

Vancouver Field Sports Federation Quarterly Meeting

Thursday February 15, 2018 @ 6:30pm
Hillcrest Centre – Room 322

Minutes

1. Call to Order & Introductions

- Jennifer Trach – Coordinator, Outdoor Sports Facilities
- Erica McDonald – Supervisor, Sports and Wellness
- Catarina Gomes – COV Planner NEFC
- Erin Embley – VPB planner
- Casey Crawford – Park Board Commissioner
- Maintenance – Rob Simpson

Regrets

- Casey Crawford – Park Board Commissioner

2. Review of Minutes from November 27, 2017.

Approved.

3. Maintenance & Projects

Closures and maintenance

- West area - no current closures and none planned
- Tisdall south closed, Trout Lake LL closed for reno and rugby fields closed waiting repairs (spring)
- Jonathan Rogers closed waiting repairs
- West extend irrigation Connaught park east field – proposal
- South Maple grove ball diamonds are skimmed and waiting
- All All Weather (gravel) floated process to level and get rid of weeds
- Nanaimo install started on backstop (request irrigation infield)
- New requests for T-Ball, Cartier park and Columbia (re-establish) Memorial South
- Generally ramping up to ball diamond maintenance, lining, fertilizing, turf maintenance

General reminders

- Grass and AW team – Reminder about stewardship. Make sure you inspect for holes etc and fill or notify
- Trillium – Synturf please respect the fields, clean up and do not allow 'Spitz' (sunflower seeds), gum, extremely detrimental to field future – also sports tape, mouth guards etc. Garbage and food impacts everyone, by costing maintenance and degrading field. Re dogs, permit user is responsible, but if not part of your group then use 311 to report
- Closure period mid-March – to early April - getting all fields swapped over from soccer to baseball etc. takes 5 to 6 weeks to get through all the fields. Encourage you to help by not using field until ready (wait for permits if at all possible).

a. Active Projects

Hamber/Oak Meadows field house	Waiting for paving at Hamber and inspection
Columbia field house	on hold (needs capital funds)
Track & Field Facility	Erin (VPB) – moving forward on project. RFPs are closed, reviewed and will award contract shortly – the process is to assess all 14 current tracks evaluating potential for recreational to competitive facility with community and stakeholder engagement. Expect end of summer 2018 for conceptual plans - looking at world wide practices. Expect partial funding carry over.
Hillcrest SE field leveling	status update (grade change due to Challenger) – no change
Andy Livingstone drainage	Still investigating, update in the fall – might be something done, despite renovation/NEFC
Field House Activations	status update – no news
Nanaimo SE/Killarney backstops	In process – 6 weeks depending on weather, also at Killarney relocating due to impact from the Senior Center.

b. Consultations

- Area Plan for False Creek Flats (Trillium & Strathcona) – Darcy – appears that Williams St is not yet ruled out. Another advisory council being set up to review that option. Still have all 3 streets on the table. No decision yet.
- NE False Creek (NEFC) Park Design Advisory Group (Andy Livingstone) – Craig presented to City Council on the NEFC proposals/presentations – also presentation by Darren Sherbot. Following Council meeting, the plan was adjusted slightly and it was passed 13 February. Language includes 2 fields at AL, but Chinatown groups are looking for better access and integration, not clear how the interface would work. Many details to be determined. Concerns that one field might be removed, working how that works.
 - Catarina Gomez (COV) report – there may be a reconfiguration of the sports fields, with change in location, or orientation to accommodate the Chinatown interests. COV will consult Floyd/Anne through the PDAG and when ready to the larger community. 2018-19 season not affected, construction will start 2019 but not a concern yet. Road will be first. Initial impact will be to remove field house, with interim version of the field house installed. Park design overall is lagging road design. Question re getting more interaction with Chinatown – turning Chinatown round – could you build a new field before getting rid of old? – how are we going to handle transition?
 - Comment that Tinseltown has greater impact on Chinatown businesses and creates loss of possible benefit to Chinatown from sports field users.
 - Comment that increased daytime programming for the community is totally compatible with sports fields use weekdays – may be more conflicts on weekends.

4. Old business

- a. None

5. New business

- a. None

6. Committees

- a. Long-term Planning: Anne (chair), Graeme, Gord, Wendy, Mary, Darcy, Darren, Dennis, Clare, Thomas
- Capital Plan submissions – will continue to accept proposals until end of February 2018. Interaction with VPB staff will start ASAP. Ratification meeting with VFSF delegates – April 9.
 - Next AT (infill synturf) Field: Erin (VPB report)– Proposals are out for consultants and will be selecting within next week – Churchill, Beaconsfield and Clinton are on list. Will also include engagement at Kits and Hillcrest mini re installation of lights . Hope to identify through this process whether any or all of these sites are possible, so would make it easier in future. Would like to end up with more than one site. Report is that Kits may be minimum size/small 'full' field.
- b. Grass Upgrades: Craig (chair), Mary, Geoff, Darcy
- Status update. Shortlist include: Montgomery Park, Slocan Park no current update on the grass (1M in budget)

7. Reminders

- **Next meeting is Monday April 9, 2018.** Location TBD.
- Olympic Spirit Events – similar to jersey day, so come celebrate sport
- VanPlay Deep Dives – 2 events please participate
- Brief discussion of greater input from VFSF on Vanplay topics - working on strategy for sharing the information from the surveys and data acquired in the fall. VanPlay has equity lens, important to report use of UBC, so we understand City deficits.
- AT fields: Do not enter field until your permitted time, “Bumping” groups forward in time is not permitted and can result in the loss of booking.
- Spring/Summer renewals due Jan 2 - Feb 2, and Fall/Winter between 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.
- Sanitation and Park Rangers are reached by calling 311.

8. Adjournment – 7:58pm