# NANAIMO SPORTS FIELD STRATEGY 2009-2024

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# **Executive Summary:**

The department of Parks, Recreation and Culture is committed to re-evaluating its sports fields and field amenities. As highlighted in the City of Nanaimo's Parks, Recreation and Culture Master Plan, Sports Fields are developed to accommodate league play, recreational programs, school physical education classes, tournaments, and special events. Emerging field requirements of user groups, along with a new strategic direction to address maintenance and supply concerns, stimulated a need to implement a Sports Field Strategy.

Evaluating the current state of sports field facilities and amenities has been identified as a top priority by the Parks, Recreation and Culture department. This Sports Field Strategy will outline a fifteen year vision from 2009 to 2024 and will develop, adopt and implement a strategy that allows all citizens of Nanaimo access and opportunity to enjoy an active lifestyle. This strategic review was driven in part by the continuous demand from Nanaimo residents to use playing fields and improve conditions within the city and develop a comprehensive long term strategy to address current and future shortfalls in the quantity and quality of the city's existing playing fields.

Field sports provides opportunities for Nanaimo residents to "Learn, Train and Play" and provides opportunities for participants to engage in healthy physical activity, connect and socialize with other community members and grow new skills, experiences, friendships, and memories.

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#### 1.0 Rationale of the Sports Fields Strategy:

The City of Nanaimo and other agencies provide a number of sports fields and amenities that are heavily used by the community. The need to meet this demand is important because field sports are an activity from which all residents of Nanaimo can benefit. An active lifestyle is beneficial for:

- long term physical health,
- psychological and emotional well being,
- and teaches important human qualities like fairness, determination, dedication, team spirit, and hard work.

As stated in the City of Nanaimo Parks, Recreation and Culture mission statement, the city is committed to

"enhancing the quality of life and leisure through Active for Life which promotes life-long physical activity".

With that comes a commitment to ensuring outdoor recreation needs are met for residents while on community fields.

The City of Nanaimo currently has twenty sport field locations, not including School District #68, that can offer multiple playing fields at one location with an assortment of amenities. After ongoing community consultation, this strategy will serve to meet the additional needs of users outlined in the vision below.

#### 1.1 The Vision:

The City of Nanaimo has a civic vision to:

"be known as one of the most desirable, livable small cities in North America."

Most citizens of Nanaimo support this vision with their continuous dedication to sport and recreation as a vital part of their everyday lives.

The vision of this Sports Field Strategy is to make the sports facilities in Nanaimo some of the most desirable fields for users, develop the sites so that they meet the everyday needs of users at all community levels, and foster an appropriate tournament environment.









This strategy will outline recommendations over 15 years with short and long term strategy improvements, to our existing sports field amenities and services to the regional community.

To assure an active lifestyle is facilitated by the city's sports fields the vision will strive to provide optimal *accessibility*, *playability*, *and equitability*.

- Accessibility will ensure that playing fields are more readily available and affordable for bookings, as well as geographically distributed around town
- *Playability* will strive for better field conditions, maintenance infrastructure, and amenities
- *Equitability* will promote fairness to all user groups regardless, of their respective field sport, gender, or age.





Aug-08	Development of a field and field amenity
	inventory for the 20 sports field sites in Nanaimo
Aug-08	Analysis of current users, conditions, challenges
	and trends to sports fields in Nanaimo
Sept-08	Preparation of a forecast of future sport trends
Sept-08	Survey of several municipalities throughout the
	Pacific Northwest to learn what challenges other municipalities are facing
Oct-08	Formation of a City staff committee to develop the
	strategy
Oct-08	Stakeholder meeting held at the Nanaimo Aquatic
	Centre to obtain input into the strategy. Participants
	were from a variety of different sport groups
Jan-09	Refinement of the strategy by Staff committee
	including the consideration of input from field users
Spring-09	Development of a sports tourism strategy begins in
	tandem with the field strategy development
Dec-09	Draft field strategy put forward to stakeholders for
	review and comment on web
Feb-10	Second stakeholder meeting with field user groups
	to present and obtain input on the draft strategy
Apr-10	Presentation of the final field strategy to the Parks
	Recreation and Culture Commission



# 1.3 The Benefits and Value of Sport Fields

Sport fields encourage healthy living and provide children and adults an outlet to adopt an active lifestyle. Physical activity

- improves health and well-being,
- reduces stress,
- maintains a healthy body weight,
- and has been proven to strengthen the heart and lungs. (1) Skills learned while participating in field sports are valuable life tools that will promote long term recreational and fitness habits.

Field sports can provide communities the opportunity to "Learn, Train and Play", which are the preferred outcomes from the Parks, Recreation and Culture Department when shaping Nanaimo sport fields.

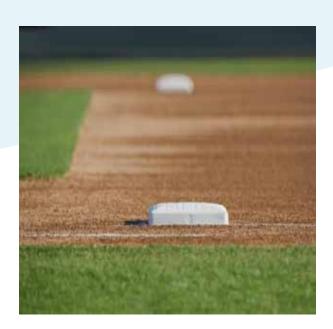


#### 1.4. Active Communities

Sports fields can bring a community together with one common interest. Group sports encourage people to gather at one place to share their passion for recreation and active living and for many sports a designated field is required.

- Field sports provide many social benefits to a community while offering participants and their families an opportunity to meet and socialize with the surrounding community.
- Youth can be exposed to various cultures and develop friendships through their common passion on the field.
- Spectators can interact with other spectators as they cheer on their friends or family members and unify social groups as supporters.

The sport field is a neutral setting that makes everyone feel welcome and allows people of all ages a chance to play.







## 1.5 'Learn, Train and Play'

'Learn, Train and Play' is the adopted tagline of the City of Nanaimo's Parks, Recreation and Culture Department and is the initiative to highlight Nanaimo as a sports destination.

As it relates to sport fields, an individual can:

- 'Learn' new physical abilities and personal life lessons that revolve around teamwork, perseverance and fairplay.
- 'Train' your body to be in the best physical shape you can be in and practice your respective sport.
- 'Play'. The sports field can be used for formal competitive play or for informal recreational play.

### 1.6 Youth Development

The Parks, Recreation and Culture department is actively trying to engage the teen youth of the community in programming such as field sport teams. The City of Nanaimo is currently experiencing a decline in youth population percentages, but throughout the 15 year Sports Field Strategy plan, this group's numbers will begin to increase substantially.

Statistics have shown that as the youth get older, their participation in recreational programming has diminished for a variety of issues. However, it is well documented that participation in team sports lowers crime and antisocial behaviour, and for those in the later years of their secondary education field sports can open post secondary opportunities by way of scholarships (2).

Further supporting the *Active for Life* philosophy is that if we engage the youth early in their adolescent development with physical activity, they are more likely to remain active as an adult than those who lacked physical activity as an adolescent (3).



### 1.7. Sport and the Economy

Sport is an economic magnet that draws thousands of visitors to Nanaimo each year. Visiting athletes, coaches, and families, spend money at local hotels, restaurants, entertainment facilities, and shopping malls. As a result, sport tourism is a benefit to local businesses and contributes positively to the local economy.

However, as mentioned in the vision of this strategy, Nanaimo has to be able to offer suitable facilities to meet the demand in quantity and quality.

- For example, if Nanaimo wishes to host the BC Lions training camp, or a Vancouver Whitecaps professional soccer match, there has to be a venue available that offers high quality field amenities to the players and their coaches, and is suitable for spectators.
- Similarly, if a provincial tournament is held in Nanaimo, there must be a large number of fields in close proximity to each other to accommodate the large numbers of people.

### 1.8 Field Sports in Nanaimo

Nanaimo has approximately 20 organized field sport user groups with over 7,000 participants and coaches, in organized field sports ranging from pre-school toddlers to senior citizens. There is also a large number of citizens not affiliated with a registered club that play casually and make private field bookings for informal play.

There are also countless supporters/spectators for each participant on the field that with a current population of approximately 84,000 people (4), it suggests a large percentage of the population enjoys field sports as part of their daily lives (5). Refer to 'Appendix C' for a detailed account of field use for each sport.





### 1.9 Special Event Use on Fields

Special recreational events are often held in Nanaimo that require a play field. For example:

- 'Healthomongous' is a weeklong event that teaches elementary students about fitness and the importance of maintaining an active lifestyle. It promotes health and wellness, balance, and hand-eye coordination, and shows students ways to accomplish this within a fun and friendly environment.
- Dog agility events are also booked on *select* fields to showcase the talent and fitness ability of our canines. Fields provide a large outdoor space to setup agility stations, and allow large groups of spectators to watch from many different viewing angles.
- Concerts or festivals are held on fields to provide citizens a place to lay a blanket down and picnic on a soft surface while watching a show.

