

## MOTION ON NOTICE

*For consideration at the Regular Board meeting held on March 31, 2025*

### **Synthetic Turf Field & Lighting at Kitsilano Secondary School**

Submitted by: Commissioner Bastyovanszky

#### WHEREAS

1. The [Sport Field Strategy](#) approved on June 10, 2024 highlights that installing field lights for community use of the synthetic turf field at Kitsilano Secondary School, would increase the system's capacity, by over 1800 prime time hours, creating an opportunity of generating \$100K of Park Board revenue each year that can offset the ongoing cost of maintenance and renewal.
2. The Vancouver Park Board and the Vancouver School Board (VSB) have established joint-use agreements; in July 2002, the Board approved the Playing Field Renewal Plan that initiated the development of new and renewed synthetic turf fields at Vancouver Technical Secondary School, Eric Hamber Secondary School/Oak Meadows Park, Point Grey Secondary School/Kerrisdale Park which has been [managed under such an agreement since 2006](#);
3. The synthetic turf field at Kitsilano Secondary School was constructed in 2016 by the VSB for school use and conversations have been underway since then about [joint use agreements](#) with Park Board for community use of the turf field at Kitsilano Secondary School;
4. On April 9, 2019, the [Board approved the installation of outdoor lighting](#) at Kitsilano Secondary School's synthetic turf field, contingent upon securing a shared-use agreement with the VSB;
5. In [December 2022, as part of the 2023 Service Plan, Operating, and Capital Budgets](#), the Board prioritized the installation of sports field lights at Kitsilano Secondary School allocating \$1.2 million for the project with an initial completion target of November 2023;
6. In April 2024, the [Park Board initiated detailed designs](#) for the lighting projects at Kitsilano Secondary School targeting construction completion in the third quarter of 2024. A Joint Use License with the VSB was expected to be finalized by spring 2024;
7. A memo to the Board dated February 28, 2025, indicated that staff require a commitment from Park Board for the future replacement of the synthetic turf field at Kitsilano Secondary School in order to proceed with finalizing the Joint Use Agreement with the VSB; and the field's anticipated replacement timeline within the next three to five years.
8. The Park Board has received significant community interest in increasing prime-time, lit multi-sport turf field capacity, aligning with the Board's recent investments in sports field permitting and safe sports initiatives;
9. Ensuring the ongoing maintenance of the synthetic turf field and guaranteeing its accessibility for permitted community use remains in the best interest of the community;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board directs staff to assume responsibility for the maintenance and renewal of the Kitsilano Secondary School synthetic turf field, in line with existing Joint Use Agreements with VSB for both school and community use, with renewal funding prioritized in the 2027-2031 Capital Plan;
- B. THAT Park Board staff finalize the Joint Use Agreement with VSB with the commitment from the Park Board for maintenance and renewal;
- C. THAT the installation of field lighting at the Kitsilano Secondary School synthetic turf field be completed by November 2025.

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