

TO : CITY MANAGER  
DATE: 1998 JULY 09  
FROM : DIRECTOR PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES  
SUBJECT : SCHOOL DISTRICT SPORTS FIELDS  
PURPOSE : To provide Council with information on the potential of School District sports fields for community use.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. THAT this report be received for information purposes.

**REPORT**

At its meeting of 1998 July 08, the Parks and Recreation Commission received the attached staff report on the above subject and adopted the recommendation contained therein.



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**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. THAT a copy of this report be sent to Council for information purposes.

**REPORT**

**BACKGROUND:**

At the 1996 October 02 Commission Meeting, Mr. John Berry made a presentation on behalf of the community sport user groups regarding the status of sports fields in Burnaby.

Mr. Berry outlined three areas of concern expressed by the user groups:

1. The current shortage of sports fields
2. The renovation of existing sports fields
3. The need for the Commission and School District to work cooperatively to make use of the underused and under-maintained school sports fields for community use.

Soon after, Mr. Berry made the same presentation to the Burnaby School Board's Buildings and Grounds Committee.

The first two concerns identified by Mr. Berry reaffirmed the Parks and Recreation initiatives that were already in progress. The shortage of sports fields will be dramatically reduced by the construction of the Burnaby Lake West sports field complex. The three artificial turf fields and two sand-based fields will provide the equivalent of 14 natural grass pitches. In addition, the Five and Ten Year Sports Field Renovation Plans have identified and prioritized a systematic upgrade of existing sports fields.

**SCHOOL DISTRICT SPORTS FIELDS:**

Following Mr. Berry's presentations, meetings were held with representatives from Parks and Recreation and the Burnaby School District to discuss cooperative use of school sports fields. Discussions were held regarding Mr. Berry's concern of "under-used and under-maintained" school facilities.

The attached recent school field inventory has shown that the primary reason school fields are "under-used" is because they are undersized and only capable of hosting mini soccer games. Unfortunately, Burnaby has more mini fields than the demand for them. The field size is adequate for elementary school activities, however, the sport community has identified a need for more full size fields.

It is true that school fields are not maintained compared to Parks and Recreation standards, but daily school use does not require the same standard of performance. And neither the School District or the Parks Department has the financial resources to be able to increase the standard of maintenance service on school fields, nor should they. Upgrading the full-sized grass fields at the secondary schools would not provide any benefit to community sports teams because schools already use their fields to full capacity. Any use by community groups would create an overuse situation and negate any renovation work completed.

The only opportunity for school fields to assist with community demand would be if the secondary school fields were either converted to a lit all-weather practice field or to artificial turf. These are the only two surfaces that would provide maximum school and community usage. Unfortunately, all-weather rock dust surfaces are not acceptable for secondary school use and artificial turf is very expensive.

### **CONCLUSION:**

The Burnaby School District has little opportunity to provide any further assistance with field demand required by community sport groups in Burnaby. The School District will continue to provide mini fields and all-weather practice facilities for the community groups, but full-sized grass fields will have to be provided by the Parks and Recreation Department.

The Burnaby School District and Parks and Recreation Department will continue to work together to efficiently maximize field allotments and maintenance opportunities, and where possible, will plan new school sites to maximize the sports field opportunities for community use.

This report is for information purposes and has been shared with the Burnaby School Board.

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# Burnaby School Sports Field Inventory