These events, and other special events similar to these, can be challenging to host on sports fields because of the effect on the field from wear and overuse. Therefore, there are only a limited number of fields that can accommodate and sustain ongoing special events such as these without causing long-term damage.







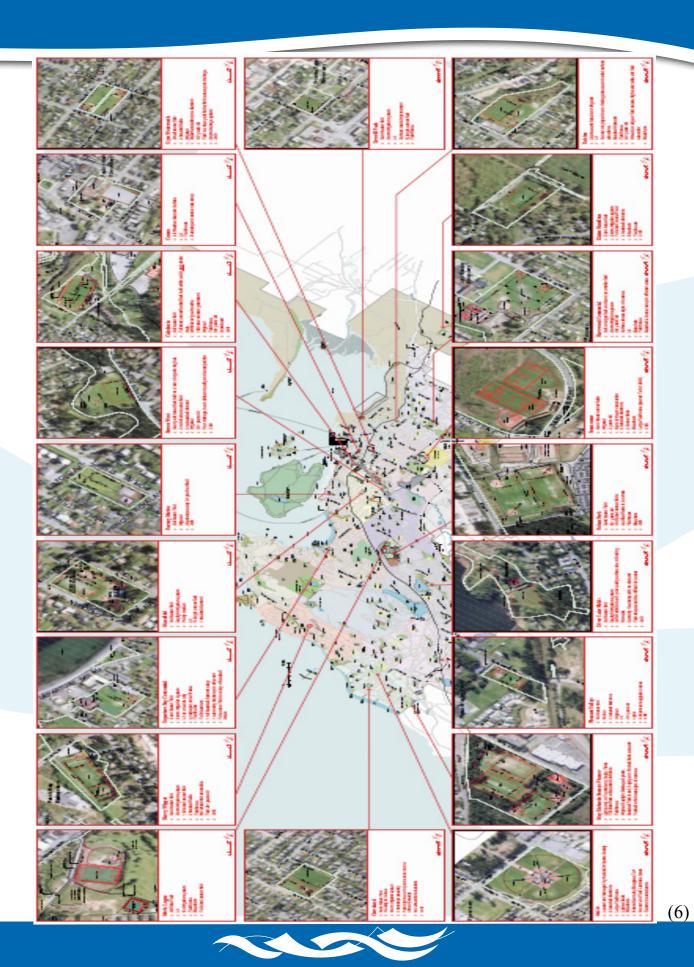
### 2.0 Current Score of Sportsfields in Nanaimo

At present, the sport fields in Nanaimo have achieved a significant level of success by accommodating an ongoing usage of seasonal sports. However, in an effort to prepare for the needs of future user groups within the next 15 years, an assessment of current field conditions within Nanaimo must be done. This will allow the City of Nanaimo to assess where we are, and plan for where we are going.

#### This section will outline:

- the current usage of the fields collectively
- The current participants to show how many sports are actively using the fields, and a field classification system to show the way amenities are categorized
- The sports field projects completed in the last five years
- Lastly, the feedback from the stakeholders to show what improvements the users groups feel need to be done for the long term success of Nanaimo sport fields





#### 2.1 Sports Field Usage

The total number of hours booked on Nanaimo sport fields annually are shown on the right. Annual hourly totals have increased from 17,991 hours booked in 2005 to 23,084 hours booked in 2007, which is a 23% increase. This increased usage makes the maintenance of natural grass sportsfields a challenge. With age, their ability to withstand constant play diminishes, suggesting a long term maintenance plan needs to be put in place.

These statistics represent fields that are booked by a wide variety of sports. However, the majority of these stats represent club bookings.

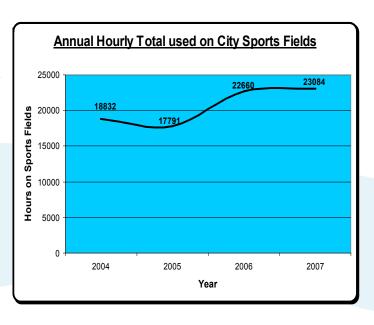
 Private user groups occasionally book fields to ensure that they can play on the field that they wish without fear of another group being on it, but many arrive for play on the chance the field is available. The number of hours that a field is used per year would be significantly higher than the total number of hours booked officially.

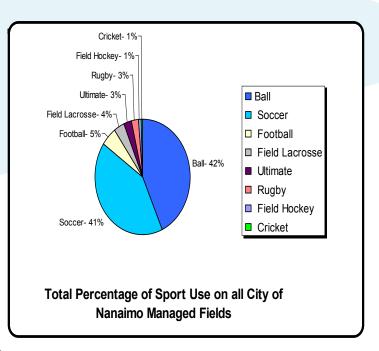
# 2.2. Overview of Field Sport Participation

Nanaimo is home to dozens of field sport user groups which are comprised of thousand of participants, coaches, officials, league administrators and other volunteers. Additionally, there are many more supporters in the form of family and friends.

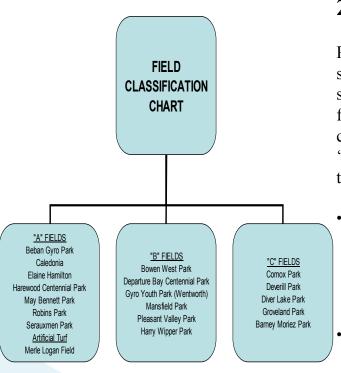
 As shown in the chart to the right, some of the key field sport user groups in Nanaimo are Baseball, Cricket, Field Hockey, Field Lacrosse, Football, Rugby, Soccer, and Ultimate Frisbee.

The chart captures the total number of hours booked on city fields, 83% of which come from Soccer and Ball.









#### 2.3 Field Classification System

Parks, Recreation and Culture has 20 field sites stretching across the City of Nanaimo, and at each site there is commonly more than one field allowing for multiple sport functions to take place. Fields are categorized into three different classes: 'A', 'B' and 'C'. Each one represents the number of amenities and the quality of play at each individual field.

- 'A' fields will typically be designed for playability in all conditions. A field well suited for a variety of sports, a full baseball diamond or soccer nets, a fieldhouse to host space for large events, lights on select fields, and safe and secure parking.
- 'C' fields generally have fewer amenities. In some cases, the field has only been designed and provided with one backstop for youth ball. However, these fields are still well maintained and provide a large green space suitable for smaller recreational events.

#### 2.4 Action in Past Five Years

Within the past five years the City of Nanaimo has successfully completed a number of different field projects.

- Merle Logan Field is an artificial turf field built in 2005 and has since been the most used sport field (based on number of hours booked), because it is currently the only artificial turf surface in the city.
- Serauxman Sports Complex is a state of the art cluster of sand based fields opening in 2006 that offer 2 full soccer fields and 4 full baseball diamonds sport amenities.
- The rotary fieldhouse opened in the fall of 2008 that gave Nanaimo another sport field site with many amenities making it attractive for tournament hosting.



#### 2.5 Overview of Field User Feedback

Staff from the Parks, Recreation and Culture department have heard about a variety of different improvement issues from specific user groups over the years, but throughout 2008, in recognizing the potential growth and need for improved recreational sport fields, listened intently to a collective of stakeholders from all the user groups on Nanaimo sport fields. Please refer to 'Appendix A' for a full summary.

- In October of 2008 stakeholders were gathered for a focus group meeting on sports fields.
  - At this meeting the re-occurring theme mentioned by all field sport users was that there was a lack of sportfield facilities able to accommodate sizable tournaments in Nanaimo.
  - Multiple sports addressed a lack of tournament practice turf (see: natural vs. artificial turf) to prepare for field conditions at tournaments in other places.
  - It was determined that tournament facility improvements were a desired priority by the stakeholders.
- A follow-up meeting was held in February of 2010 for the stakeholders to review a draft of Nanaimo's sports field strategy. Please refer to 'Appendix A' for a full summary.

#### 2.6. Soccer Field Users

Soccer field users focused on the lack of artificial fields as being their number one concern.

- Additionally, they said that the soil fields offer poor playing conditions by the end of October of each year.
- The natural fields that have the best play in the winter are the sand fields because they drain better in winter weather conditions.
- Soccer users who utilize the fields in the summer say the soil fields are acceptable.

This suggests that there are a wide variety of preferences when it comes to natural grass use. However, a second artificial turf, as identified by the rectangular field users, will be coming to alleviate the current congestion on Merle Logan Field.







