



# Sports Field Needs Assessment

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# Sports Field Needs Review Overview

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## Goals:

- Provide a detailed understanding of current usage, needs, and policies
- Develop recommendations to meet user needs more efficiently
- Provide data-driven basis for field upgrade and renewal planning
- Review led by RC Strategies

# User Group Engagement



- Process began in Spring 2024 and included two rounds of focused engagement with field sport organizations
- Heard from 31 user groups, including all major field sport organizations
- Key Themes
  - Plan facilities for future use
  - Create facilities for linear sport development
  - Sport has significant social value
  - Central tournament hub to support tournament hosting is top request
  - Cricket is increasingly popular
  - Indoor turf facility is desirable

## ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY

Current user groups were contacted by the project team to participate in the following:

ACTIVITY		# of Groups Participated
	An online user group questionnaire.	31
	A virtual discussion session in June and July 2024	18
	Two virtual discussion sessions in February 2025	8
	Total # of different sport groups provided	31

# Key Takeaways



- **The City has an adequate supply of fields to meet the anticipated demand over the next 10 years**
- The City has more synthetic turf, natural turf, and ball diamonds per resident than BC municipalities of comparable size and neighbouring municipalities
- Fields are used and allocated inefficiently in some cases
- The City should continue to manage field use through fees and charges incentives and allocation policies

# Sports Field Recommendations



- Policy updates:
  - Continue regular fees and charges updates to place proper value on field use
  - Update the Facility Allocation Policy to ensure effective distribution of field hours among groups
  - Develop a Field Classification Framework
  - Improve data collection to guide strategic planning and investment decisions
- Rebalance field usage extremes
- Develop a central tournament hub to support multiple sports and tournament hosting at John Oliver Park to serve current and future needs
- Continue partnerships with Delta School District with a focus on school fields adjacent to City fields

# Next Steps



## Recommendation:

- For Council to receive the full Sports Field Needs Assessment for information to support Parks policy planning updates and future capital planning and infrastructure investment

# Questions?



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