Location	Field Type	Field #	Surface	Size	Current Use	Comments/Future Plans
Alpha Secondary	Field	1	Grass	Y/A	School/ Special Olympics	none - field can not handle school & community use
	Diamond	1	Grass	Y	School/ Special Olympics	none - field can not handle school & community use
Armstrong Elementary	Field	1	AW	Y	Yth Soccer	mini soccer only if upgraded
	Diamond	1	AW	Y	Yth Softball	t-ball if upgraded
Aubrey Elementary	Field	1	AW			mini soccer only if upgraded
	Field	2	AW			none - field too small
	Diamond	1	AW	Y/A	Adult Softball	
	Diamond	2	AW	Y		t-ball if upgraded
Brantford Elementary	Diamond	3	AW	Y		none - field too small
	Diamond	4	AW	Y		none - field too small
	Field	1	AW	Y	Not Booked	mini soccer only if upgraded
	Diamond	1	AW	Y	Youth Softball	
Brentwood Elementary	Diamond	2	AW	Y	Youth Softball	
	Diamond	3	AW	Y		
	Field	1	AW	Y	Youth Soccer	
	(or mini fields #2 & #3)					
Buckingham Elementary	Diamond	1	AW	Y/A	Yth Softball/Adult SB	
	Diamond	2	AW	Y	Yth Softball	
	Diamond	3	AW	Y		
	Diamond	4	AW	Y		
Burnaby Central Secondary	Field	1	AW	Y	Not Booked	mini soccer only if upgraded
	Diamond	1	AW	Y	Youth Softball	t-ball if upgraded
Burnaby North Secondary	Diamond	2	AW	Y		t-ball if upgraded
	Field	1	Grass	Y	School Use Only	none - field can not handle school & community use
Burnaby South Secondary	Field	2	AW	Y/A	Yth Soccer/Adult Soccer	
	Field	6	Grass	Y		none - field can not handle school & community use
Burnaby South Secondary	Field	1	Grass		School Use Only	none - field can not handle school & community use

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Cameron Elementary	Field	1	AW	Y	Not Booked	2 mini soccer fields if upgraded
	Diamond	1	AW	Y	Youth Softball	t-ball if upgraded
	Diamond	2	AW	Y/A	Yth Softball/ Adult SB	t-ball if upgraded
	Diamond	3	AW	Y	Youth Softball	t-ball if upgraded
Capitol Hill Elementary	Mini Fld	1	AW	Y	Youth Soccer	
	Mini Fld	2	AW	Y	Youth Soccer	
	Mini Fld	3	AW	Y	Youth Soccer	
	Diamond	1	AW	Y	Youth Softball	
	Diamond	2	AW	Y	Youth Softball	
Cariboo Hill Secondary	Field	1	Grass	Y/A	Yth Soccer/ Adult Soccer	convert to sand-based turf
	Field	2	Grass	Y/A	Yth Soccer/ Adult Soccer	convert to all-weather & lights - Fall '97
	Field	3	Grass	Y/A	Yth Soccer/ Adult Soccer	improve drainage
	Diamond	1	Grass	Y	Youth Baseball	
Cascade Heights Elementary	Field	1	AW	Y	Youth Soccer	
	Diamond	1	AW	Y/A	Adult Softball	
	Diamond	2	AW	Y/A		
Chaffey-Burke Elementary	Field	1	AW	Y	Not Booked	low demand & poor surface
	Field	2	AW	Y	Not Booked	none - too small
	Diamond	1	AW	Y	Youth Softball	low demand & poor surface
	Diamond	2	AW	Y	Youth Softball	low demand & poor surface
	Diamond	3	AW	Y		low demand, undersize & poor surface
	Diamond	4	AW	Y		low demand, undersize & poor surface
Clinton Elementary	Field	1	AW	Y	Not Booked	mini soccer only if upgraded
	Diamond	1	AW	Y	Youth Softball	youth softball if upgraded
Columbia College	Field	1	Grass	Y/A	Yth Soccer/ Adult Soccer	
	Diamond	1	Grass	Y/A	Yth Softball/ Adult SB	
	Diamond	2	Grass	Y/A	Yth Softball/	
	Diamond	3	Grass	Y	Youth Softball	
	Diamond	4	Grass	Y	Youth Softball	