#### 2.7. Ball Diamond Users

Field requirements differ for fastball and softball user groups because softball prefers skinned infields, whereas fastball is played on a ball diamond with grass.

- Softball users cited a lack of skinned infields as their number one concern. There is currently only a small number of fields that have skinned infields (Beban).
- On the positive, it doesn't appear there is any issue with the number of backstops and ball diamonds available.
- It can be problematic because many diamonds, and even more so baseball diamond outfields, share the field with soccer and by the time the soccer season ends, fields are often damaged.

Ball diamond users are requesting that any site that has diamond overlap with a soccer field be extended or modified so that, at the very least, their infields are not damaged. The city is currently evaluating this at a couple different sites (Robins, Pleasant Valley).



Other field sport users that don't fall into the soccer/ball categories are Ultimate, Field Lacrosse, Field Hockey, Rugby, and Football. While some of these sports utilize the same field configurations as soccer, they have different needs because of how different their respective sport is.

- Ultimate, Field Lacrosse and Field Hockey said they are content with the quality of fields and the amenities, but they were unsatisfied with the field booking/allocation process. This concern was partially due to the lack of artificial turf fields which should be alleviated with the proposed addition of a second one at Merle Logan Field.
- North Nanaimo Rugby and Football are satisfied with their playing conditions, but Football in South Nanaimo request improved playing conditions so that they can host tournament/playoff games adequately.



#### 2.9. Emerging Field Sports

Some sports such as cricket, lawn bowling, sand volleyball, and disc golf are not booked or played on City of Nanaimo fields at this time. However, it is still important to ensure that fields can be appropriately utilized by these sports if desired, or give them an alternative place to play as was done by setting up a forested disc golf course at Bowen Park, as well as a sand volleyball court.

Although the aforementioned sports have not been frequently booked on Nanaimo fields within the last few years, there has been a noticeable increase in Ultimate, Field Lacrosse and Field Hockey play. These three sports were played minimally a decade ago, but as of late have been emerging as an alternative to the more traditional field sports.

Consequently, while ball and soccer are still played the most frequently on Nanaimo sport fields, it is vital to consider the emerging sports field needs so that they have the opportunity to flourish on their own as well as soccer and ball have.





# HALFTIME



# 3.0 Emerging Trends and Challenges

After assessing current usage and participation, identification of potential challenges and trends to assist in the long term planning of sport fields. This section will identify such obstacles as:

- population growth, with particular emphasis on growth of youth, and thus, an increase in participation, which will require the need to match supply and demand.
- current challenges that will require a clear strategy over time, such as overuse of fields, and the shortage of high quality fields.
- the budget allocated to sports fields, namely the difficulty in improving fields with little economic resources.
- given the objective to keep user fees affordable and economically accessible offers limited revenue for future improvements.
- missing partnerships that presents working obstacles in field maintenance, bookings, and availability.







## 3.1 User Expectations

Local teams that travel to other destinations for tournaments are able to compare the quality of the field facilities they play at to those in Nanaimo. As a result, the users can visualize what works well and bring back their ideas on how Nanaimo can improve sport fields.

 Unfortunately, these ideas are not always feasible due to budget constraints or appeasing a wide variety of user groups.

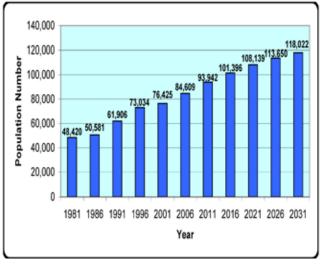
There is a great deal of community pride within the users of Nanaimo sports fields, so when they are hosting visiting teams they want those teams to leave discussing what works well here as well.

 Consequently, there is some pressure to keep up with what other municipalities have done, and becomes challenging for users to understand how the varying budgets can prevent absolute parity.

### 3.2 Increase in Population

Nanaimo has seen a steady increase in population since 1986 and is forecasted to grow substantially until this 15 year field strategy ends in 2024.

#### Recorded and Forecasted Population Change in the City of Nanaimo



- In 2024 the population is projected to be approximately 113,000 people, whereas at the time of this strategy there are approximately 84,000 people living within Nanaimo (7).
- If the aforementioned statistical projection is accurate, it would suggest an increase of approximately 29,000 people (35% increase). With an expected 29,000 person increase living in Nanaimo there has to be an expectation that the demand on existing sports fields will be much greater.

To accommodate for this increase in population the City of Nanaimo has to evaluate improving existing fields to accommodate for this demand, or building new fields to stay on par with this growth. A partnership with School District #68 may be beneficial so that additional fields could be acquired for city use without the cost of building new ones.



# 3.3 Increase in Levels of Participation

Participation in sport clubs has been increasing which results in conflicts for field availability and bookings.

- At the sport field focus group held by City of Nanaimo staff in October of 2008, all the various user groups, with the exception of Youth Soccer, said that their enrollment numbers were on the rise.
  - Youth Soccer was the only group that said their enrollment numbers were staying level. However, Youth Soccer had a booming increase in the previous 15 years that has now materialized into more participation with adult soccer clubs.

The challenge is to accommodate an increasing number of teams looking for playing time either with improved field allocations or the number of fields available. As highlighted in section 3.2, as the population increases so will the number of participants at both the youth and adult levels so this has to be taken into account when redesigning and improving long term sports field needs.

#### 3.4 Overuse of Fields

The fields that offer the best playing conditions and amenities end up suffering from overuse. Fields that have natural grass need a recovery period after significant wear especially in the summer when the turf is regenerating.

More damaging to the fields is the winter sports that wear cleats. Cleats chew up the field by ripping the turf away from the foundation even when the field is dry. However, in winter months when the field is soft and soggy, the turf is even more susceptible to damage.

As a result, regular maintenance becomes an ongoing issue, but the long term effects on the field will show lasting signs of overuse gradually decreasing its quality and playability.









#### 3.5 Shortage of High Quality Fields

As illustrated by the Sportsfield Map, the City of Nanaimo has 20 field sites, but only 8 of the sites are considered 'A' fields.

- 'A' fields are fields that offer a high amount of amenities and offer the best turf conditions. This means that 40 percent of the fields in Nanaimo are high quality fields.
- An additional 7 fields are considered 'B' fields. These fields have some amenities and still offer suitable playing conditions.

As mentioned in Section 3.4 the 'A' fields have the most amount of use because of they are considered the best place to play, whereas the 'C' fields have the least amount of use because for some user groups 'C' fields can't offer the amenities or conditions required by certain clubs.

 Consequently, with most groups trying to get on the premium fields, the City of Nanaimo has initiated ways to increase amenities and playing conditions so that more high quality fields will be available in the future.



#### 3.6 Climate

As a result of the mild winters on Eastern Vancouver Island the fields in Nanaimo can remain open all year round. This allows some of the sports to operate on a seasonal basis.

• For example, soccer plays in the winter months and ball plays in the summer months. Therefore, Nanaimo fields do not have as much congestion as other municipalities that have severe winters and are forced to play the sports all through the spring/summer season.

Nanaimo does have a wet climate throughout winter months that can sometimes result in field closures. However, fields are checked for playability by a turf specialist weekly to ensure that conditions are suitable for the sports being played on the field. As a result, 25% of fields are closed during the winter months due to improper conditions.



### 3.7 Field Booking Balance

Field bookings are negotiated largely on a first come first serve basis, but some user groups are finding that they are unable to get on a field that suits their needs. This is because another group has booked the field for their times early. As a result, the later group is forced to play on unsuitable playing conditions, or not at all.

- Consequently, this might suggest that building new fields may not be necessary but rather restructuring the field allocation process so that inequity amongst sports group users does not exist.
- Furthermore, a webpage has been constructed to keep user groups informed of available fields that suit their conditions, and of fields closed or already booked.

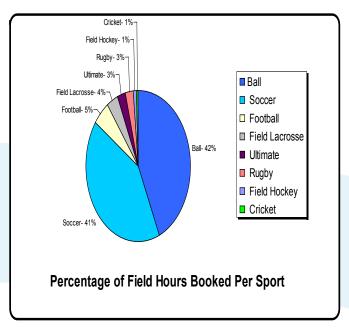
#### 3.8 User Fees

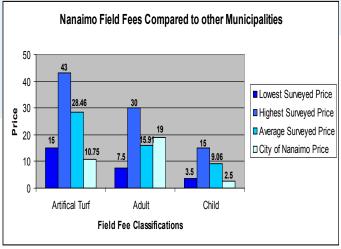
User Fees for field rentals in Nanaimo are kept low to allow any group the opportunity to access affordable recreation. Fields are categorized into three different classifications based on the amenities and conditions of the field. 'A' fields are fields that offer the most amenities such as changerooms, lights and bleachers, and may have a full ball diamond setup. Whereas, 'C' fields have limited amenities and may only have a backstop as opposed to a full ball diamond.

