

Bowen Island Municipality

Report

Date: July 28, 2008
To: Bryan Kirk, Chief Administrative Officer
From: Christine Walker, Community Services Manager
Subject: Synthetic Grass Field

Recommendation:

Whereas Bowen Island Municipal Council has allocated \$500,000 in the 2008 budget for the cost of construction of a Synthetic Grass Field under the School Community Connections program;

And, Whereas this project is to be funded by a \$125,000 grant from the School Community Connections program and a combination of Municipal Reserve Funds totalling \$375,000;

And, Whereas the West Vancouver Board of Education and staff are wishing to proceed with the project;

And, Whereas the Ministry of Education has indicated that it may be possible, upon written request, to extend the School Community Connections grant until August 31, 2009;

And, Whereas a pause in the project would allow the Partnership to form a strategy to address community concerns through a variety of avenues but not limited to commissioning an environmental assessment for the project and/or developing a public information process;

And, Whereas Cedar Crest Lands B.C. Ltd. have indicated a willingness to work with the consultants regarding the design and specifications of the project provided that the Bowen Island Municipality is committed to the project;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That Council give concept approval to the Synthetic Grass Field subject to a review at a Fall 2008 Council meeting where consultants would be present to answer specific questions and provide a detailed review of turf submissions;

And Further Be It Resolved That Council formally request that the Ministry of Education extend the School Community Connections grant to August 31, 2009

Background:

The consulting team has been working with staff to outline options on how to proceed with the Synthetic Grass Field project. Attached to this report are the recommendations of FHL Consulting Services (Project Manager) and R.F. Binnie & Associates Ltd. (Civil Engineers). Working under the assumption that Council will proceed with the project, both reports have provided ideas and strategies on next steps.

In addition, R.F. Binnie & Associates Ltd. have provided a “Commentary on Environmental Issues: Infilled Synthetic Turf” for the Bowen Island project. This is a summary report and the consultants have suggested that if more information is required, they would be willing to provide resources and studies.

Chief Administrative Officer’s Comments:

This recommendation pauses the process allowing time for any additional technical information Council may request.

Bryan Kirk, CAO