



April 11, 2024

MEMO TO : Park Board Commissioners

FROM : Tiina Mack, Director, Park Planning and Development

SUBJECT : **Sports Fields Update – Board Briefing Memo**

Dear Commissioners,

The purpose of this memo is to provide the Board with status updates of ongoing funded sports fields projects including the following: John Hendry Park Little League Diamond Renewal, Lighting at Kitsilano Secondary School and Hillcrest Mini Field, Van Tech Synthetic Turf Field Renewal, Kerrisdale Park – Point Grey School Track and Field Upgrades, Killarney Track and Field Upgrades, The Sports Field Strategy and the New Synthetic Turf Field in southeast Vancouver, which is now scheduled for a Board decision in Q2 after a decision for the Sports Field Strategy.

This memo provides an update on sports field related subjects described in previous Board briefing memos from [May 26, 2023](#), [July 7, 2023](#), [November 23, 2023](#) and the Sports Field Development Update staff presentation from [October 16, 2023](#).

PROJECT STATUS UPDATES

The sports fields projects described in this memo are currently underway and continue to progress. Current project phases, timelines and target dates for completion are stated where possible.

John Hendry Park Little League Diamond and Rugby Field Renewal

The renewal of the Little League Diamond is estimated to start in Q3 2024 after the conclusion of this year's Little League season. The renewal is expected to be completed in time for Trout Lake Little League to host the 2025 Provincial Championships. The renewal work for the rugby field and two Little League ball diamonds is anticipated to include leveling, seeding, installation of new grass infields, irrigation improvements and replacement of aging infrastructure such as backstops, dugouts and fencing. The Little League has requested that the Park Board provide additional upgrades and amenities at this location and staff have advised the League that no additional Park Board funding is available.

Lighting at Kitsilano Secondary School and Hillcrest Mini Field

Both Kitsilano Secondary School and Hillcrest Mini Field lighting projects began detailed design in 2024. Detailed design completion and development permit drawings submission are targeted for Q2 2024 for both sites. Construction will be staggered between the two sites to ensure at least one field is operational while the other is under construction. Construction completion for both sites is targeted for Q3 2024. A Joint Use License with the Vancouver School Board for community use of the field at Kitsilano Secondary School outside of school hours and weekends and prior to lighting installation, is expected to be finalized this spring. Sports' group access to the Kitsilano field is targeted to begin this year to coincide with the spring/summer permit season.



Field Lighting Replacement at Strathcona, Beaconsfield, Clinton, Killarney and Oak

Several high mast sport field lights are at the end of their service life and being replaced. The field lighting design is underway for Strathcona Park and is expected to be completed by Q3 2024 with installation targeted for Q4 2024. Estimated removal of lighting infrastructure is for the end of March for Beaconsfield, Clinton, Killarney and Oak. Lighting replacement for the four sites will be conducted through 2025 and 2026 following the priorities defined by the upcoming Sports Field Strategy. The scope for all sites will exceed currently approved funding, and staff are requesting additional funds through the Mid-Term Capital Update currently underway. Consequently, the sport field permitting office will be considering the reduced service level caused by lighting outages in the fall and winter of 2024-2025 booking schedules.

Kerrisdale Park – Point Grey Track and Field Upgrades

Construction is underway at Kerrisdale Park - Point Grey Secondary Track and Field. Construction began in December 2023 with anticipated completion by Q4 2024.

Killarney Track and Field Upgrades

Detailed design and permitting drawings are underway in tandem for the Killarney Track and Field Upgrades. The completion of detailed design and issuance of a tender package is targeted for Q4 2024, with construction to follow in early 2025 and substantial completion targeted by the end of the year.

VanTech Synthetic Turf Field Renewal

The synthetic turf field renewal at Vancouver Technical Secondary school is in the project initiation phase. Construction is anticipated to begin once Kerrisdale – Point Grey Track and Field Upgrades are complete and back in service by Q1 2025.

