

## NEWS RELEASE

Distributed August 19, 2015

### Artificial turf being replaced in Beban Park

#### Summary

One of the artificial turf fields in Beban Park is in the process of being replaced. The new turf and shock pad will be installed this month. The goal is have the field ready for play in early September.

The new turf, with the addition of a shock pad, comes with a number of improvements including a natural grass-like look and feel; a better infill which is a spread made of various products that is found between the grass fibres that provides appropriate cushioning to absorb impact and provide traction; and stronger backing which increases the durability of the entire product comprised of woven polypropylene fabrics.

*Strategic Link:* Taking Responsibility to be an Excellent Municipal Government

#### Key Points

- The field is expected to be ready for play in September.
- The existing turf and infill materials are being stored on-site for future use in the community.

#### Quotes

"With close to 2,000 hours of use, this is one of most used sports fields in Nanaimo so the turf needs to be durable. We have chosen a product to replace the old turf we believe will provide users with a better play experience and last longer."

Richard Harding  
Director, Parks, Recreation and Environment  
City of Nanaimo

#### Quick Facts

- A shock pad is the underlay of the field essentially providing a cushioning layer that can absorb the impact from a fall. A shock pad improves the comfort and safety of the field. It makes the surface more enjoyable to play on!

-30-

Continued... Artificial turf being replaced in Beban Park

**Contact:**

Richard Harding  
Director, Parks, Recreation and Environment  
City of Nanaimo  
richard.harding@nanaimo.ca  
250-616-7927



View the online edition for more information -  
<http://cnan.ca/1E5A8Kg>