

Vancouver Field Sport Federation - Quarterly Meeting

Tue Apr 9, 2019 @ 6:30pm
 Creekside Community Centre, 1 Athletes Way,
 Multipurpose room 1 (upstairs)

Minutes

See Appendix for background information.

1. Call to Order & Introductions.
 - Helen Chiu – Recreation Services Coordinator
 - Michael Marousek – Supervisor, Sport and Wellness
 - Erin Embley – Planner
 - Rob Sims – Maintenance

Regrets

- Erica McDonald – Manager, Recreation Services
- Camil Dumont – Commissioner and VFSF liaison

2. Review Minutes from Feb 4, 2019. Approved.

3. Maintenance & Closures (Rob Sims)

Killarney open - both diamonds ready.

Moberly opened.

Musqueam E/W delaying permits due to chafer damage - until June/July, trying to fix.

Sunset Beach will review after 4/20.

All diamonds done this week - Riley skinned, Oak park lips fixed, Dunbar Memorial West east done, WPG delayed to fall

General fields work: Lyming done, late due to snow, now fertilizer, etc. – aerating, pest, irrigation started
 Chafer treatment mid-June/mid-July

Beach update – sand screening first pass done – levelling in process Spanish done, Kits next week, placing logs in next couple of weeks

- a. General questions (from Delegates)

- Killarney C – new configuration of diamonds mean that back stop set up is not high enough to protect parking with older kids now on reconfigured diamond – suggested to review setup
- Question re Chafer treatment. VPB using new product, Grub Gone – new biological product, should not interfere with play, granules not spray.
- Uprights at Connaught will come out soon – Baseball starts 22nd April (posts stay up at Jericho year round) posts are still up at Trout Lake (assume hole was filled from Feb report)
- Field repairs needed at Winona C (Ultimate) – needs to shut down for six months – likely Fall '19
- HAMBER field – what is happening regarding access to field for emergency services? Field fencing does not allow a stretcher on to the field, need large gate to be accessible.
- Maintenance of B grade fields – key to report issues, use 311

- b. Repairs and Closures. See Appendix for ongoing issues.

China Creek North – East Diamond	Status - Pump construction will start in May to Feb/Mar of 2020, will not effect diamond field
Moberly North	Status - OPEN

4. Active or Pending Development Projects. (Erin Embley)

Hamber/Oak Meadows field house	Club house agreement – pending – hold up at VPB legal end due to other work pending
Track & Field Facility	Status update. https://vancouver.ca/trackandfield - moving forward, in May will have more consultation at track and field events. The engagement summary is posted – looking for competition, training, recreation sites. Larger sites limited, and many sites on VSB school grounds (seismic etc). VPB presentation in Fall - will include the strategy and recommendations for sites. Priority is 8 lane facility.
Next AT field	Report to VPB on April 15th Anne and rugby rep to speak – recommend south side of Churchill. Redevelopment nearby possibly getting extra space at Churchill to develop track No movement at Beaconsfield or Clinton. VPB working towards confirming sites with VFSF then develop advisory group to work

	through all issues; city wide - walk through all aspects including field surfaces standards for surfaces https://vancouver.ca/fieldupgrades
Grass upgrades Slocan and Montgomery	Status update. Slocan - 2 full size, one small at Slocan, tendered today, (May 13 VPB mtg) down all summer finish Oct, playable 2020, Montgomery needs more funding – drawings, going forward but need more funds looking at 2021
Gordon Park	Land swap with VSB to support school upgrades. Considering moving the school north on to the park, and reconfiguring the current school site as park. Anticipated 2 years out of service in which time VSB would provide access to their diamonds for displaced sports. New park would not be rectangular, but planners say equivalent diamonds do fit. No decisions, Diamond sport reps to follow up on impacts.
Washroom Strategy	VanPlay includes washrooms, ranks field facilities as high priority full priority/strategy not completed – also need upgrades, and attention to equity distribution
Langara Golf Course	Coming back as a motion from commissioner next week, asking for deep dive on Golf Courses, usage, etc.
Marpole Community Centre	Outdoor pool maybe, co-create options with CC, will impact potential uses of park for field sports - June broader consultation

5. Other Consultations (Erin Embley)

- a. Area Plan for False Creek Flats (Trillium & Strathcona) - s <https://fcfcommunitypanel.com>
 - Status update – Erin report – Panel submitted '4th' option, National to Charles, wrapping around St Paul's and Trillium, avoiding Strathcona and Produce Row – however, acceptance is not a sure thing.
- b. NE False Creek Park Design Advisory Group (Andy Livingstone)
 - Status update – 2 new designs for field layout. 1) East field to grass, and West field AT, with grass available to neighbourhood, or 2) shift west field to area closer to school, put in smaller 100 x 64 AT and East field stays as larger 110 x 64. New designs are being circulated. Option 1 has not yet been scoped out re environmental and geotechnical impact.

