

# Bowen Island Municipality

## Mission Statement:

In carrying out its mandate, Bowen Island Municipality will work towards conducting operations in a way that:

1. Improves the economic, environmental and social well-being for present and future generations;
2. Encourages and fosters community involvement;
3. Enhances the small, friendly, caring character of the community;
4. Maintains an open, accountable and effective operation; and
5. Preserves and enhances the unique mix of natural ecosystems and green spaces that Bowen Island possesses.

**NOTICE: That a Committee of the Whole meeting of Bowen Island Municipal Council will be held at Municipal Hall, 981 Artisan Lane on Monday, July 21, 2008 at 8:45 p.m. for the transaction of business listed below.**

Kathy Lalonde, Corporate Officer

## AGENDA

Committee of the Whole Meeting  
Monday, July 21, 2008 at 8:45 p.m.

	Page	Timing
<b><u>OPENING OF COUNCIL MEETING</u></b>		<b>8:45 pm</b>
<b><u>1. APROVAL OF AGENDA</u></b>		
1.1 Introduction of Late Items	--	
<i><b>Recommendation:</b> That Council approve the agenda and late items agenda (if applicable) for the July 14, 2008 regular Committee of the Whole meeting.</i>		
<b><u>2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES</u></b>		
2.1 Minutes of the regular Committee of the Whole meeting, held July 7, 2008		
<i><b>Recommendation:</b> That the minutes of the regular Committee of the Whole meeting held July 7, 2008 be adopted.</i>		
<b><u>3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES</u></b>		
3.1 Christine Walker, Community Services Manager and Florrie Levine, FHL Consulting Services re: Update of the Synthetic Grass Field:		<b>8:50 pm (1 hour)</b>

### **Rationale for Site Selection:**

It is important to re-visit and explain the rationale for the site selection of the field. As a starting point, the Community Connections Grant had to be used on School District property; however, in discussions at the Synthetic Grass Stakeholders meetings many "what ifs" were talked about as potential options beyond the ones presented within the Landscape Architect Master Plan. These included:

- Using surplus lands to house the basketball court,
- Donating surplus lands to the school for the turf field.
- Using the “Snake Field” for the basketball court or turf field, and
- Moving the tennis court to the “Snake Field” in case there was a need for future expansion of the turf field.

Reasons why these site options were not considered:

- Increase in site preparation and construction costs to build on two different sites;
- Sites located beyond the existing school playground and field areas cannot be supervised by school staff and would therefore not be accessible during non-structured school hours;
- Necessity of all play spaces to be proximate to one another, the gym and the washrooms;
- No plans to expand the turf field;
- Lot 2 located beside the school field has been identified as a location for future Civic Facilities; however, the exact area and siting of the facility(s) has yet to be determined and therefore, the appropriate location for the synthetic turf field on Lot 2 is uncertain.
- Locating the synthetic turf field on Lot 2 without a clear siting for Civic Facilities could result in a costly future relocation of the field or a potential barrier to the optimal placement for Civic Facilities.

In order to accommodate all play elements including the basketball court, tetherball, and long jump, the new synthetic turf field was sited to maximize the function and size of the existing grass field. In addition, elements such as site circulation and flow, site utilities, spectator areas, vegetative areas, and future recreation components were also taken into consideration to determine the preferred site selection as outlined in the Landscape Master Plan.

**Summary:**

To reiterate what is addressed above, the committee reviewed and brainstormed a wide variety of options and always looked for ways to proceed with the project with the least amount of impact on the environment. In addition, the committee is committed to work within the budget allocated for this project and to maximize value. Council is requested to proceed with the recommendation in this report to move forward on the construction of the synthetic grass field.

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

**9:50 p.m.**