Nanaimo sport field user fees were compared to 17 other municipalities in the Pacific Northwest and were proved to be some of the lowest user fees for sport fields.

• For example, the average price for adults on artificial turf was \$28.46/h, whereas Nanaimo's is \$19.00/h, and the average youth price for premium fields at other municipalities is \$9.06/h, whereas Nanaimo's is \$2.50/h for youth.

Refer to the chart on right (or appendix 'B') for a detailed comparison of user fees amongst other municipalities.





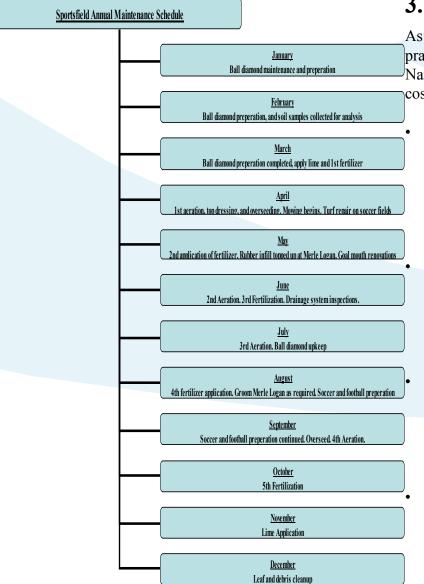


#### 3.9 Financial Plan

The purpose of developing a long term sports field strategy is to identify improvements necessary to achieve pacesetter facilities and incorporate these plans into the City's long term financial plan.

Annual Costs to maintain the City's sports fields are budgeted at one million dollars. User fees recover about 10% of the annual maintenance costs. The objective of providing affordable recreation makes the maintenance of existing fields extremely challenging. In addition to this revenue, the Regional District of Nanaimo is charged approximately 10% of overall costs to cover those outside of city limits who use our fields.

The Parks Recreation and Culture financial plan contains a provision for longer term infrastructure improvements. The current five year financial plan for sports fields is focused on the second artificial field at Merle Logan. There will need to be a concerted effort among user groups, the City of Nanaimo, School District #68, and other partners to provide funds if this plan is to be realized.



#### 3.10 Maintenance

As fields age, more intense maintenance practices are required to keep them at City of Nanaimo Parks Standards, which comes at a cost to the city.

- Natural grass sites are particularly challenging because in winter months fields are worn out from overuse. Turfgrass management practices are in place to ensure turf quality. The field maintenance schedule is outlined to the left.
- Artificial fields are low maintenance. However, because this field is booked the most, regular maintenance is required to maintain suitable playing conditions for the varying user groups.
- Fields may be closed, particularly in the winter, if weekly inspections prove the field to be unsuitable for play, and are re-opened only once the field has been returned to acceptable playing standards.
- Turfgrass management practices also include water management to ensure consistent watering needs are met. Irrigation statistics indicate watering begins in early April and does not shut down until late September.

### 3.11 Design

Field use is currently being evaluated to consider future design improvements. However, some challenges have arisen as a result of determining if a field is better suited for a particular sport. i.e. singular use vs. multi-use.

For example, if a field is better suited as a ball field, then steps will be taken to make it a better ball field. This may require batters boxes to be adjusted so that they face away from the sun, thus preventing batters to exclaim "the sun was in my eyes!". Similar improvements could be made for soccer and other sports.

For the many fields that can be utilized as multi-purpose fields, the challenge is to maximize its multi purpose capabilities, but also, its simultaneous use efficiency.

Sportsfield design has also been an issue in providing appropriate playing surfaces for various user groups. At present, there is one artificial turf, one all- weather granular surface, and the remaining are natural grass turfs. Of these natural grass fields some are soil based and some are sand based.



#### Field User with Agreement Elaine Hamilton None Robbins Park None Gyro (Wentworth) None Caledonia None Harewood Centennial None Nanaimo Hornets Rugby Club and Football Nanaimo- Priorities on field 2 & 3, clubhouse \$1/year till 2014 May Bennett Park None Groveland Park Diver Lake None Pleasant Valley None Nanaimo Youth Soccer- priority booking Mon-Sat in perpetuity, contributed \$400K Merle Logan Departure Bay Centennial None Harry Wipper Park None McGirr Sports Society- City pays society \$110K a year to run and McGirr Park manage till 2012 Nanaimo Youth Soccer- rents Lions Beban Park Gyro Sports Pavillion for \$1/year till 2012 Comox

None

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None

Vancouver Island University- priority booking from Sept-March in perpetuity.

Contributed \$275K for construction and

shares in maintenance costs

### 3.12 Partnerships

The City of Nanaimo and School District #68 each maintain their own sport fields. There is an opportunity to co-manage facilities with a partnership in the following ways:

- maintenance
- operation
- and allocations

This could provide staff on both sides the ability to discuss care and maintenance concerns, negotiate any large bookings, and evaluate future site improvements as a whole that could benefit user groups.

However, user agreements have been entered into with a host of other organizations and user groups which can assist in local management of the fields but also bring about priority occupancy of the fields. These license agreements are illustrated at right.



Devirill Square Park

Bowen West

Mansfield Park

Barney Moriez Park

Third Street Sports Complex



### 4.0 Recommendations, Goals, and Action for Victory

Now that the current situation has been outlined, and common trends and potential challenges have been evaluated, recommendations can be made to achieve the goals of the stakeholders and city staff.

The following recommendations and goals were identified, with associated input from current field sport user groups, by city staff, and a sports field improvement committee. These outline:

- participation,
- facility,
- maintenance and design,
- partnerships,
- site acquisition,
- community consultation and involvement,
- and sport tourism

These are some of the many ways we can improve the state of sports fields and be victorious of achieving the vision within the next 15 years.



#### 4.1 Increase Participation

Participation in field sports is a way that Nanaimo residents can become more physically active. To be involved in field sports, residents must be aware of the value of field sport participation, how to join organized sports, and what fields and facilities are available to them.

Although increased participant growth has been observed since 2005, one of the other objectives is to improve participation for some of the organized emerging sports.

• As shown in the appendix, the combined use of fields by soccer and ball accounts for 83% of annual total field use. However, there are other emerging sports not as established as soccer and ball that use the fields for the remaining 17% of annual total field use. Expectedly, this is because soccer and ball account for a relatively high percentage of participants.

By comparison, sports such as Football, Field Lacrosse, Rugby, Ultimate, and Field Hockey, have fewer participants and citizens should be aware of these emerging sports that can offer the same benefits offered by soccer and ball. Increased participation in these sports will offer more field equality amongst Nanaimo users groups.

### 4.2. Improve Facilities

To achieve the vision to become a viable tournament hosting city, it is important to increase the number of playable outdoor field sport facilities.

- The arrival of more participants will demand increased capacity needs that cannot be accommodated on what existing facilities offer.
- Future tournament demand will be accompanied by increase participation from the growing population and the growing popularity of, for example, field lacrosse or football in South Nanaimo.
- Increasing the quantity of fields will occur with the







construction of a new artificial turf located at Beban Park, but increasing the quality of existing fields will indirectly increase the quantity of playable fields for future tournament play.

Of equal importance is the need to satisfy residents of Nanaimo for regular local games, and the improvement of sites such as:

- Robins Park,
- Gyro Wentworth,
- Harewood Centennial,
- Comox Park
- and Caledonia Park to name a few, will undoubtedly, provide residents more quality facilities to play at besides the development of new sites.

Furthermore, it is imperative for community development to continue to have informal green space to gather, play, and exercise, by accessing available fields within a neighbourhood park setting. 'Dog off-leash' fields are being implemented to allow additional recreational activity on certain grass areas, and special event fields

for community gatherings are also available.



# 4.3 Improve Sport Maintenance and Design Standards

Preventative maintenance practices are essential to provide the best playing surfaces possible and these practices are illustrated in 3.10. The City of Nanaimo's field maintenance procedures are not lacking in any area as only the best materials on the market are used. The problems with field performance are: Older fields constructed with the standards of that day, and overplay. The City of Nanaimo now has a detailed Sportsfield Construction Guidelenes manual that reflects current best practices. It was prepared by staff in 2007 and is current with industry standards.

