

Project Proposal: Shelburne Soccer Club Field Development

Introduction:

The Shelburne Soccer Club (SCC) recognizes the growing demand for soccer facilities in the community of Shelburne, Ontario. The SCC proposes a comprehensive development plan to enhance the soccer fields within Greenwood Park. This initiative aims to create a centralized area for soccer activities, improve field safety and quality, and cater to the diverse sporting needs of the rapidly expanding Shelburne community.

Project Objectives:

1. Expansion of Soccer Fields:

Develop additional soccer fields within Greenwood Park to meet the increasing demand for soccer facilities and consolidate all soccer activities into a centralized location. **Shelburne Parks and Recreation Master Plan** (1.1 Greenwood Park) Park Expansion Area numbers 14 and 15 is priority for additional soccer fields.

- 14. Multi sports field (cricket / soccer)
- 15. Washroom building and shelter

2. Resurfacing of Thunder Soccer Field:

Address safety concerns by resurfacing the main soccer field with AstroTurf, mitigating issues such as uneven slopes, poor grass condition, and surface irregularities caused by rain settling.

3. Installation of Lighting on Brigands Field:

Enhance accessibility and extend playing hours by installing lighting on the second field, ensuring that community members can enjoy the sport safely during evenings and low-light conditions.

4. Future Sports Dome Project:

Envisioned as a long-term endeavor, the construction of a seasonal sports dome over the main field will provide a multipurpose indoor facility capable of accommodating various sports and activities, including but not limited to soccer, baseball, cricket, and field hockey, therefore further enriching the sporting landscape of Shelburne.

Justification:

1. Community Needs:

With Shelburne being the fastest-growing city in Ontario, it is imperative to invest in recreational infrastructure to meet the demands of the expanding population. Consolidating soccer fields in Greenwood Park fulfills the community's desire for a centralized sporting hub.

2. Safety and Quality:

The resurfacing of the main soccer field with AstroTurf not only addresses safety concerns but also ensures a high-quality playing surface resilient to adverse weather conditions, thereby minimizing the risk of injuries and providing an optimal playing experience for participants.

3. Accessibility and Inclusivity:

Installing lighting on the second field promotes inclusivity by enabling individuals of all ages and backgrounds to engage in soccer activities beyond daylight hours, fostering a more vibrant and active community.

4. Long-Term Vision:

The proposed sports dome aligns with Shelburne's future growth trajectory, offering a multifunctional indoor facility that caters to a wide range of sports and recreational pursuits, thereby enriching the quality of life for residents and attracting visitors from neighboring areas.

Implementation Plan:

1. Field Expansion:

The Shelburne Parks and Recreation Master Plan (1.1 Greenwood Park) Park Expansion Area numbers 14 and 15 to have additional soccer fields. Represents a forward-thinking approach to expansion and facility development, guided by principles of inclusivity, sustainability, and community engagement. By prioritizing the creation of a centralized hub for soccer activities, integrating essential amenities, this plan aims to create vibrant and accessible recreational spaces that enrich the lives of Shelburne residents for generations to come.

2. Resurfacing:

Procure materials and engage experienced contractors specializing in turf installation to resurface the main soccer field with AstroTurf. Conduct regular maintenance and quality checks to uphold the integrity and longevity of the playing surface.

3. Lighting Installation:

Conduct a feasibility study to determine optimal lighting solutions for Brigands field, considering factors such as energy efficiency, light pollution, and community feedback. Collaborate with utility providers and construction firms to implement lighting infrastructure in a timely and cost-effective manner.

4. Sports Dome Development:

Formulate a comprehensive business plan and feasibility study to assess the financial viability and community impact of the sports dome project. Secure funding through grants, sponsorships, and

public-private partnerships, leveraging community support and stakeholder engagement to drive the initiative forward.

Conclusion:

The Shelburne Soccer Club is committed to enhancing the sporting infrastructure within the Shelburne community through the proposed field development project. By expanding soccer facilities, improving field safety and quality, and embracing a long-term vision for inclusive and versatile sporting amenities, this initiative aims to enrich the lives of residents and promote active living in Shelburne, Ontario for generations to come.

Please see pictures of Thunder Field attached.





Greenwood Park

Park Expansion Area

- 14 Multi-use sports field (cricket / soccer)
- 15 Washroom building and park shelter