6. Committee Reports – NO REPORTS

- a. Capital Planning – Anne – currently inactive. Note online form for submitting improvement ideas for parks: <https://vancouver.ca/parks-recreation-culture/request-park-improvements.aspx>
- b. AT Fields (sites and surface) – Anne (see item 4 above)
- c. Grass Upgrades (sites and design) – Craig (see item 4 above)

7. Old business

- a. Annual permit renewals. Permits move back one day every year, causing groups to lose time at the end of their permit. – used to be a snap back function; shift a week – now more of an issue than previous several years, since soccer groups have taken increasing days, each time a day at a time. Even an issue for maintenance, need time back to rest to fields.
Craig suggested interim proposal to be drafted by VFSF and brought back to June meeting. Erica and Michael working on allocation process, but will take 1-2 years to execute, develop.

8. New business

- a. Van Play. (Anne) VPB team working on final documents. General discussion of Field Sports, Diamonds and Indoor Sports targets from VanPlay overall support for direction and aspirations, but some questions re details and language to manage expectations better
 - e.g. general support for indoor sports facility – like the 'big dream', discussion re 'Bubbles' not being environmentally friendly

9. Reminders

- Next meeting will be **Wed June 19**, followed by Thurs **Sept 12**, and AGM in November.
- Spring/Summer renewals Jan 2 - Feb 2, and Fall/Winter from July 2 - August 2.
- Payment, insurance, and NPO number before permit is issued. Do not play without a permit.
- \$25.00 Admin fee and 10 business days to process refunds on paid permits.
- AT fields: Do not enter until permitted time. "Bumping" other groups can result in loss of your booking.
- Sanitation and Rangers are reached by calling 311.

10. Adjournment – 8:40 p.m.

Appendix: Background & Reference

Ongoing Maintenance Issues

Andy Livingstone drainage

- Field does not drain properly after significant rain. Base level layer is at fault and replacement is needed, but no fix is planned until surface is renewed.

Hillcrest SE leveling:

- Installation of Challenger baseball field resulted in uneven surface on Hillcrest SE soccer field. Re-leveling is ongoing as maintenance slowly adds material to the field to bring them back to level.

Park Development

Hamber/Oak Meadows field house

- Construction is complete. Washrooms open. Temporary access to change rooms for field hockey. Discussions in progress for operation agreement.

Track & Field Facility

- Construction of new competitive facility. Consultation includes review of all 14 tracks in Vancouver.

Next AT field

- Shortlist includes Churchill Secondary, Clinton, Beaconsfield.
- Surface type will be infill.
- Consultation will include designs for more than one site (for use in future), and will also explore lights at Kits Secondary and Hillcrest mini-field

Grass field upgrade

- Shortlist for 2015-2018 capital plan included Slocan and Montgomery Parks.
- Consultants will prepare designs for both sites.

Columbia field house

- Need new facility – previous one burned down. Waiting on capital fund allocation. Was missed from VFSS's recommendations for next capital plan.

Consultations

False Creek Flats: <https://vancouver.ca/home-property-development/false-creek-flats.aspx>

- Realignment of roads may impact Strathcona Park and/or Trillium Park.

NE False Creek: <https://vancouver.ca/nefc>

- Redevelopment will affect Andy Livingstone Park (AT fields) and the meadow next to Science World.

2018 Committees

Membership

- Capital Planning: Anne, Graeme, Wendy, Mary, Darcy, Gordon, Darren, Clare, Denis, Thomas
- AT Fields: Anne, Jasmine, Darren S, Gordon, Wendy, James, Thomas
- Grass: Craig, Mary, Geoff, Darcy
- Allocation: TBD