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Bunn's Creek-ing along

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Improvements to the playground area at Bunn's Creek Park are being done, says a report from the regional parks and operations branch.

The East Kildonan-Transcona sub-committee on parks and recreation received as information at their July 23 meeting, a memo outlining a number of the improvements.

In the memo, J. R. Hreno, acting director of regional parks and operations, advised the sub-committee that drainage will be improved to prevent the "ponding" that occurs in the playground; that the merry-go-round will be relocated to higher ground; that the concrete tunnels will be raised and painted; and that the landing area of the slide will be filled with sand. Sand will also be spread throughout the playground to eliminate hard areas.

The playground equipment will be repaired and repainted as required but the climber, Hreno said, will be left as is. Consideration will be given to replacing or keeping it when

the 1986 current estimates are prepared.

All of this delights Karen March, of Bonner Avenue, whose letter to the sub-committee earlier this year, outlining her concern, in part prompted the improvements to the playground.

In an interview March said that the community very much appreciates the generosity of the Kiwanis Club, who created the playground 10 years ago, but that there were now some problems that had to be dealt with.

Referring to the report, she said she was particularly happy to hear that drainage improvements and resurfacing will take place. She said the playground use was severely limited at times because it was just too wet and muddy.

She noted however that she still has some reservations about the climber in the park and hopes that the administration will take a "serious" look at its continued use next year.

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