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RE: Development of Artificial Turf Fields in Calgary Athletic Parks

Alderman Andre Chabot
Alderman Diane Colley-Urquhart

WHEREAS the 10 Year Strategic Plan for Sport Facility Development and Enhancement (CPS2008-46) identified primary facility type priorities to address the needs of sport and reduce or eliminate gaps in the supply of facilities;

AND WHEREAS outdoor rectangular fields were identified as one of the primary facility types which should receive emphasis for facility development, enhancement and accessibility;

AND WHEREAS the Implementation Plan for 10 Year Strategic Plan for Sport Facility Development and Enhancement (CPS2008- 84) directs Administration to ensure new facility development and enhancement adheres to the sport facility development criteria;

AND WHEREAS The Calgary Soccer Federation recently completed 'A Business Case for the Development of Artificial Turf Fields', including identifying and securing the majority of funds necessary for implementation;

AND WHEREAS the business case supports the development of quality multi-sport rectangular artificial turf playing fields on the basis of increased facility access and accessibility opportunities; sustainability; improved playing surfaces and safety; reduced environmental impact; quality consistency; sport tourism opportunities and increased operational capacity compared to standard playfields;

AND WHEREAS The City of Calgary recognizes the importance of investment in opportunities that enrich the lives of Calgarians including infrastructure to support recreation and sport;

AND NOW THEREFORE BE RESOLVED THAT Administration be directed to examine the merits of capital investment and the positive operating impact of investing in artificial turf fields (new and enhanced) including but not limited to the identification of potential funding and/or MSI funding, and locations through the 10 Year Strategic Plan for Sport Facility Development and Enhancement and report back to the SPC on Community and Protective Services no later than February, 2009.

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