



NOTICE of MOTION

Submitted at the Regular Board meeting held on May 8, 2023

Prioritization of Sport and Recreation Fields and Facilities in Sunset Neighbourhood of South-East Vancouver

MOVER: Commissioner Viridi

WHEREAS:

1. The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation offers a wide variety of sport, fitness, arts, education, and social activities for all ages and skill levels;
2. The city has 153 playing fields ranging from regulation-size grass fields and synthetic turf to gravel fields, available by permit or for casual use on a first-come, first-serve basis;
3. Synthetic turf sports fields provide safe and accessible recreational facilities for youth, with the added benefit of being low-maintenance, durable, usable in a wide range of weather conditions, and are eco-friendly;
4. Lighting added to the new synthetic turf sports field will permit longer periods of use to users and ease the high utilization rates of sports fields across the City of Vancouver;
5. South-East Vancouver which comprises of Sunset, Victoria-Fraserview and Killarney and hosts a total of 53 sports fields and diamonds. Sunset is known to be an underserved, neglected community that faces significant challenges related to the lack of accessible and safe recreational facilities such as high-quality sports fields and pools. This has contributed to an issue of youth disengagement which has been exploited by organized gangs which prey on vulnerable school-age children and seek to involve them in criminal activity;
6. Fields located in the Sunset neighbourhood classified as class A are in the process of being reclassified and will result in a lower class rating. The Sports Field Strategy indicates a deficiency of baseball diamonds city wide, however some of the Sunset ball diamonds are showing little use. Searching for diamond availability on the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation Facility Use Request site shows availability to wide open availability of the diamonds. See also Appendix B;
7. The Sports Field Strategy must take into account the dire lack of field hockey facilities in Vancouver, with only one water-based turf field at Eric Hamber Secondary on Oak Street. This will be obsolete for competition by 2024. Park Board recently received 80 emails requesting a synthetic turf field at Moberly or Ross Park. A short pile, unfilled turf would be suitable for both sports. This type of turf uses no water and is now being used in Europe. This turf is carbon zero, 80% bio-based material (sugarcane), made with green energy and has a new backing for better CO2 balance. The turf technology has been approved for use at the Paris 2024 Summer Olympics. Further reference: <https://www.poligras.com/news/paris2024-played-on-hockeys-first-carbon-zero-turf/>;
8. The Park Board is committed to improving access and inclusion to recreation opportunities, and addressing geographic inequities in facility distribution, for all



residents of Vancouver, notably by applying a community development lens that allows the Board to respond to complex issues as they arise and/or to prevent complex issues from arising in the first place;

9. Locating a synthetic turf at Moberly or Ross, as directed by the Park Board in the 2023 Capital Budget, would provide a much-needed recreation space for the community's youth to engage in positive activities, including organized sports, physical activity, and community events. Its central location is also perfect to serve as a city-wide amenity, as it will be easily accessible. Previously on December 5, 2023, staff were directed to initiate planning in Q1 2023 for a new artificial turf sports field in southeast Vancouver. Further reference: https://parkboardmeetings.vancouver.ca/2022/20221205/MINUTES_PB-20221205.pdf;
10. 1Prioritizing the revitalization will invariably have a positive impact on the health and well-being of the community and serve to address the youth disengagement evident in the community; and
11. A tremendous amount of support has been received from the community including letters from Hon. Harjit Sajjan (MP for Vancouver South), Field Hockey Canada, Field Hockey BC, Vancouver Women's Field Hockey League, Vancouver Police Department, Khalsa Diwan Society, Punjabi Market Collective. See also Appendix A.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT staff undertake a community engagement process of the Sunset neighbourhood to seek feedback from residents and organizations, including the Vancouver Field Sport Federation, field hockey associations in BC and Canada and community leaders for this proposal by Q3 2023. The engagement shall include data already collected by local community leaders and be included in the findings in a Report Back in Q4 of 2023 before proceeding to the design phase;
- B. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation direct staff to allocate funds from the 2023 Capital Budget toward the immediate planning of a lit, short piled unfilled synthetic turf sports field suitable for both field hockey and soccer at Moberly Park, without impacting the progress of a similar field at Churchill;
- C. THAT staff work with the project team to complete the Scoping phase by Q2 of 2024;
- D. THAT staff work with the project team to complete the Design phase by Q3 of 2025, including lighting;
- E. THAT staff be directed to have the Moberly synthetic turf sports field completed and operational by Q3 of 2026 unless otherwise indicated by the results of the community engagement exercise; and
- F. THAT staff will provide quarterly progress reports to the Board on the progress of the project.

