



September 25, 2025

MEMO TO : Park Board Commissioners

FROM : Director, Park Planning and Development

SUBJECT : **Andy Livingstone Park Synthetic Turf Fields Construction Schedule - Update - Board Briefing Memo**

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Dear Commissioners,

The purpose of this memo is to provide the Board with an update to the Andy Livingstone Park synthetic turf field replacement construction schedule which has caused concerns for field user groups. In response, staff will revise the Andy Livingstone Park project schedule to address these concerns.

### **Background**

Andy Livingstone Park contains two synthetic turf fields with 16 years old surfaces, and the fields were identified in the Mid Term Capital Update for an estimated \$5.5M renewal investment. These fields currently provide less cushioning for users than synthetic turf fields in good condition, and signs were erected on site advising users of this issue.

The Park Board permit type and fee structure on these fields was reduced to match those of typical all-weather fields in May 2025, with this information communicated to impacted user groups for this location and for the Vancouver Technical Secondary School (VTSS) field which was of similar condition.

The proposed first week of October start date for construction at Andy Livingstone Park was shared with user groups in mid-September and with the Board in a [Board Briefing Memo](#) on September 19, 2025. Subsequently, some permit holders expressed significant concerns about this timing and impact to their organizations, as the VTSS field renovation will not complete until the end of October.

### **Andy Livingstone Synthetic Turf Renewal Schedule**

Staff strive to maximize field availability during closures and had previously committed to limiting synthetic turf field shutdowns to one location at a time. However, an opportunity arose to begin renewal work at Andy Livingstone Park before completing the project at VTSS. This approach would have allowed for one of the two fields to reopen earlier in 2026 resulting in an additional six months of play time and up to 1400 bookable hours.

Given feedback from affected users who prefer access to Andy Livingstone fields for as long as possible this fall, staff will not be pursuing this approach.



In response to the significant concerns raised, staff have successfully negotiated a delay in the start of construction at Andy Livingstone Field. Work will now begin only after the completion of the VTSS synthetic turf renewal project, currently expected by the end of October, at no additional cost, provided weather conditions remain favourable. This revised timeline is consistent with the original plan to close Andy Livingstone following the completion of the VTSS field replacement. Affected user groups and the Field Sport Federation will be informed of this update.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tiina Mack".

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