Sports Field Strategy

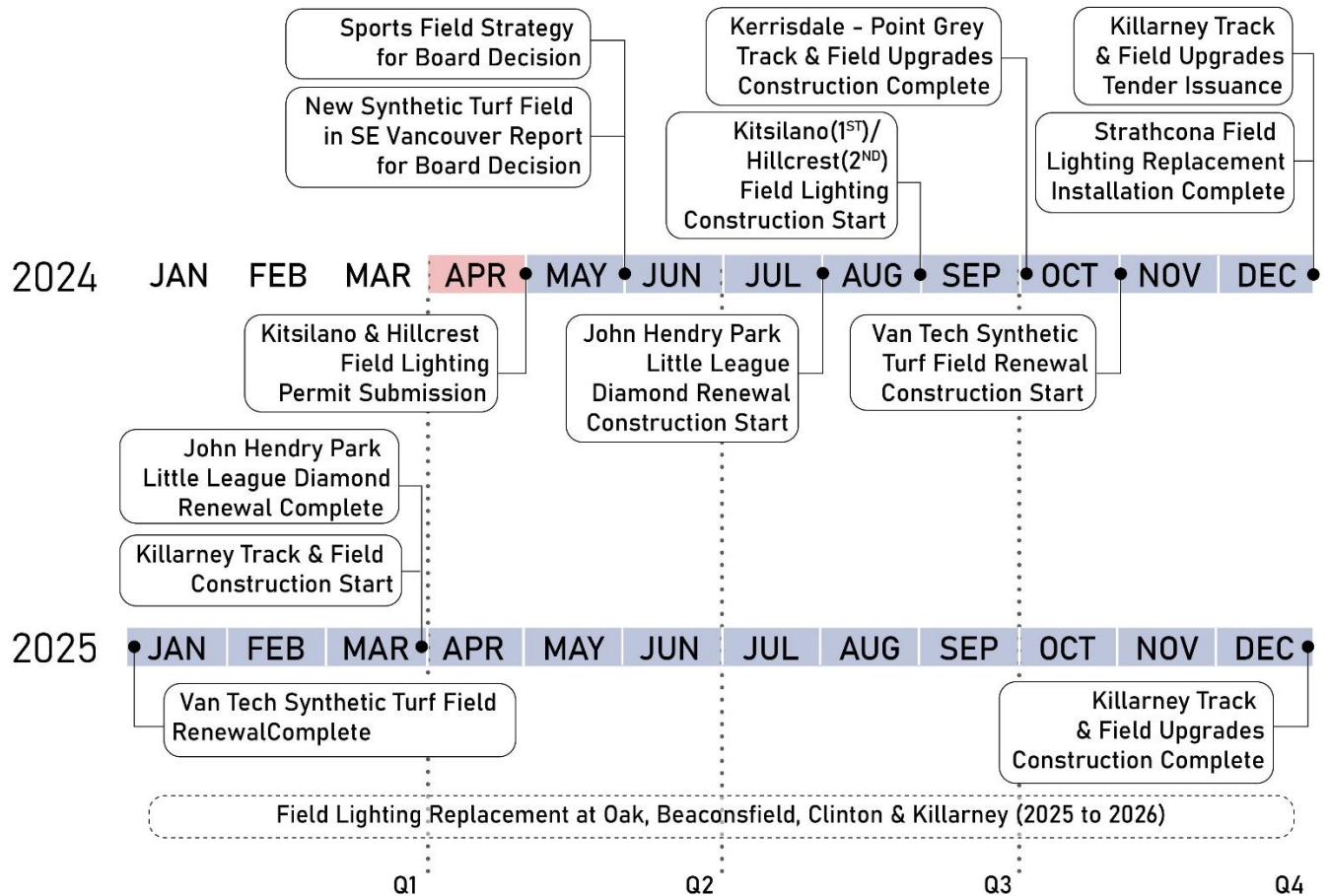
Staff are bringing the Sports Field Strategy to the Board for decision in May 2024. The Strategy will guide sports field development, management and maintenance decision-making for the next 10+ years and will provide a basis for ongoing capital and operating plans and budgets.

New Synthetic Turf Field in Southeast Vancouver Report

Staff are bringing a report on a new synthetic turf field in southeast Vancouver to the Board for decision targeted for the end of May 2024. The report will provide recommendations for the location of the field in southeast Vancouver and options for sports field use.

TIMELINE

Figure 1 below shows the project timelines outlined above.



MILESTONE TIMELINE (TARGETED DATES)

Regards,

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