

BOWEN ISLAND AWARDED PROVINCIAL GRANT OF \$125,000 FOR NEW PRACTICE FIELD

The provincial government, through an initiative established by the Ministry of Education and the Union of BC Municipalities, has recently announced it will provide the maximum \$125,000 (one quarter of the total project) to help build an all-weather synthetic grass field at Bowen Island Community School. Bowen Island Municipality has made available the remaining 3/4 funds in its 2008 budget to realize the first step towards new Civic Facilities. School District 45 is the sponsoring organization. This practice field will enhance the existing field access and enable the school and community groups to play field sports year-round and allow the current field to recuperate during the heavy rain months.

The identification of this project is the culmination of a partnership strategy between the West Vancouver School District and Bowen Island Municipality. A working group of community partners, school district staff and municipal staff has collaborated over the past two and a half years to identify a capital project at the school that would serve to strengthen and sustain the needs of the Bowen Island community. "I don't think any of us fully realize how incredibly positive this additional practice field will be for the school and the community. I thank and commend all those who have put so much time and effort (and perhaps more importantly their vision) into something that will enrich our lives and that of our children for years to come," commented Morgan Quarry, president of the Bowen Island Football Club.

The partnership opportunity between the school district and the municipality was made possible by the provincial government through its Community Connections initiative, active in all 60 school districts around the province. It is expected that the new practice field will be completed by fall 2008.



Posted in Bowen Island Undercurrent, March 10, 2008