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Confederation Park School	Field	1	AW	Y	Youth Soccer	mini soccer only if upgraded
	Mini Fld	2	AW	Y		low demand, undersize & poor surface
	Diamond	1	AW	Y		low demand, undersize & poor surface
	Diamond	2	AW	Y		low demand, undersize & poor surface
Douglas Road Elementary	Diamond	3	AW	Y		low demand, undersize & poor surface
	Diamond	4	AW	Y		low demand, undersize & poor surface
	Field	1	AW	Y	Not Booked	
	Diamond	1	AW	Y	Youth Softball	
Duthie-Union School (closed)	Diamond	2	AW	Y		
	Field	1	AW	Y	Youth Soccer	youth soccer if upgraded
	Diamond	1	AW	Y/A	Yth Softball	youth softball if upgraded
Edmonds Elementary	Diamond	2	AW	Y		low demand, undersize & poor surface
	Diamond	3	AW	Y		low demand, undersize & poor surface
	Field	1	AW	Y/A	Yth Soccer/ Adult Soccer	
	Field	2	AW	Y	Yth Soccer	
Forest Grove Elementary	Diamond	1	AW	Y	Youth Baseball	
	Diamond	2	AW	Y	Youth Baseball	
	Diamond	3	AW	Y	Youth Baseball	
	Diamond	4	AW	Y/A	Youth Baseball	
Gilmore Community School	Field	1	AW	Y		undersize & poor surface
	Diamond	1	AW	Y	Youth Softball	low demand, undersize & poor surface
	Diamond	2	AW	Y	Youth Softball	undersize & poor surface
Gilpin Elementary	Field	1	AW	Y		mini soccer only if upgraded
	Diamond	1	AW	Y/A	Adult Softball	resurface
	Diamond	2	AW	Y		undersize & poor surface
	Diamond	3	AW	Y		resurface
Gilpin Elementary	Diamond	4	AW	Y		
	Field	1	AW	Y		
	Diamond	1	AW	Y	Youth Baseball	
	Diamond	1	AW	Y		

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Glenwood School	Diamond	2	AW	Y		
	Diamond	3	AW	Y		
	Diamond	4	AW	Y		
	Mini Fld	1	AW?	Y	Not Booked	
Inman Elementary	Diamond	1	AW?	Y	Not Booked	
	Field	1	AW	Y	Youth Soccer	
	Diamond	1	AW	Y	Yth Softball/ Yth BB	
	Diamond	2	AW	Y	Yth Softball/ Yth BB	
Kitchener Elementary	Field	1	AW	Y	Youth Soccer	
	Diamond	1	AW	Y	Not Booked	
	Diamond	2	AW	Y	Not Booked	
	Diamond	3	AW	Y	Not Booked	
Lakeview Elementary	Field	1	AW	Y	Not Booked	low demand & poor surface
	Diamond	1	AW	Y/A	Yth Softball/ Adult SB	
	Diamond	2	AW	Y		
	Diamond	3	AW	Y		
Lochdale Community School	Diamond	4	AW	Y		
	Field	1	AW	Y	Youth Soccer	
	Diamond	1	AW	Y	Youth Softball	
	Diamond	2	AW	Y	Youth Softball	
Lyndhurst Elementary	Diamond	3	AW	Y	Not Booked	
	Field	1	AW?	Y	Not Booked	low demand & poor surface
	Diamond	1	AW?	Y	Youth Softball	low demand & poor surface
	Diamond	2	AW?	Y	Not Booked	low demand & poor surface
Marion Elementary	Field	1	Grass?	Y	Not Booked	low demand, undersize & poor surface
Marlborough Elementary	Field	1	AW	Y	Not Booked	low demand, undersize & poor surface
	Diamond	1	AW	Y	Not Booked	low demand, undersize & poor surface
	Diamond	2	AW	Y	Not Booked	low demand, undersize & poor surface