Appendix A



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Burnaby Lake

Field Hockey Club

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to express the full support from the Burnaby Lake Field Hockey Club for the installation of a new field hockey turf in South Vancouver. We believe that the installation of a new field hockey turf in South Vancouver would not only benefit the local field hockey clubs, but also the wider community. The new field would provide a safe and durable playing surface that would be suitable for a wide range of sports and activities. This would encourage more people to get involved in physical activity and would promote a healthy and active lifestyle.

In addition, a new field hockey turf in South Vancouver would provide a much-needed facility for local schools and community groups. It would allow them to host their own sporting events and tournaments, as well as providing a space for practice and training. The current field hockey turfs within Vancouver and the lower mainland are at capacity, and unable to adequately service the needs of the field hockey community.

We urge the City to give serious consideration to the installation of a new field hockey turf in South Vancouver. We believe that this project would be a valuable addition to the community and would help to promote healthy living and physical activity in the city.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Adrien d'Andrade

President

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Vancouver Park Board Commissioners

March 13, 2023

Re: Proposal for a Second Synthetic Field Hockey Facility in the City of Vancouver

Dear Vancouver Park Board Commissioners,

I write in support of all registered and organized Field Hockey Clubs currently operating in the City of Vancouver and also on behalf of the Provincial Sports Organization Field Hockey BC, to advocate for Park Board support for a new synthetic sports field in South-East Vancouver. Organized Field Hockey continues to make an active contribution to the City of Vancouver Sports Field Strategy and the ask on behalf of the sport of Field Hockey is for consideration of a second dedicated field hockey synthetic facility to be included for development, in this case within the South-East area of the City of Vancouver.

The Sport of Field Hockey enjoys considerable use of the one primary field hockey synthetic turf at Eric Hamber Secondary School and actively hires other field hockey facilities across neighboring Municipalities as well as privately owned facilities in order to cater to City of Vancouver residents. The identified area of South-East Vancouver would make an ideal location with which to serve current residential members but also provide an opportunity for more City of Vancouver residents to enjoy the benefits of active participation within organized sport.

The installation of a synthetic field hockey turf in South-East Vancouver would provide numerous benefits to the underserved community in the area. Many residents in the area do not have access to private or public facilities that offer these amenities, and a synthetic field hockey turf could assist in bridging this gap. I am sure the Khalsa Diwan Society, soccer, field hockey and kabbadi communities would see such a sports field initiative as a huge asset.

There is also the potential question as to the demographic that utilizes such facility provision within the City. The sport of field hockey across British Columbia attracts a large percentage of female participation. The ratio of male to female participants is currently 1:5 and the opportunity to have an even greater presence of female residents within the City of Vancouver involved not only in the sport of field hockey, but on a facility able to provide for a safe and enjoyable environment, is one we would encourage for Vancouver Park Board Commission support.

Our collective thanks in advance for your consideration of support in this matter. Field Hockey BC and its membership within the City of Vancouver eagerly looks forward to following the progress of the City Sports Field Strategy and the potential for a new field hockey synthetic turf in South-East Vancouver.

Yours faithfully

Mark Saunders

Mark Saunders
Executive Director
Field Hockey BC

Dear Vancouver Park Board Commissioners,

I am writing to express my strong support for the installation of a synthetic turf field in the South East Vancouver area - for example Moberly Park or Ross Park - which would greatly benefit the underserved community in the area. I believe that this project could have a positive impact on our lives in several ways. There is an inequality in the distribution of turf fields throughout the city. Adding a turf field to the Ross street area would be a great step towards fixing this imbalance.

Furthermore, I would like to strongly advocate for it to be a field hockey suitable turf. Field hockey is a popular sport that is 80% female in Canada. The sport has strong roots in Vancouver, represented by one of the oldest sport clubs in the country and with both men's and women's national teams based in the city. By making this turf suitable for field hockey the council would be showing a strong support for women and girls in Vancouver.

A synthetic field hockey turf would provide a safe and accessible space for physical activity and recreation for individuals of all ages and abilities. Many residents in the area do not have access to private or public facilities that offer these amenities, and a synthetic field hockey turf would fill this gap. The surface is durable, slip-resistant, and can withstand heavy use, which would allow it to be used frequently throughout the year. Furthermore, a synthetic field hockey turf would provide a low-maintenance and sustainable solution for the upkeep of the park.