One of the main things to come out of the sport field stakeholder meeting was to improve design standards of fields to make them accessible and playable for all user groups. For example:

 appropriate size, suitable field lining, ample parking and updated amenities will improve the quality of design for user groups.



# 4.4. Partnership/Agreements for Group Donations

The most important partnership, as recommended by city staff and supported by the stakeholders, is to adopt a partnership with School District #68.

 This will allow for city and school district staff to potentially trade ideas on the long term care and improvement of all fields within Nanaimo, but also work together for the further availability of various user group function opportunities.

Not to be ignored is the need for group contributions towards the long term improvement of sport fields. This could be:

- user group donations related to the development of a new field or to update an existing one. At present, contributions are limited, but a future agreement could be put in place to develop a field amenity reserve account.
- A community partnership with regular financial contributions, could allow for more sustained improvement by having many groups contribute to ongoing project completions rather than the present isolated contributions.

# 4.5. Economic Benefits of Sport Tourism

By encouraging and facilitating field sport tourism, Nanaimo could draw many thousands of visitors to the city every year.

 The result of successful field sport tourism is the spending at local accommodations, restaurants, and shopping facilities, by outside visitors. It can also attract new people into the community visiting who would like to live here.

Tournaments are the basis for field sport tourism because league play is commonly held within the confines of municipal limits, so when 'improving tournament facilities'







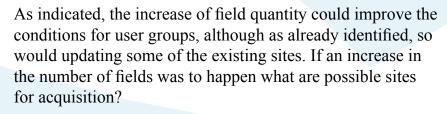


was agreed upon as the vision for this strategy, it was to not only accommodate the tournaments of local leagues, but also to attract outside teams. However, in order for field sport tourism to really be successful in Nanaimo, there is a need to strengthen the tournament infrastructure that currently exists.

The recommendations to improve this infrastructure are:

- to begin to cluster fields such as the upcoming artificial turf project so that one site can offer multiple games and one facility can offer appropriate amenities.
- Partnerships with the school board can provide opportunities for fields in the nearby area to assist with tournament demand.
- A more detailed approach to sport tourism will be offered in the upcoming 'Sport Tourism Strategy' set to be completed in 2010.





- The most likely scenario would be to delegate new city land to parks, specifically for sport fields, and the most ideal spots would be to improve tournament clustering.
- Elaine Hamilton Park currently offers a high quality sports field but sits amongst a marsh isolated from any other sports field site, and the development of further fields in this area could make for a desirable tournament facility.

As mentioned, a partnership with the school district will hopefully materialize in the near future and would allow for discussions on temporary field availability, but also field acquisition.

• At the present, three School District #68 elementary schools





have been destined to close (two closed in 2008) and the land will mean another potential site with an existing sports field. A further redevelopment of Nanaimo District Secondary School will address their fields. Depending on the future of these properties, the city could evaluate an agreement with the school district for the acquisition of these sports fields.

 Rotary Bowl, which currently sits adjacent to the aforementioned secondary school, is another site that the school district may want to relinquish, further enhancing the tournament possibilities clustered with the Third Street Sports Complex.



# 4.7. Community Consultation and Involvement

By providing the community a chance to submit their feedback on current issues or offer their suggestions for future improvements, it ensures that the community has a voice in this sport field strategy.

• Twice a year, city staff meet with a handful of user groups to discuss field bookings, availability, and club requirements, although ongoing discussion with various clubs takes place throughout the year.

However, a large number of individuals were selected to represent all the different sports using the fields and formed a stakeholder group discussing key topics within this strategy.

• This forum allowed not only city staff to hear input from the user groups but also allowed the fellow users a chance to communicate with each other.

We would like to carry forward the momentum of this meeting by adopting a regular meeting that discusses sports field strategy issues, and furthermore, create a website so that user groups can be aware of various sport field related issues.





# **4.8 Priorities (Short, Middle and Long Term)**

A document has been compiled to illustrate the short term, intermediate term, and long term improvements of Nanaimo sport fields and can be found on the back of this page.

- The short term improvements, highlighting the next two years, are subject to minimal costs but are still important ways to improve sport field quality. Examples are modifying lights so that they appropriately illuminate the entire field rather than just a portion of it.
- Intermediate term priorities will be bigger projects because a suitable amount of time will have passed that budgeting can be planned for them. This term will span from 3 to 8 years and will feature the significant upgrades of field sites such as Robins Park and Harewood Centennial Park.
- Long term priorities will span from 9-15 years and will consider the large projects such as the redevelopment of Beban Park as a major tournament facility, as well as an upgrade to Caledonia Park. This agenda of priorities is not a concrete timetable but will remind users of what is upcoming, and serve to staff as a project checklist.

## 4.9 Evaluation/Accomplishments

This scorebook has outlined a comprehensive assessment of current sport field conditions in Nanaimo, so it is important to evaluate the progress of sport field improvements as well as any changes in conditions, challenges, etc. Monitoring the intended outcomes ensures that the implementation of the field sport strategy will accomplish its objectives.

 It is recommended that staff report back annually to the Sport Field Committee on the status of achieving some of the goals and objectives illustrated on the back of this page







Short Term Improvements (0-2 years, 2009-2010)				
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Action	Responsibility	Resources	Timeframe	Completed
Evaluate and improve security around washroom		Minimal		,
buildings	Admin	Cost	Jan-09	(√)
Remove Backstop at Deverill Square Park and make	Turf	Minimal		
nets portable	Maintenance	Cost	Jan-09	(√)
Continue a regular "field user" discussion session				
(biannually) to discuss recently completed field projects,				
assess priorities for the coming year, and discuss		Minimal		
general field issues	Admin	Cost	Ongoing	(√)
		Minimal		`
Work to improve McGirr Operations	Admin	Cost	Ongoing	(√)
				` .
Path to Fieldhouse @ Beban from Merle Logan	Constructions		Spring 2009	(√)
Develop a web page linked to the City Website that				` ′
announces field conditions and closures and allows field		Minimal	Summer	
bookings to be viewed online	Admin	Cost	2009	(√)
Relocate lights at Departure Bay Centennial Park from	Construction/	Approx.		
practice field to game field	Utility	\$15,000	Fall 2009	
Explore possibilites with VI Raiders Football to equip	Othity	Minimal	1 411 2000	
practice field with artificial turf	Admin	Cost	Spring 2010	
practice neta with artificial tari	Turf	0000	Opining 2010	
Cyra Wantwarth Sail Evahanga	Maintenance		Spring 2010	
Gyro Wentworth Soil Exchange	Turf	\$8,000 per	Spring 2010	
Increase # of akinged baseball fields		field	Carina 2010	
Increase # of skinned baseball fields	Maintenance	Minimal	Spring 2010	
Develop He A sure a series	A aluacius		Ommaina	
Develop Use Agreements  Convert Comox Field into Natural Grass Field	Admin	Cost \$50.000	Ongoing Early 2010	
	Construction	,	Early 2010	
Increase # of small nets for the use of field	Turf	\$1,500 per	0	
lacrosse/youth soccer Develop a field amenity reserve account that all teams	Maintenance	net	Spring 2010	
and individuals can donate money to for the			Summer	
development of field amenities that benefit all sports	Admin	Free	2010	
development of field afficilities that beliefit all sports	Admin	Minimal	Summer	
Work to build relationships with the school heard	Admin	Cost	2010	
Work to build relationships with the school board Plant shade trees/Picnic areas (Dep. Bay, Pleasant	Admin	\$300 per	2010	
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Valley, Harewood, etc) Bleachers (10 sets for flexible use), possibly covered	Horticulture Construction/	tree \$2,500 per	Fall 2010	
bleachers (10 sets for flexible use), possibly covered	Utility	\$≥,500 per set	2010	
		301	2010	
Construct a second artificial turf field at Merle Logan	Construction/	CO 14:22:	0010	
with appropriate net use	Utility	\$2 Million	2010	
Work with Engineering Dept and Bowen Road widening				
project to develop a second parking lot and improved	Construction/			
access to Bowen West Field	Utility		2011	

# Intermediate Term Improvements (3-8 years, 2011-2017)

Action	Responsibility	Resources	Timeframe	Completed
Batting Cage at Beban (VIEX possibilities)				
Improve drainage and grading issues at Robbins,				
Bowen West				
Improve/Update Harewood Centennial Site				
Develop further Playground and Sports Tourism				
Amenities for Third Street Park/Serauxmen				
Extend Pleasant Valley for Soccer (re: trees)				
Rotary Bowl Acquisition				
Improve field clustering for tournaments				

# Long Term Improvements (9-15 years, 2018-2024)

Action	Responsibility	Resources	Timeframe	Completed
Acquire land by May Bennett for tournaments				
development				
Evaluate Closed School Sites for acquisition				
Acquire land around Elaine Hamilton Park for further				
tournament development				
Upgrade Caledonia to Turf				
Beban Tournament Facility for Development				

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# NANAIMO SPORTS FIELD STRATEGY POST GAME HIGHLIGHTS And INTERVIEWS



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# APPENDIX A: Question and Answer Summary of Stakeholders Meeting held at the Nanaimo Aquatic Centre

#### Summary from Sports Field Focus Group meeting October 27th, 2008:

Question #1: What are the strengths and weaknesses of Nanaimo's current sports field system.

