



September 19, 2025

MEMO TO : Park Board Commissioners

FROM : Director, Park Planning and Development

SUBJECT : **Sports Field Projects - Update - Board Briefing Memo**

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Dear Commissioners,

The purpose of this memo is to provide the Board with status updates of ongoing funded sport field projects described in previous Board briefing memos.

### **PROJECT STATUS UPDATES**

The sport field projects described in this memo are either recently completed, or currently underway and continue to progress. Relevant project phases, timelines and target dates for completion are stated:

#### **Kitsilano Secondary School (KSS) Field**

On March 31, 2025, the Park Board approved the negotiating and entering into an agreement with the VSB with respect to the joint use and operation of the Field at KSS with provisions for maintenance, field lighting installation and replacement of the current synthetic turf field with a new synthetic turf field. On July 21, 2025 the Park Board directed staff to prepare a report for Council decision seeking approval for (1) the City, the Park Board and the VSB to enter into a construction licence agreement; (2) the City, the Park Board and the VSB to enter into a joint use agreement; (3) designation of the licence area as under the custody, care and management of the Park Board; and (4) use of development cost levies to enable park project expenditure on non-park land. The report will be provided to Council and is currently scheduled on October 7, 2025. Subject to the decision from Council, staff are prepared to negotiate the licence agreements with the VSB, starting with the joint use agreement, and then, subject to agreement with VSB, begin procurement for consulting and contracting to target construction to begin during the summer of 2026.

#### **Beaconsfield Field Turf Upgrade**

On June 16, 2025, the Park Board provided direction to staff to prioritize upgrading the Beaconsfield Park all weather field from gravel to synthetic turf for inclusion in the 2027-2030 Capital Plan. Staff will connect with community interest groups for potential cost-sharing opportunities, conduct a feasibility study and report back to the Board in Q1 2026.

#### **VanTech Synthetic Turf Field Renewal**

The synthetic turf field renewal at Vancouver Technical Secondary school was awarded to XL Turf Ltd. Construction. Work started in August 2025 and is targeted for completion in October 2025, subject to favourable weather.

### **Andy Livingstone Synthetic Turf renewal**

The renewal contract was awarded, and work will begin in early October. The anticipated completion is late Fall 2026, which considers FIFA event schedule impacts. The contract includes opening one of the two fields Spring 2026, which is consistent with feedback from user groups to accelerate access to these fields. There will be a period when both VanTech and Andy Livingstone fields will be closed at the same time. This contradicts previous messaging shared by staff to user groups, however initiating renewal work at Andy Livingstone in advance of completing work at VanTech allows an early reopening of a field at Andy Livingstone, helping minimize the longer term overall impact to user groups especially post FIFA when demand for access to facilities will be heightened. This information has been communicated to impacted user groups and the addition of temporary lights at the Beaconsfield Park gravel field will help offset the longer synthetic turf field closure.

### **New Synthetic Turf Field in Southeast Vancouver - Moberly Park**

The Park Board approved the construction of the new synthetic turf field and fieldhouse at Moberly Park in June 24, 2024. Funding for the project has been provided by the City through the Growing Communities Fund. The consultant contract was awarded to Binnie. Concept design and public engagement ensue through Q4 2025.

The Moberly Synthetic Turf Field will be lined exclusively for field hockey, following International Field Hockey Federation regulations. This approach is supported by key field hockey and soccer user groups as represented by the Vancouver Field Sport Federation (VFSF).

The VFSF confirmed that short pile turf is unsuitable for youth soccer games, therefore youth soccer field lining is not required. The VFSF has provided a letter in support (attached) of a field hockey primary field without lines for other sports.

### **John Hendry Park Little League Diamond and Rugby Field Renewal**

The rugby field was renewed and opened to the public earlier this spring. The renewal of the Little League diamonds was complete in April well in advance of the League's hosting of Provincial Championships in July. The work on the two ball diamonds included leveling, installation of new grass outfields, a new grass infield, irrigation and drainage improvements and replacement of aging infrastructure such as backstops, bleachers, dugouts and fencing. Trout Lake Little League (TLLL) has requested that the Park Board support additional upgrades and amenities through the Unsolicited Proposal process with funding support by the TLLL. Staff are currently in discussion with the TLLL on their request and the outcomes for the \$100K MTU funding approved by Council towards a new batting cage and score shack.

### **Lighting Hillcrest Mini Field**

The Hillcrest mini-field lighting was completed in January 2025.

### **Field Lighting Replacement (Strathcona, Beaconsfield, Clinton, Killarney and Oak Parks)**

High mast sport field lights on these all-weather fields were assessed to be at the end of their service life and are scheduled to be replaced. Existing lighting infrastructure was removed at Strathcona Park, and the new lighting electrical design was completed, with construction completion anticipated in October 2025.



All existing lighting infrastructure has been removed at these Parks. Killarney Park field lighting replacement is currently on hold, due to overlaps with the FIFA training site works. Tender drawings are complete for lighting replacement at Beaconsfield, Clinton and Oak Parks, with Scott Construction currently pricing the projects to deliver through the City-Wide Construction Contract. Where possible, the renewal designs are future facing, to facilitate economical conversion to synthetic turf in accordance with the Park Board Sports Field Strategy. Staff are carefully reviewing the schedule and location of the Beaconsfield lighting replacement project to ensure it aligns with plans for the proposed synthetic turf field. As a result, the installation of the new lights may be delayed.

Staff will provide temporary lighting systems to support users during the winter at Beaconsfield Park. Temporary lighting is being considered at Kitsilano Secondary as well.

### **Kerrisdale Park - Point Grey Track and Field Upgrades**

The Kerrisdale Park - Point Grey Secondary Track and Field project was completed in late 2024. The throwing area for shot put and discus remained closed and was opened to the public in the spring of 2025, after the grass established. Washroom upgrades to support the track and field at the adjacent Kerrisdale Arena are currently in the tendering stage.

### **Killarney Track and Field Upgrades**

The construction civil contract was awarded to Wilco Civil Contractors Inc., who started work in March 2025. Substantial completion is targeted for Q2 2026 and work is well coordinated with the adjacent FIFA World Cup 26 Vancouver training site construction.

Regards,

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