Finally, a synthetic field hockey turf would promote community engagement and social cohesion by providing a gathering place for local residents to come together and participate in activities. This would help to foster a sense of community pride and identity, as well as promote healthy lifestyles and social connections among individuals. The Khalsa Diwan Society, soccer, field hockey and kabbadi communities would see this field as a huge asset.

In summary, I strongly believe that the installation of a synthetic field hockey turf in South East Vancouver would provide numerous benefits to the underserved community in the area. It would offer a safe, accessible, low-maintenance, and sustainable space for physical activity and recreation, promote community engagement, and help to enhance the overall quality of life for residents.

Thank you for your consideration, and I hope that you will support this proposal.

Sincerely,

Susan Ahrens

Susan Ahrens, Ph.D. (she, her, elle)

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Dear Vancouver Park Board Commissioners,

I am writing as Executive Director of the Vancouver Field Hockey Club, one of the major users of Eric Hamber Synthetic Field.

Our club has a long history of collaboration with the VPB to bring community sport to the Vancouver public. We have been involved throughout the history of synthetic turfs in Vancouver - first as an advocate for Andy Livingstone, and then later at Eric Hamber where we helped plan and fund both the field and field house.

At this time we strongly believe there is a need for a second field hockey suitable turf in Vancouver in the under-served area of South East Vancouver, and we note that an ideal location would be Moberly/Ross Park.

We currently have 800 members, with 80% of them identifying as female. There are few other sports that keep women in sport in such significant numbers, and few other clubs in the region with this many female members. We offer programs to members from the age of 5 to 84 (and counting), and participate in leagues organised by the Vancouver Women's Field Hockey Association, Vancouver Men's Field Hockey League, Greater Vancouver Junior Field Hockey League, Youth Fall League, and Youth Spring League. We collaborate with other local organisations such as the YMCA (recent immigrant program), Vancouver Athletic (field hockey and soccer joint camp) and others. We also work extensively with elementary schools where last year we brought free programs to 6000 kids in 15 schools, many of them in East Vancouver - including Britannia, Chief Maquinna and Moberly itself.

At this time we note that there is serious pressure on Hamber field. It is fully booked throughout the year by field hockey clubs including our own, and it is often the limiting factor in what programs we are able to provide. In fact, we attempted to create an East Vancouver hub at Van Tech this year to support our expanded schools program, but were unable to obtain field time at that location also.

We also note that South East Vancouver would be well served by a field hockey turf. Many of our members already live in this area and field hockey is very popular in the large East Indian community based in the area.

In conclusion, we strongly advocate for a field hockey suitable turf to be placed at Moberly/Ross Park,

Best,

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Harjit S. Sajjan
Vancouver South

March 20, 2023

Dear Vancouver Parks Board Commissioners,

I am writing to you today in support of the installation of a synthetic turf field in Ross Park or Moberly Elementary School. Growing up in the neighbourhood and having the opportunity to play on these fields daily also reminds me of the upgrades that these two parks are in need of and having a synthetic turf field would benefit the community immensely. These two parks are utilized daily for many youth and senior activities.

Unlike natural grass, synthetic turf requires minimal maintenance. This means that park staff would spend less time moving, watering and fertilizing the grass which would inevitably save time and money. Synthetic turf is designed to withstand heavy use, making it an ideal choice for high-traffic areas like parks. It is also resistant to weather conditions, which means that it can be used year-round in any climate. With natural grass, a significant amount of water is required to keep the grass healthy and green. Synthetic turf, on the other hand, does not require any water, which make sit a water-efficient alternative and does not require the use of pesticides or fertilizers, which can harm the environment.

A new synthetic turf field would serve as a valuable community space and an important investment of the future of our community, where there would be an increase in recreational activities, events and concerts with the high volume of individuals that currently utilize the parks for various activities. Residents will not have to go across town to participate in activities or watch their loved ones play. This provides them with a safe and accessible space for adults and children now and into the future.

I strongly support the installation of a synthetic turf field at Ross Park or Moberly Elementary School in order for our current and future residents of all ages to have a communal space to call theirs and strengthen the community ties.