Strengths: Availability and management year round (mentioned in 3 out of 5 groups)

Field Conditions/Maintenance superb (mentioned in 3/5 groups)

Current fields that have Lights (mentioned in 3/5 groups) Inclusion of Artificial Field (mentioned in 3/5 groups)

Inexpensive bookings (mentioned in 2/5 groups)

Weaknesses: No facility for big tournaments (mentioned in 4 out of 5 groups)

Not enough fields that have lights (mentioned in 4/5 groups) Not enough fields with change-rooms (mentioned in 3/5 groups)

Inequities with field bookings (mentioned in 3/5 groups)

Scheduling- really early or really late times (mentioned in 3/5 groups)

Poor relationship with school board (mentioned in 3/5 groups)

Not enough fields compared to other cities (mentioned in 3/5 groups) Security/safety at fields could be improved (mentioned by 3/5 groups)

Not enough skinned infields (mentioned by 2/5 groups) Not enough accessible parking (mentioned by 2/5 groups

Question #2: What kind of present growth are you noticing with your respective sports clubs, and what kind of future trends do you expect?

Minor Softball- outer areas of town are joining up with community

Football- influence is positive because of VI Raider popularity

Field Lacrosse- having to turn away people because of enrollment numbers

- --- U.S. is starting to scout here re: scholarships
- --- Coquitlam and Ladner have international tournaments.

Ultimate is growing worldwide as an emerging sport and is reflected here

--- sites lack of playable time as a drawback to considerable growth

Fastball- availability of fields isn't meeting demand

--- has to put kids on fields without diamonds because so many teams

Youth Soccer- numbers are increasing steadily, but notices adult soccer is growing substantially here

--- adult soccer will continue to grow as the large number of kids in youth soccer get older

Field Hockey- also sites late times as preventing considerable growth as people

will sign up then cancel when they realize what time they have to

play at.

Rugby- says numbers have been increasing steadily over last few years.



# Question #3: What amenities do you think are ideal for city sport fields?

Artificial Fields (mentioned by 5 out of 5 groups)

Lights (mentioned by 5/5 groups)

Tournament facilities/ "another McGirr for kids" (mentioned by 4/5groups)

Washrooms/Changerooms (mentioned by 4/5 groups)

Bleachers (mentioned by 4/5 groups)

Parking (mentioned by 3/5 groups)

Field Lining (mentioned by 3/5 groups)

More trees/shade (mentioned by 3/5 groups)

Nets appropriate to sport (mentioned by 2/5 groups)

Storage (mentioned by 2/5 groups)

Scoreboards (mentioned by 2/5 groups)

Multi-use facilities (mentioned by 2/5 groups

# Question #4: If you were managing the fields, what is one thing you would do today to improve our field system short terms? (within the next 5 years)

Build more artificial turf fields (mentioned by 3 out of 5 groups)

Improve relationship with school board (mentioned by 3/5 groups)

Web bookings (mentioned by 3/5 groups)

Webpage for availability/conditions (mentioned by 2/5 groups

Designate a specific field for specific use/home fields (mentioned by 2/5 groups)

Implement field closures for heavy duty maintenance (mentioned by 2/5 groups)

Encourage City staff suggesting alternative fields to "A" fields (mentioned by 2/5 groups)

Implement capital reserve- teams combining \$ for improvements (mentioned by 2/5 groups)

Include more lights with fields to increase Winter usage (mentioned by 2/5 groups)

# Question #5: What is your vision for Nanaimo Sports fields long term? (within the next 15 years)

Become more like Kamloops with a focus on tournament facilities and field clustering (mentioned by 2/5 groups)

Beban Complex turned into major tournament facility (mentioned by 2/5 groups)

Acquiring Rotary Bowl and turning it into a state of the art complex (mentioned by 2/5 groups)

Do a major overhaul on Caledonia and turn it into an artificial turf field (mentioned by 2/5 groups)



# **Summary of the Sports Field Stakeholders meeting February 1st, 2010:**

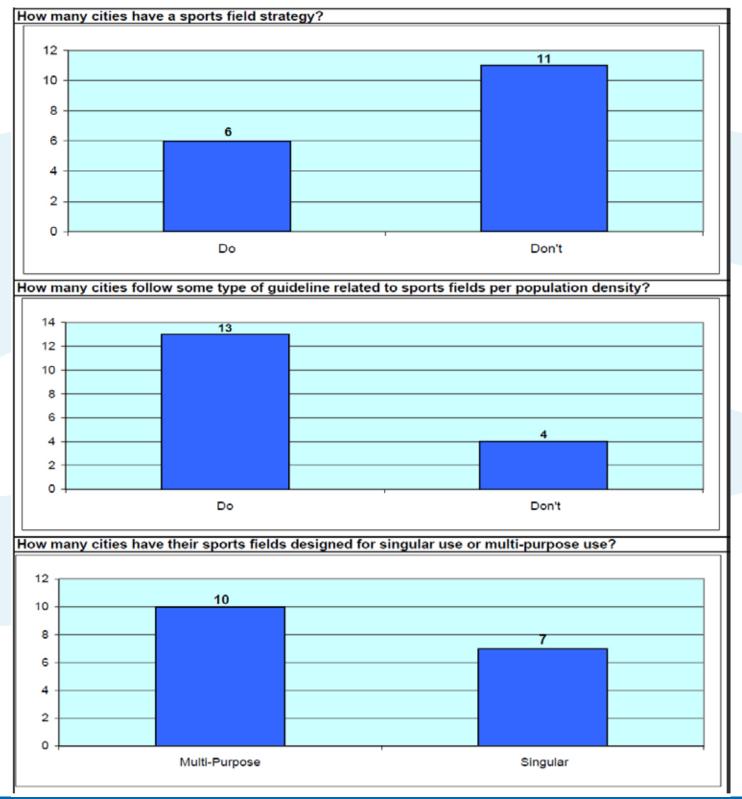
The sportsfield stakeholders follow up meeting was held on February 1st, 2010 at the Rotary Field House to review the completed sportsfield strategy draft with the public before going to the Parks, Recreation and Culture commission. The meeting was attended by over 30 representatives from Nanaimo sport clubs ranging from field hockey, ultimate, soccer, baseball, softball, rugby, field lacrosse, and track and field.

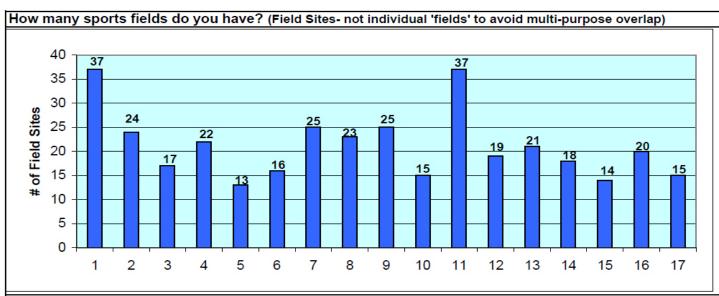
The representatives from the various clubs were encouraged to provide their opinions of the strategy during the meeting or following the meeting. E-mail and telephone contacts were also provided if user groups wished to digest the information and relay their comments at a later time. Overall the user groups were very satisfied with the draft and were impressed that their comments from the initial preliminary user group meeting were incorporated so heavily into the strategy, but they did highlight a few issues that were still of concern:

- "License Agreements"- license agreements will still be entered into with sport groups that contribute financially to the improvement or creation of a sports field. This could mean priority for the donating club on the selected field for a time period agreed upon by the donating club and the City of Nanaimo. However, the City of Nanaimo will no longer be entering into long term contracts (in perpetuity) with clubs. The re-development of Comox Field will give one club priority use for a determined amount of time, and upon expiration of that time period it will become available to all users for their pleasure.
- "Artificial Turf"- the second artificial turf planned for construction at Beban Park (beside the existing Merle Logan Field) is still scheduled to be completed by 2011. Tournaments that have been proposed for 2011 by clubs with the notion that the second artificial turf be completed and available can still move forward with as planned.
- "School Board Partnerships"- There is still designs for the City of Nanaimo and School District #68 to enter into a working relationship for shared operations of sports fields within Nanaimo. Some field sites such as 'Rotary Bowl' are currently managed by the school district. The City of Nanaimo will continue to explore ways to improve athletic fields in Nanaimo with the school district's help.
- "Block Bookings and Field Availability"- Fields are being rented out by booked user groups to other user groups. The City of Nanaimo is aware of this and meeting attendees are content with the idea of a website run and monitored by the City of Nanaimo showing bookings and field availability.



