

Canada Blooms participants and donors step forward to rebuild High Park playground

March 24, 2012 – In the wake of the devastating fire of the Jamie Bell Adventure Playground in High Park last weekend, local businesses have stepped up to the challenge of rebuilding the playground. The list of those rebuilding the High Park playground continues to grow with 20 organizations now taking part.

The coalition of businesses are members of Landscape Ontario Horticultural Trades Association who are participating in Canada Blooms this week. The businesses will donate the materials used in their presentation gardens at Canada Blooms for the new park. In addition, the Canadian Wildlife Federation will donate funds required for the project. The donation is estimated at \$300,000.

Over the next 10 days there will be two community meetings to determine the design of the playground. The damaged playground will also be removed next week. The construction of the new playground will take place following the community meetings and it's expected that there will be a community build day by mid-April to complete and open the new playground.

The High Parks Resident Association has stated their support for this donation and will join the group in to determine the details of the design and build this spring.

Donors for the rebuild of the playground at High Park:

ABF Freight Ltd.
Aden Earthworks
Allstone Quarry Products Inc.
Landscapes By Lucin
Upper Canada Stone Company Ltd.
P Day Management Services Ltd.
Aquascape Inc.
Bienenstock Design and Consulting
Canadian Wildlife Federation
Sweetpea's
Connon Nurseries
Farmer Jack's Landscape Supply
Genoscape Inc.
Kelron Logistics
Labours' International Union of North America Local 506 Peter Glaze
Landscape Ontario Horticultural Trades Association
Reliable Reporting
Sheridan Nurseries
Stronco Group
Techo-Bloc Inc.
VRS Masonry
Wellington Systems Inc.

About Canada Blooms

Canada Blooms is a not-for-profit organization that gives back to the community throughout the year by funding community garden projects around Ontario. Canada Blooms is also dedicated to providing the community with horticulture expertise, education and resources on an ongoing basis.

About Landscape Ontario

Landscape Ontario is the province's premier horticultural trades association. Our mission is to be the leader in representing, promoting and fostering a favourable climate for the advancement of the horticulture industry in Ontario. "Our members grow, plan and nurture true 'green.' We felt this was a good time to talk with consumers about the real benefits of spending more time outside." says Tony DiGiovanni, executive director of Landscape Ontario. "From the growers with nurseries that grow our landscape plants to the garden centres, the designers and the landscape service providers, we help green the province."

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