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Let there be Turf! Community Partnership goes Green

Official Dedication of the Community Field at NDSS

In a joint partnership, the City of Nanaimo and Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools (NLPS) have together developed a new artificial turf field on the grounds of Nanaimo District Secondary School (NDSS) and will be officially dedicating on Wednesday, May 16 at 3:00 PM. Students and sport groups have been playing on this field since last November, however the final details such as fencing and landscaping have been added this spring.

The new field is an exciting addition to Nanaimo's Larry McNabb Sports Zone along Third Street. It is built for two sizes of football play and has the width needed for rugby, making it the largest artificial turf field in Nanaimo. NDSS students can enjoy a year-round field, while community sport groups will have an opportunity to book it as well. Field lights have also been installed, adding evening play for soccer, rugby, field lacrosse, football teams, and others.

"The City of Nanaimo and Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools would like to thank the many people who have contributed to the success of this project," said Richard Harding, Director of Parks and Recreation.

"Our partnership with the City has created a one-of-a-kind space for our students, their families and the greater Nanaimo community," said Superintendent John Blain. "I am extremely proud of what we have accomplished in a short period of time. The District looks forward to working with the City on future projects."

The ceremony will also recognize the overall project of the addition of the Rotary Bowl and Serauxmen Stadium, now owned by the City of Nanaimo and dedicated as park land.

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