

# Bowen Island Municipality

## Report

**Date:** October 1, 2008  
**To:** Bryan Kirk, Chief Administrative Officer  
**From:** Christine Walker, Community Services Manager  
**Subject:** All-Weather Grass Field Site Change

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### **Recommendation #1:**

Be it Resolved That Council provide approval to investigate the concept of using the south end of the existing BICS grass field as the proposed new site for the All-Weather Grass field, as per the site plan provided by RF Binnie, dated September 23, 2008 subject to the following:

1. Examination of the construction cost for this location proving to be within the \$500,000 budget;
2. Inclusion of a long term plan and budget to expand the existing grass field to a full-size natural grass field using community lands to the east; and,
3. Reporting back to Council for the November 10, 2008 meeting to confirm the feasibility of this new location for the All-Weather Grass Field project and plan for a Public Open House for January 2009.

### **Recommendation #2:**

Be it Resolved That additional funding up to \$51,864 for design work and public information meeting costs be allocated from the Council Contingency fund and/or Surplus.

### **Recommendation #3:**

Be it Resolved That Council instruct staff to investigate the possibility of updating the Parks DCC Bylaw to include a more broad scope of projects.

### **Background:**

On September 15, 2008 staff, FHL Consulting and RF Binnie presented to Council an update and options regarding the All-Weather Grass field (AWGF) project. Based on those discussions and a subsequent meeting with the West Vancouver Board of Education Trustees, a potential second site option was identified for the placement of the AWGF. This site is located on the south end of the existing BICS grass field where currently the field is a bog due to very poor drainage. By twisting the AWGF in an east to west direction it creates an all-weather playing facility that still compliments the grass field and does not require the cutting of the 13 identified trees in the initial site plan.

The West Vancouver School District is amiable to the option of moving the all-weather grass field to the south end of the field site under the condition that the Municipality plans for the future expansion of the existing grass field into community lands, making it regulation size.

The Bowen Island Sport Society concurs with this option as well; however, the Board stresses the importance of creating a full-size grass field in the very near future as the reduced grass field does not accommodate for soccer over the age of 10 years old.

It should be noted that the Stakeholders group still believes that the best site option is the original location beside the tennis courts. This allows for maximum retention of the grass field size and would not require an expansion in the near future in order to accommodate community sport uses.

Attached to this report is the FHL Consulting Services report on what is required to look at the potentially new project site change and the budget impact.

**Summary:**

Should Council decide to proceed to investigate the new site option, the Project Manager has outlined \$51,864 of additional costs required. Because these further costs are outside the original scope of work for the field and because it is most likely that the project could not accommodate these additional costs, staff request Council to fund this work from the Council Contingency Fund and/or Surplus.

**Director of Finance Comments:**

The recommendation that Council authorize that the additional costs be funded from Council Contingency &/or Surplus has been included as a safeguard to ensure that the project is not jeopardized by the additional costs associated with the re-examination of the All Weather Playing Field's location. Should sufficient economies &/or work changes be realized once the project is in progress then accessing these sources of funding will not be necessary.

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