site amenities: Sports fields, parking.

Parking: Large gravel lot.

Site secured: Fenced.

Capital interventions anticipated:

Improve playground equipment (low priority).

Additional observations:

Horseshoe club declining membership and participation – building should be demolished when redundant, without putting any more money into it.

Asset:

Toboggan Hill and Dog Park

Location: Fort St. John (south-central)

Ownership: City of Fort St. John

Rating: 3.0 (scale of 1-10)

Remaining service life: Indefinite

Strategic value: Valuable for walking, running value and as dog park.

Description: Large park with rolling topography, treed section and paved main trails. Shares entrance with relatively new Rotary Skatepark.



Park path view

Year built/improved: Estimated 1970's, dog park addition in 2010's.

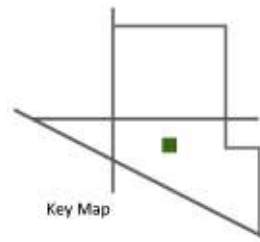
Site Area: 50.0 acres.

Utilization: Low, low density given size.

Inventory: Dense treed areas and grassy knolls. Fenced dog compound, benches, waste bins, signage.

Groundcover: Asphalt trails, grass, dirt dog run.

Site furniture: benches, bins.



Dog run enclosure

Access to washrooms: No

Code compliance: n/a

Handicapped access: Paths are accessible.

Appearance: Good.

Site amenities: None.

Parking: Roadside at entrance.

Site secured: Fenced perimeter.

Capital interventions anticipated: None.

Additional observations:

Very long-term potential for further development and/or preservation.

Asset:
Tot Lot Park and Playground

Location: Fort St. John

Ownership: City of Fort St. John

Rating: 2.5 (scale of 1-10)

Remaining service life: Indefinite

Strategic value: Important to its neighbourhood. (1.5 kms to next nearest playground).

Description: Pocket park playground and open greenspace.



Park view

Year built/improved: Estimated 1990's

Site Area: 0.9 acres.

Utilization: Medium. Used by local area.

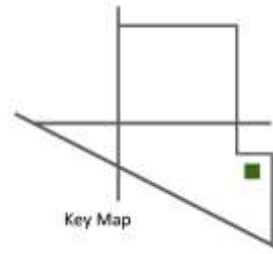
Inventory: Four pieces old playground equipment, three newer.

Groundcover: Sand and grass.

Site furniture: One picnic table and waste bin.

Access to washrooms: No.

Code compliance: Newer pieces CSA conforming, older questionable – but not unsafe.



Handicapped access: No

Appearance: Poor.

Site amenities: None.

Parking: Street.

Site secured: No fencing street side or lane side.

Capital interventions anticipated:

Needs equipment upgrade and fencing to demonstrate commitment to the neighbourhood.

Additional observations:

Lower income neighbourhood with evidence of lots of families. A gesture of commitment needs to be made in this part of the city.

Asset:

Triangle Park and Playground

Location: Fort St. John (north-west)

Ownership: City of Fort St. John

Rating: 7.5 (scale of 1-10)

Remaining service life: Indefinite

Strategic value: Important neighbourhood amenity.

Description: Neighbourhood park on a triangle-shaped parcel of land. Includes brand new playground equipment and a picnic table. It is the only playground in north-west quadrant excepting C.M. Finch Elementary School, 1.5 kms away.



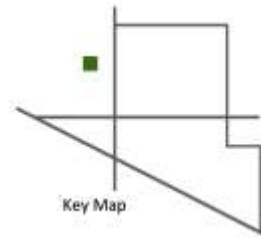
Park view

Year built/improved: Park estimated 1990's, playground equipment added in 2013.

Site Area: 0.6 acres.

Utilization: Medium. Used by immediate neighbourhood.

Inventory: Playground equipment (newest and best in the city), one picnic table.



Playground equipment

Groundcover: Sand, grass.

Site furniture: One picnic table.

Access to washrooms: None.

Code compliance: CSA conforming playground equipment.

Handicapped access: No.

Appearance: Excellent.

Site amenities: None.

Parking: Street.

Site secured: Fenced on all three sides.

Capital interventions anticipated:

Additional observations:

Up until last year, parcel was an unimproved grassy boulevard.

Asset:

W. I. Centennial Park

Location: Fort St. John (north-west)

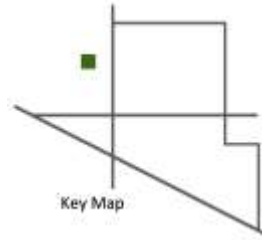
Ownership: City of Fort St. John

Rating: 3.5 (scale of 1-10)

Remaining service life: Indefinite

Strategic value: Greenspace reserve.