# APPENDIX B: Survey on other Municipalities Sportsfield Management





What are the primary uses for their fields? What emerging sports are other cities noticing?

Primary Uses are: Soccer and Baseball (all)

Emerging sports are: Ultimate Frisbee (10), Field Lacrosse (9), Rugby (4), Football (3), Field Hockey (3) Cricket (5)

#### How are your sports fields designed with regards to meeting supply and demand?

Location changes, singular use transitioning to multi-purpose, implementing more artificial fields, seasonal priorities, limiting use on fields per week translates into more use over the long term which results in better supply. Every municipality said they were struggling with supply because of high demand.

#### What are the current maintenance practices for other cities sports fields?

Core and solid tine aerating, verticutting, fertilizing, top dressing, overseeding, mowing, tissue sampling for nutrient analysis, lining (soccer lines, baseball outfield foul lines), oversanding, verti-draining, divoting, lip reduction, watering (as needed).

# Do other cities have a relationship with the school board on maintaining sports fields?

9 out of 17 surveyed said they have at least some minimal relationship with the school board 5 out of those 9 said they have a steady relationship with the school board that includes maintaining their school fields through a joint use agreement

#### Noticeable trends in user patterns in regards to overusing, maintenance, design likes or dislikes?

Users like fences around fields

Artificial turf fields favoured over natural fields

Adult activity on fields is growing

Soccer is more popular than ball is now, and is played all year round causing fields extra strain

Seasonal priorities, so Soccer can book whenever they want in Fall/Winter and Baseball in Spring/Summer Increase mini/smaller soccer utilization for better results for both usage and maintenance

Changing field Orientation, "the sun was in my eyes" (batter)

Soccer allowable design has been changed now to a 2.5% slope max

Changing field direction from North/South to East West periodically to improve wear and tear

Fertilizer supplier is higher percentage organic content fertilizer now

Pesticide free environment challenge has resulted in weed problems



#### What are your current design practices with respect to lighting and turf design for your fields?

Only light artificial turf fields and light natural turf soccer fields

Artifical cost \$100,000 more to install but maintenance savings is \$50,000 a year so heavily favouring Artificial Light multi-purpose fields and don't light singular use fields

Turf goal mouths for reduced wear on areas have continous use

#### What is your capital and operating budget on implementing and maintaining sports fields?

Capital budget varying in most cases, but \$350,000 - \$2.5 Million mentioned for new projects Operating budget for sports fields ranging from \$200,000 - \$1.3 Million with an average of \$700,000

#### How much are other cities field rentals per hour?

Artificial: \$15.00 - \$43.00 with an average price of \$28.46 Adult: \$7.50 - \$30.00 with an average price of \$15.91 Youth: \$3.50 - \$15.00 with an average price of \$9.06

#### Any positive/negative observations on your sports fields? What has worked well, what hasn't, etc.

Artificial turf is the direction most municipalities are moving toward

Larger complex (re: Mcgirr) has been favourable in many municipalities

Soil based fields hold up far better than the new sand based fields unless usage is kept to a minimum

Communication with users/clubs via a informational website or forum

Making clubs more responsible has resulted in better condition of fields (refuse collection, etc)

Increased pressure from sport clubs to manage fields to a higher standard, club even hired their own

consultant to write report suggesting best practices to present to municipality

#### 17 Cities used for Survey:

Medford, Oregon

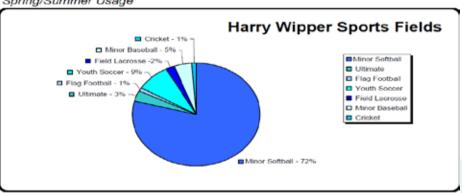
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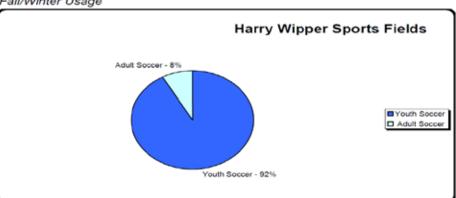
# APPENDIX C: Field Use by Sport in 2008 Summer/Winter Seasons

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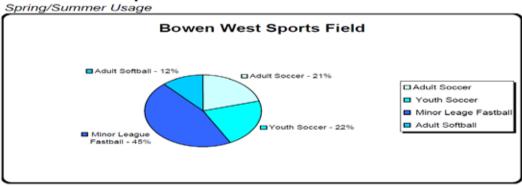
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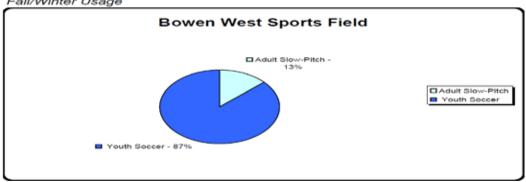
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#### **Bowen West Sports Field**



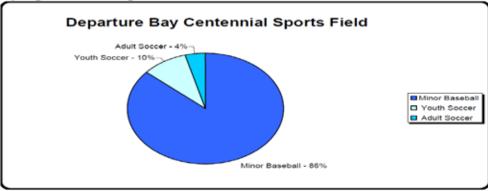




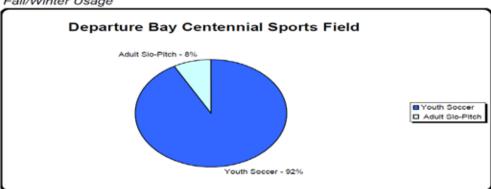


# Departure Bay Centennial Park

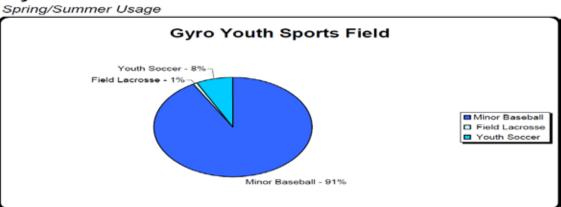
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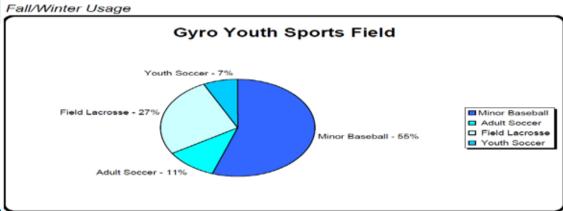






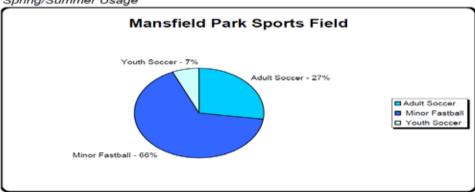
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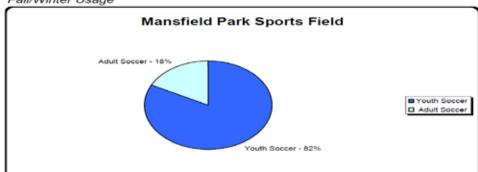


#### Mansfield Park Sports Field

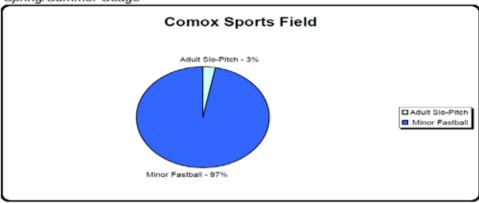
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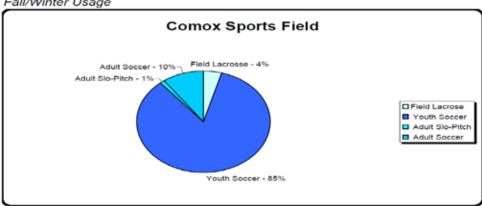