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	Diamond	3	AW	Y	Not Booked	low demand, undersize & poor surface
	Diamond	4	AW	Y	Not Booked	low demand, undersize & poor surface
Maywood Elementary	Field	1	AW	Y	Not Booked	low demand, undersize & poor surface
	Diamond	1	AW	Y	Youth Baseball	low demand, undersize & poor surface
	Diamond	2	AW	Y	Not Booked	low demand, undersize & poor surface
Montecito Elementary	Field	1	AW	Y	Not Booked	low demand & poor surface
	Diamond	1	AW	Y	Youth Softball	low demand & poor surface
	Diamond	2	AW	Y	Not Booked	low demand & poor surface
Morley Elementary	Field	1	AW	y	Not Booked	low demand & poor surface
	Diamond	1	AW		Youth Softball	low demand & poor surface
	Diamond	2	AW		Youth Softball	low demand & poor surface
	Diamond	3	AW		Not Booked	low demand, undersize & poor surface
	Diamond	4	AW		Not Booked	low demand, undersize & poor surface
Moscrop Secondary	Field	1	Grass		Yth Soccer/ Adult Soccer	heavy school use & poor surface
	Field	2	AW		Youth Soccer	low demand & poor surface
	Field	3	AW		Not Booked	low demand, undersize & poor surface
	Diamond	1	AW		Not Booked	low demand & poor surface
	Diamond	2	AW		Not Booked	low demand, undersize & poor surface
Nelson Elementary	Diamond	3	AW		Not Booked	low demand, undersize & poor surface
	Field	1			Not Booked	low demand & poor surface
	Field	2			Not Booked	low demand & poor surface
Parkcrest Elementary	Field	1	AW		Not Booked	low demand & poor surface
	Diamond	1	AW		Not Booked	low demand & poor surface
	Diamond	2	AW		Not Booked	low demand & poor surface
Rosser Elementary	Field	1	AW		Not Booked	poor surface
	Diamond	1	AW		Youth Softball	poor surface
	Diamond	2	AW		Youth Softball	poor surface
	Diamond	3	AW		Not Booked	poor surface
	Diamond	4	AW		Not Booked	poor surface



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Schou Education Centre	Field	1	AW		Not Booked	
	Diamond	1	AW		Not Booked	low demand & poor surface
	Diamond	2	AW		Not Booked	poor surface poor surface
Seaforth Elementary	Field	1	AW		Not Booked	
	Field	2	Grass		Not Booked	low demand & poor surface
	Diamond	1	AW		Not Booked	poor surface
	Diamond	2	AW		Not Booked	poor surface
	Diamond	3	Grass		Not Booked	poor surface
Second Street Comm. School	Field	1	AW		Not Booked	
	Diamond	1	AW		Youth Softball	poor surface
	Diamond	2	AW		Not Booked	poor surface poor surface
South Slope Elementary	Mini Fld	1	AW		Not Booked	low demand
	Field	1	AW		Not Booked	
Sperling Elementary	Diamond	1	AW		Not Booked	low demand & poor surface
	Diamond	1	AW		Not Booked	low demand & poor surface
	Diamond	2	AW		Not Booked	low demand & poor surface
	Diamond	3	AW		Not Booked	low demand & poor surface
Stoney Creek Comm. School	Field	1	AW		Not Booked	
	Diamond	1	AW		Adult Softball	resurface
	Diamond	2	AW		Not Booked	resurface
	Diamond	3	AW		Not Booked	resurface
Stride Avenue Comm. School	Field	1	AW		Yth Soccer/ Adult Soccer	
	Diamond	1	AW		Adult Softball	
	Diamond	2	AW		Not Booked	
	Diamond	3	AW		Not Booked	
Twelfth Avenue Elementary	Field	1	AW		Not Booked	
	Diamond	1	AW		Youth Softball	low demand & poor surface
	Diamond	2	AW		Youth Softball	
	Diamond	3	AW		Not Booked	

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Windsor Elementary	Field	1	AW		Youth Soccer	mini soccer if upgraded
	Mini Fld	1	AW		Not Booked	low demand & poor surface
	Diamond	1	AW		Not Booked	low demand & poor surface
	Diamond	2	AW		Not Booked	low demand & poor surface
	Diamond	3	AW		Not Booked	low demand & poor surface
	Diamond	4	AW		Adult Softball	t-ball if upgraded