Sincerely,

Hon. Harjit S. Sajjan
Member of Parliament
Vancouver South

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Dear park Board Commissioners

We, the Khalsa Diwan Society, are writing to express our support for the construction of a synthetic turf field in Ross Park or Moberly School. We believe that a turf field would be a valuable addition to our community, providing a safe and accessible space for children and adults alike to play sports, exercise, spectate and socialize. The Khalsa Diwan Society, Vancouver, a non-profit organization, was established in 1906 and has over 12,000 members. We are located in the vicinity of both Ross Park and Moberly School.

Our community is largely involved in sports, and the Khalsa Diwan Society hosts many fields hockey, soccer and Kabaddi tournaments. As you may know, the Ross community does not have a turf field in the area. This means that children who live in the area do not have access to a safe and high-quality space to play sports and engage in physical activity. We are also not able to host as many tournaments as we once did due to the transition of sports to modern synthetic fields. Most of our community held tournaments are migrating to other municipalities due to the lack of a turf field in our community. Additionally, many families in the area may not have the resources to travel to other areas with turf fields, meaning that their children miss out on the benefits of regular physical activity. A synthetic turf field would provide a solution to this problem, as it is durable, low-maintenance, and can be used year-round in all weather conditions. It would also provide a safe surface for children to play on, reducing the risk of injury and increasing the overall enjoyment of sports and physical activity. It would also allow the Khalsa Diwan society to hold more annual tournaments.

Furthermore, a turf field would also serve as a valuable community space, allowing residents of all ages to come together and participate in recreational activities. It would foster a sense of community and provide a safe space for children and families to gather and engage in healthy, positive activities. This is especially important for the elderly in our community. Our elderly are often not able to travel across the city to watch their grandchildren's games. A turf field here would give them a means to be spectators at their grandchildren's games. It would help families and the community to come together.

Youth violence is a major problem in our community. Our youth is at risk of becoming involved in violence due to the lack of access to positive activities and safe spaces where they can develop their skills and interests. This can lead them to become involved in gangs or other criminal activities, which can have long-term negative consequences for themselves and their communities. A turf field can help to address this problem by providing a safe and accessible space where young people can come together to play sports, socialize, and learn important life skills such as teamwork, leadership, and perseverance. By engaging in positive activities like sports, our youth can develop a sense of belonging and purpose, which can help to reduce their risk of becoming involved in violence.

The community has been waiting for a turf field since the early 90's and would welcome it with open arms. It is long overdue for this community to receive its first artificial turf. Residents have been consulted and would not be bothered by the excess of cars or lights on the field. They just want a turf for their children to play on.



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We believe that the construction of a synthetic turf field in Ross Park or Moberly School is an important investment in the future of our community. It would provide a safe and accessible space for children and adults to engage in physical activity, foster community spirit, and promote healthy family living habits. We believe that such a field can play an important role in helping to disengage youth from violence by providing a safe, positive environment for them to engage in sports and other physical activities. Khalsa Diwan Society urges the Park Board to consider our community for the next synthetic turf field in Vancouver since it has always been overlooked and underserved.

Sincerely,

Kuldip Singh Thandi
President
Khalsa Diwan Society

Punjabi Market Collective



Re: Turf Field at Ross Park

Dear Members of the Vancouver Park Board,

I hope this letter finds you in good health and high spirits. I am writing to advocate for the installation of a synthetic turf field in South Vancouver's Ross Park. I firmly believe that such a facility would not only enhance the overall appeal and utility of the park but also provide numerous social benefits to the local community, including the significant South Asian population residing in the area.

First, allow me to highlight the advantages of a synthetic turf field. Unlike natural grass, synthetic turf requires less maintenance and remains usable throughout the year, regardless of weather conditions. It eliminates the need for watering, mowing, and fertilization, thus reducing maintenance costs and environmental impact. Additionally, synthetic turf offers a consistent and safe playing surface, which reduces the risk of injuries and allows for greater accessibility to people of all ages and abilities.

Currently, the distribution of synthetic turf fields across Vancouver is not equitable, with a higher concentration of these facilities in more affluent neighbourhoods. South Vancouver, despite its growing population and diverse community, has been largely underserved in terms of recreational infrastructure. Investing in a synthetic turf field at Ross Park would help bridge this gap and demonstrate the Park Board's commitment to equitable distribution of resources throughout the city.

South Vancouver is home to a diverse, vibrant, and growing community, including a large South Asian population. The Khalsa Diwan Society, located nearby, serves as a community centre and a cultural hub for South Asian residents. By installing a synthetic turf field in Ross Park, the Park Board would be directly addressing the needs of this community and fostering closer connections between different cultural groups. Furthermore, the park's central location makes it easily accessible to other community centres in the area, such as the Sunset Community Centre and the South Vancouver Neighbourhood House, ensuring that a wide range of individuals can take advantage of the field.

