

**Speaking Notes for Councillor Paul Ainslie
Chair of the Parks and Environment Committee
Treverton Park Playground Rebuild
Treverton Park, 843 Kennedy Rd.
Wednesday, July 31, 2 p.m.**

Thank you, Councillor Thompson

Good afternoon and welcome. It is a pleasure to be here.

The refurbishment accomplished over the last three days to the Treverton Park playground is a welcome addition to the community.

I have certainly enjoyed myself working today on the site.

I would like to thank Councillor Michael Thompson, for all the time, effort and the support he has given this project.

Through the hard work and generosity of ING Direct, Sinking Ship Entertainment and the TVO Kids show "Giver" , The Children's Aid Foundation, The Scarborough Branch of the Children's Aid Society and all the community volunteers who worked since Monday, I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you.

I would also like to thank Parks, Forestry and Recreation staff for preparing this site for the build.

It is great to be here and realize that the enhanced play structure is a reality. It is designed to augment the park, encourage creative play and physical activity. In short, it is designed for children to have fun, and be active.

Thanks also to ING Direct, The Children's Aid Foundation; Sinking Ship Entertainment's Giver TV for advocating and fundraising for park improvements and this new playground is a wonderful testament to the group's dedication and hard work.

For those who recall what the old playground looked like, with the rusty slide and old climber, I think it's fair to say this is a huge improvement. In fact, I understand the old playground equipment that we've just replaced is the same equipment that Councillor Thompson remembers as a young boy growing up in the neighbourhood! So it's thrilling to see the playground equipped for the next generation.

I would like to point out that an existing set of junior swings has been retained and upgraded.

This playground is an investment in the Treverton Park community. And more importantly, it is an investment in all who live here and who will enjoy it for many years to come.

The City believes that parks make a healthy connection with the people who build them and use them, which enhances their lives immensely.

I hope that you will take advantage of the amenities this playground has to offer and enjoy and use them to their full potential.

Thank you.