

Date: April 13, 2005



TO: Board Members – Parks and Recreation

FROM: General Manager – Parks and Recreation

SUBJECT: Kerrisdale Park/ Point Grey Secondary School – License Agreement

RECOMMENDATION:

- A. THAT the Board approve execution of a license agreement with the Vancouver School Board (VSB) as described in this report , subject to concurrence by City Council and the School Board, to the satisfaction of the Director of Legal Services and the General Manager Park Board;*
- B. THAT no legal rights shall arise hereby, and none shall arise until execution of the contemplated agreement.*

POLICY

On July 8, 2002, the Board approved the Playing Field Renewal Plan.

The 2003 – 2005 Park Board Capital Plan allocates \$2.9 Million in city-wide development cost levies to the development of two synthetic turf playing fields.

On September 8, 2003, the Board approved a public consultation plan for determining appropriate locations for the installation of synthetic turf sport fields.

On April 5, 2004, the Board approved a shortlist of five candidate sites, and a public process to further narrow the choices.

On November 1, 2004, the Board endorsed the development of a lit synthetic turf playing field at Point Grey Secondary School and Kerrisdale Park.

BACKGROUND

For the last three years, Park Board and School Board staff have cooperated on assessing the inventory of playing fields in the city, and on developing strategies to increase play capacity by building lit synthetic turf playing fields. The current project is the first to be built after this comprehensive process.

The playing field is partially located on park land, and partially on school land. The project is to be largely funded by city-wide development cost levies collected for the purpose of acquiring or

improving park land, noting that \$2.9 million in development cost levies have been allocated for synthetic playing field development in the 2003 – 2005 Capital Plan. This report proposes legal steps which will give the school portion of the playing field a legal status that allows the proposed use of development cost levies.



DISCUSSION

Staff initially considered a land exchange to consolidate the existing field entirely within the park, but this report outlines a simpler process of two steps. Step 1 is the execution of a license agreement by which the School Board gives the City a license to use the school portion of the playing field (outlined in the green rectangle in the picture above); and the Park Board gives the School Board a license to use the park portion of the playing field. This license will allow Council to take step 2: to resolve that the Park Board will have the custody, care and management of this school land in accordance with Section 488 (3) of the Vancouver Charter. Once that is in effect, development cost levies can be used to build the playing field.

This report asks the Park Board to approve the proposed license agreement in principle. A parallel report asks Council also for approval. The School Board will be asked to approve the license agreement in a separate report prepared by School Board staff. Once the license agreement has been approved by all parties and executed, step 1 is complete. Step 2 is for Council to turn over the school portion of the playing field to the Park Board for custody, care and management. Step 2 will allow the legal expenditure of development cost levies for the construction of the synthetic turf playing field.

The proposed license agreement will give the School Board the right to use the playing field during school hours and after school for school events; the Park Board will have access evenings and on weekends for regular field bookings. The parties will make joint application to secure all necessary permits to improve the School lands and the Park together as one full size playing field, by installing lighting and synthetic turf. The term of the licence will be for the playing life of the synthetic turf. The Park Board will be solely responsible both physically and financially for installation of the synthetic turf.

A memorandum of understanding is expected to detail the hours of use, maintenance responsibilities and other operational details, similar to arrangements in place for the joint Park Board/School Board use of the playing field at Eric Hamber Secondary School.

A companion report to this report addresses the hiring of a consultant to develop the design and construction drawings for the synthetic turf playing field. Board approvals of these two reports, along with the approvals sought from the City and the VSB should enable the construction of the field to begin in summer and be concluded within five months.

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