The social benefits of approving a synthetic turf field for Ross Park are manifold. By providing a state-of-the-art facility for sports and recreation, the park would become a focal point for community events, tournaments, and gatherings. This would foster a greater sense of community spirit, pride, and camaraderie among the residents of

South Vancouver, including the South Asian community that frequents the Khalsa Diwan Society.

Furthermore, the improved field would encourage increased participation in sports and physical activities, leading to better health and wellbeing for community members. Regular exercise and outdoor activities have been proven to positively impact mental health, reducing stress and anxiety levels while promoting an overall sense of happiness and fulfillment.

In conclusion, I urge you to consider the installation of a synthetic turf field in Ross Park, South Vancouver. The many benefits of such a facility, combined with the social impact it would have on the community and the need for equitable distribution of resources, make it a worthwhile and essential addition. Thank you for your time and consideration, and I hope that you will give this proposal the attention it deserves.

Sincerely,

Gulzar Nanda
Board Chair

Dear Vancouver Park Board,

As seniors in the Vancouver South community, we are writing to express our strong support for the building of a synthetic turf field at Moberly. We believe that this field will provide a wonderful opportunity for us to stay connected to the community and to watch our grandchildren play sports.

Many of us have been long-time residents of the area and have watched the community grow and change over the years. We remember when the Ross Street Sikh temple was first built and have seen generations of families immigrate to the area. Many of our grandchildren attend Moberly school. We take great pride in our community and feel that this turf field will be a valuable addition that will bring people together.

As seniors, we often find ourselves looking for ways to stay actively involved in our community. Watching our grandchildren play sports is a wonderful way for us to do that. It gives us a sense of purpose and allows us to feel connected to our families and the community at large. We have been looking forward to being able to watch competitive games on a beautiful synthetic turf field in our area. It is often difficult for us to travel across the city and a local field would make spectating a lot easier for us.

We understand that building a synthetic turf field is a significant investment, but we believe that it is one that is well worth making. It will not only benefit us as seniors, but it will also help us foster a relationship with our youth in the neighbourhood. It will provide a safe and durable playing surface that can be used for a variety of sports and activities. It will also enhance the overall experience in our underserved community. We urge you to approve the building of a synthetic turf field at Moberly School. It will be a valuable asset to the community and will provide us with a wonderful opportunity to stay connected and involved. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Gurpal Singh Pandher
President, Board of Directors



STEVE RAI
DEPUTY CHIEF CONSTABLE
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VANCOUVER POLICE DEPARTMENT | *Beyond the Call*

Date: March 20, 2023

Dear Vancouver Park Board,

As a longtime Vancouver Police Officer including in my current role as a Deputy Chief Constable, I have extensive firsthand experience with our South Vancouver neighborhoods. I spent many years working as a front-line police officer in Southeast Vancouver including working closely with the South Asian community. In the height of the Vancouver gang conflict of the 1990's, youth were being recruited into criminal behavior. The Vancouver Police Department engaged with youth to interrupt and break the cycle of gang recruitment. A cornerstone of our strategy was supporting youth leadership and team sporting opportunities.

I support the installation of a synthetic turf field at Ross Park. A synthetic turf field would provide a safe and accessible space for physical activity and recreation for individuals of all ages and abilities. A synthetic turf field would promote community engagement and social cohesion by providing a gathering place for local residents to come together and participate in activities. Promoting healthy lifestyles and social connections among individuals will help strengthen community connections.

The South Asian community has one of the largest representations in Southeast Vancouver. The South Asian community is known to foster a sense of community pride and identity through its selfless service to the community. A synthetic turf field would further foster this community pride and assist in bridging the gap between its generations.

For the youth in Southeast Vancouver, a new synthetic turf field will assist in providing them with alternative pathways to stay out of being recruited into a gang associated lifestyle or finding themselves in negative peer groups. The turf field would give them a location to play sports and engage in physical activity, while developing a sense of belonging within the community.