Description: Rectangular park, partially treed.



Inventory: Treed. One picnic table.

Groundcover: Grass.

Site furniture: One picnic table.

Access to washrooms: none.

Code compliance: n/a

Handicapped access: No.

Appearance: Good.

Site amenities: None.

Parking: Street.

Site secured: No.

Capital interventions anticipated:

None. Triangle park is two blocks away so no need for playground equipment in this location.

Additional observations:

Value as greenspace reserve only. Site could be made surplus.



Park signage



Park view

Year built/improved: Estimated 1980's to 1990's.

Site Area: 2.6 acres.

Utilization: Low. Mostly used as a dog park.

Asset:
Cherry Avenue Recreation Precinct

Location: Taylor

Ownership: District of Taylor

Rating: 5.5 (scale of 1-10)

Remaining service life: Indefinite

Strategic value: High value for younger siblings of kids participating in other sports on site.

Description: Relatively new playground centrally located in the Taylor recreation precinct.



Playground view

Year built/improved: equipment added in 2010.

Site Area: 0.25 acre.

Utilization: Very high usage.

Inventory: Playground equipment and picnic table.

Groundcover: sand, grass.

Site furniture: Picnic table.

Access to washrooms: In buildings and in field house (washrooms buildings).



Code compliance: CSA conforming playground equipment.

Handicapped access: No.

Appearance: Very good.

Site amenities: Arena, Complex (curling/pool), Community Hall and ball diamonds.

Parking: Paved, shared.

Site secured: Perimeter and diamonds fenced.

Capital interventions anticipated: None.

Additional observations:

Only drawback with recreation precinct is separation (highway) from the east side neighbourhoods and Taylor Elementary School. Recent improvements have been made to level crossings to facilitate children crossing.

Only soccer field in Taylor is at the elementary school (small field). Should softball decline, consideration should be given to converting a diamond into combination soccer field/diamond.

Asset:
Daniels Park and Playground

Location: Taylor

Ownership: District of Taylor

Rating: 2.5 (scale of 1-10)

Remaining service life: Indefinite

Strategic value: Important to south-east neighbourhood.

Description: Mid-block pocket park.



Park view

Year built/improved: Structures added 2001 and 2005.

Site Area: 0.33 acres.

Utilization: High, one of only three playgrounds east of the highway.

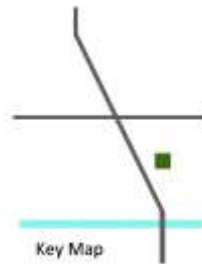
Inventory: Playground equipment and picnic table.

Groundcover: Sand, grass.

Site furniture: Picnic table, waste bin, signage.

Access to washrooms: None.

Code compliance: New equipment CSA conforming, swings older but good.



Handicapped access: No.

Appearance: Fair.

Site amenities: None.

Parking: Street.

Site secured: No fencing.

Capital interventions anticipated:
None of urgency or necessity.

Additional observations:
Safe, mid-bloc, low traffic location.

Asset:
Kirkpatrick Park and Playground

Location: Taylor

Ownership: District of Taylor

Rating: 4.5 (scale of 1-10)

Remaining service life: Indefinite.

Strategic value: High to north-east neighbourhood.

Description: Large L-shaped park with playground at north end.



Park viewr

Year built/improved: 1986, playground equipment improved in 2005.

Site Area: 2.2 acres.

Utilization: Medium.

Inventory: Playground equipment compliment, picnic table.

Groundcover: Sand, grass.

Site furniture: Picnic table, waste bin, park signage.

Access to washrooms: None.

Code compliance: CSA conforming playground equipment.



Handicapped access: No.

Appearance: Very good.

Site amenities: None.

Parking: Street.

Site secured: No. No fencing.

Capital interventions anticipated:
None apparent.

Additional observations: Next nearest playground at elementary school 1.7 kms away.

Asset:
Minaker Park and Playground

Location: Taylor

Ownership: District of Taylor

Rating: 4.5 (scale of 1-10)

Remaining service life: Indefinite.

Strategic value: Valued by south-west neighbourhood.

Description: Corner-lot pocket park.



Park view

Year built/improved: 1988; upgrades 2002 and 2005

Site Area: 0.5 acres.

Utilization: Medium-high owing to remoteness.

Inventory: Playground equipment, picnic table.

Groundcover: Sand, grass.

Site furniture: Playground equipment, picnic table, waste bin, signage.

Access to washrooms: No.

Code compliance: CSA conforming playground equipment.



Handicapped access: No

Appearance: Very good.

Site amenities: None.

Parking: Street.

Site secured: No. No fencing.

Capital interventions anticipated: None apparent.

Additional observations: 5 kms to next nearest playground on west side of highway