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## Halton Hills Parks & Recreation Department closes playground with no plans to re

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**Halton - Acton:** The Town of Halton Hills - Parks & Recreation Department condemned the play structure at MSB (McKenzie-Smith Bennett) Public School last week.

The structure, which MSB Parents Council have been concerned with for years, raised the issues of its condition at the Town's Park's Department - [Public Parks Feedback Meeting](#) held at Acton's Arena last June.

Under the Town's reciprocal agreement with the Halton Public School Board, the Town is responsible for:

- **Playground inspection.**
- **Repair and Maintenance.**
- Removal if necessary.

The Town, who has been responsible for the parks maintenance isn't showing any interest in further repairing the failing structure and has declared it condemned.



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Councillor O'Leary suggested the Parent's Committee check with Halton Hills School Board Trustee, Ethel Gardner to see if any funds are available through the school board. Councillor O'Leary indicated to the community parents group that The Mayor, Councillor Hurst, Councillor Somerville and himself would be seeing if any town funds were available, but having just been through the budget process, he was not overly optimistic.

The cost for a replacement play structure and its substructure and foundation has a preliminary estimate well over seventy thousand dollars.

The town has and continues to collect thousands and thousands of dollars each season for local soccer association uses. Unfortunately, it seems as though they are not willing to reinvest those funds back into the park. Currently, there's a town policy that offers a four thousand dollar subsidy towards playground replacement cost.