VANCOUVER POLICE DEPARTMENT | *Beyond the Call*

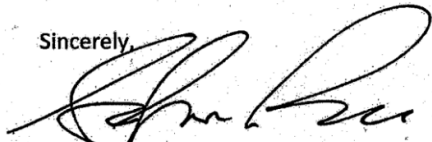
STEVE RAI
DEPUTY CHIEF CONSTABLE
SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION

Our country expects to welcome up to 500,000 new immigrants to Canada in 2025. Online statistics show that over 30% of those new immigrants will be of South Asian descent. Southeast Vancouver provides a rich culture and safe place for the majority of South Asian newcomers to B.C. Ross Park, with a new synthetic turf field will provide a location for newcomers to cultivate a sense of feeling at home, provide them the ability to make important community connections and ultimately help strengthen the foundation on which they will grow as visitors to Canada.

In summary, a new synthetic turf field at Ross Park will elevate the communities around it, inspire multiple generations and help provide a safe location for physical training while enhancing overall well-being and mental health.

Thank you for your consideration, and I hope that you will support this proposal.

Sincerely,



Steve Rai, Deputy Chief Constable
Support Services Division
Vancouver Police Department



Dear Vancouver Park Board Commissioners,

In my role as President of the Vancouver Women's Field Hockey Association, I am writing to express my strong support for the installation of a synthetic turf field in the South East Vancouver area - for example Moberly Park or Ross Park - which would greatly benefit the underserved community in the area. I believe that this project could have a positive impact on our lives in several ways. There is an inequality in the distribution of turf fields throughout the city. Adding a turf field to the Ross Street area would be a great step towards fixing this imbalance.

Furthermore, I would like to strongly advocate for it to be a field hockey suitable turf. Field hockey is a popular sport that is 80% female in Canada. The sport has strong roots in Vancouver, represented by one of the oldest sport clubs in the country and with both men's and women's national teams based in the city. By making this turf suitable for field hockey the council will be showing strong support for women and girls in Vancouver. The Vancouver Women's Field Hockey Association has a playing membership of more than 1200, not including all our coaches and umpires. We have a diverse age range of playing members with our youngest player being 13 years old and our oldest player 78 years young.

A synthetic field hockey turf would provide a safe and accessible space for physical activity and recreation for individuals of all ages and abilities. Many residents in the area do not have access to private or public facilities that offer these amenities, and a synthetic field hockey turf would fill this gap. The surface is durable, slip-resistant, and can withstand heavy use, which would allow it to be used frequently throughout the year. Furthermore, a synthetic field hockey turf would provide a low-maintenance and sustainable solution for the upkeep of the park.

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In summary, I strongly believe that the installation of a synthetic field hockey turf in South East Vancouver would provide numerous benefits to the underserved community in the area. It would offer a safe, accessible, low-maintenance, and sustainable space for physical activity and recreation, promote community engagement, and help to enhance the overall quality of life for residents.

Thank you for your consideration, and I hope that you will support this proposal.

Sincerely,

Ceri Cornwall

VWFHA President





March 28, 2023

Dear Vancouver Parks Board

I am writing on behalf of the Board and Club members of the West Vancouver Field Hockey Club. Our members currently travel across the lower mainland, mainly from the North Shore to UBC or to Surrey to play other Clubs or for training. We strongly support the installation of a synthetic turf field at Ross Park or Moberly Park, which would greatly benefit the underserved community in the area. There is an inequality in the distribution of turf fields throughout the city. Adding a turf field to the Ross street area would be a great step towards fixing this imbalance.

Firstly, a synthetic turf field would provide a safe and accessible space for physical activity and recreation for individuals of all ages and abilities. Many residents in the area do not have access to private or public facilities that offer these amenities, and a synthetic turf field would fill this gap. The surface is durable, slip-resistant, and can withstand heavy use, which would allow it to be used frequently throughout the year. Secondly, a synthetic turf field would provide a low-maintenance and sustainable solution for the upkeep of the park.

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In summary, I strongly believe that the installation of a synthetic turf field at Ross Park would provide numerous benefits to the underserved community in the area. It would offer a safe, accessible, low-maintenance, and sustainable space for physical activity and recreation, promote community engagement, and help to enhance the overall quality of life for residents.

Thank you for your consideration, and I hope that you will support this proposal.

Sincerely,

Mark Vaughan

President, West Vancouver Field Hockey Club

Appendix B

Moberly Park SW

<https://anc.ca.apm.activecommunities.com/vancouver/reservation/landing/search/detail/1263>

Facility openings calendar

Today < May 2023 >

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(source: <https://anc.ca.apm.activecommunities.com/vancouver/reservation/landing/search/detail/1261>)

Facility openings calendar

Today < May 2023 >

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Ross Park Diamond NE

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