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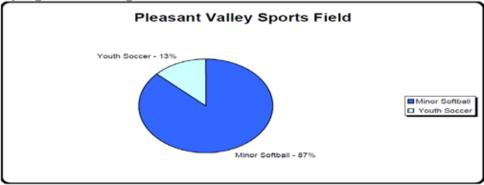




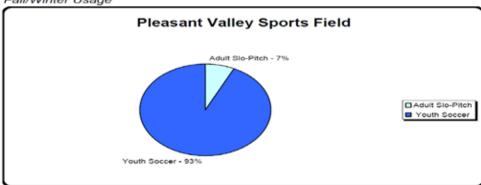


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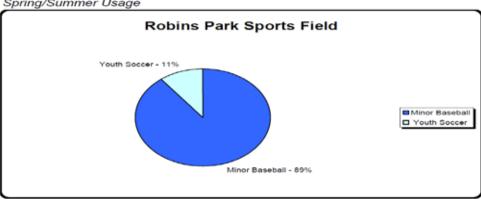
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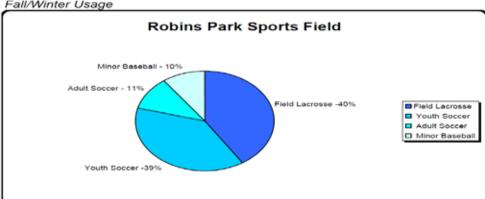




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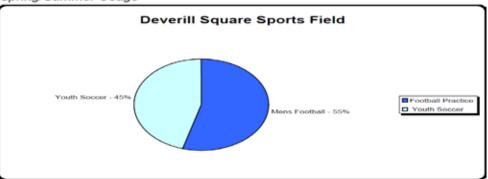




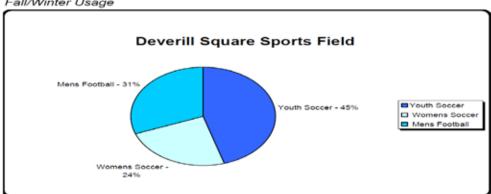




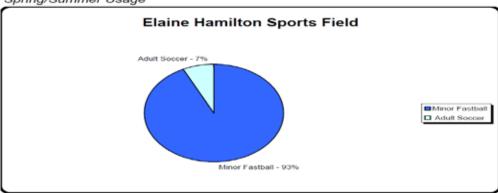
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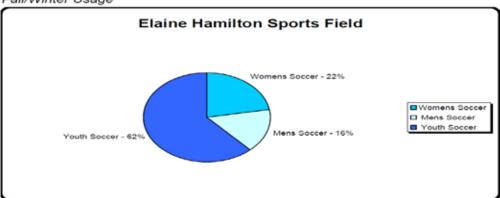
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#### **Elaine Hamilton Sports Field**



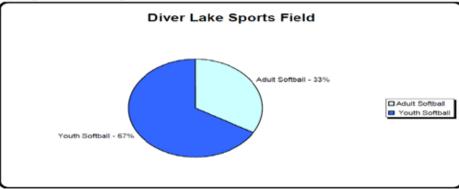
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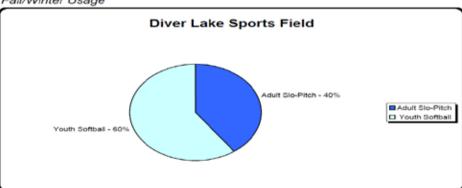


### Diver Lake Sports Field

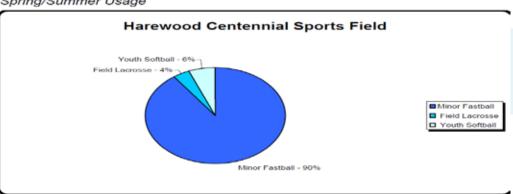
Spring/Summer Usage

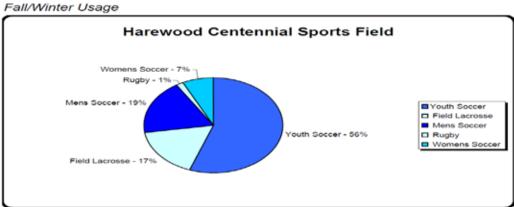


Fall/Winter Usage



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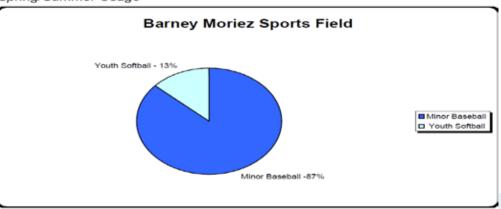






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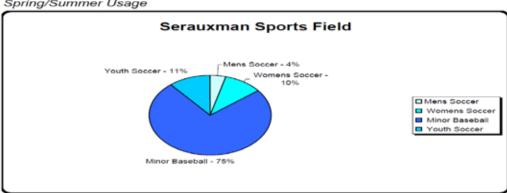
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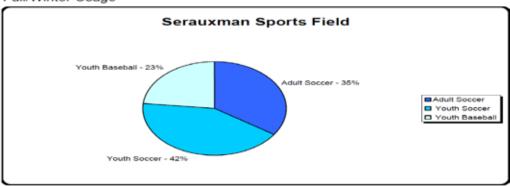




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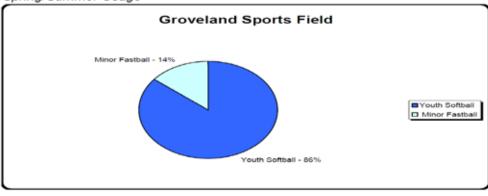
Fall/Winter Usage





## **Groveland Sports Field**

Spring/Summer Usage

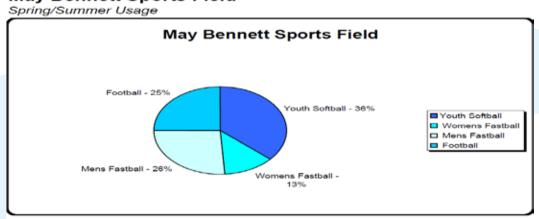


#### Fall/Winter Usage

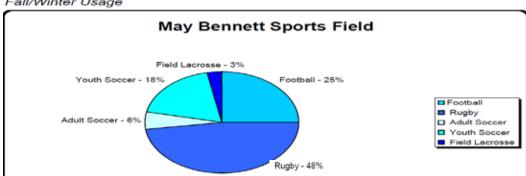
#### **Groveland Sports Field**

■There is no recorded usage in Fall/Winter

### May Bennett Sports Field

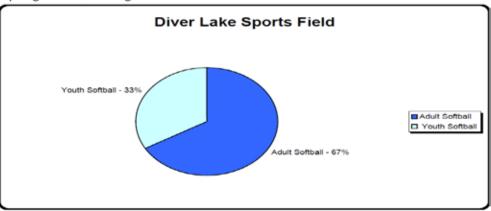


## Fall/Winter Usage



### Diver Lake Sports Field

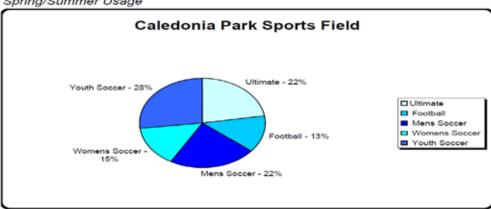
Spring/Summer Usage



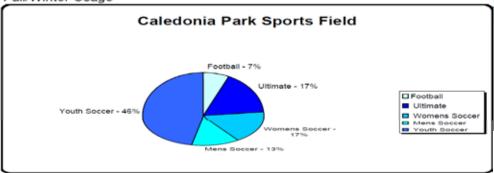
Fall/Winter Usage



#### Caledonia Sports Field



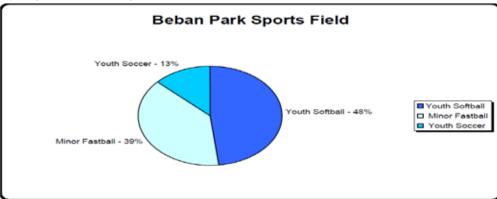




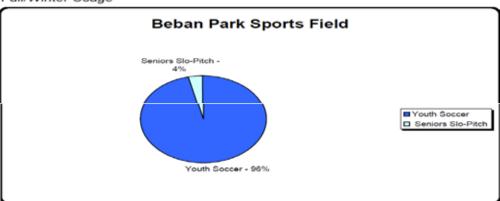


## Beban Park Sports Field

Spring/Summer Usage



Fall/Winter Usage



#### Merle Logan Sports Field

