

NEWS RELEASE

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Rotary Bowl Improvements

For Immediate Release

July 20, 2010– The City of Nanaimo is pleased to support School District 68’s application through the Community Connections program for the resurfacing of the track at the Rotary Bowl. If successful, this grant will complete the needed funding for the track’s resurfacing.

“Nanaimo is fortunate to have an athletic facility like the Rotary Bowl,” says Mayor John Ruttan. “While we are committed to maintaining it as a premiere sports facility, we are also advocating for greater community access.”

The City of Nanaimo is further committed to working in partnership with School District 68 as well as other parties, including the Nanaimo Track and Field Club and Vancouver Island University to explore a vision for the facility that would make it a true multi-use community facility.

Potential upgrades to the facility include resurfacing of the track, development of the infield for multi-use, as well as the addition of lights and enhanced spectator seating and amenities. Once complete, the facility could be home to a variety of sports other than track and field, including soccer, football, field lacrosse, and field hockey. Outdoor special events may also be possible at the upgraded facility. The City is hopeful that a partnership between parties will result in a multi-use agreement that will benefit all of the current and potential stakeholders of Rotary Bowl.

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