



## Tell me about the Outdoor Soccer Field Project

The proposed outdoor soccer field will be located on the designated recreation lands, approximately 3 kilometers from downtown, off Pemberton Farm Road East. The Village was gifted the lands specifically for recreation purposes by the Den Duyf family, via a lease with an option to purchase the land for \$10. The Village is currently working through the conditions to execute the purchase agreement and expect this to occur in the near future. Previous to this donation, the Village did not own lands that would accommodate a recreation facility, outdoor fields and parking. This land is situated along the Friendship Trail enabling residents to access the site by bike and by foot and is proximate to residents of the Village of Pemberton, SLRD Area C, and Lil'wat Nation.



## So How Did We Get Here?

The Village underwent extensive recreation planning in 2013. Through a Community Consultation Process and Recreational Needs Analysis, it was determined that the community priority was a Multi-Sport Recreation Centre (2 indoor courts and ancillary functions) and an outdoor grass soccer field. With the donation of land, and the community-supported concept finalized, Council determined that it was prudent to take advantage of the opportunity to place river gravel and preload material to prepare the site for a soccer field. This was facilitated through voluntary Community Amenity Contributions negotiated with The Ridge development. This site preparation would be required regardless of which recreational amenity the Village proceeded with first on this site.



## Why Are Soccer Fields Being Pursued First?

The soccer fields were chosen as the first amenity to pursue because this opportunity can be achieved within our resources and it will provide a large benefit to the community. Soccer is an inclusive and affordable sport; participation covers all levels of ability from recreational to elite to special needs. For reference, Pemberton Youth Soccer has approximately 180 kids that play soccer locally. Further, the soccer fields have the potential to draw visitors to Pemberton for tournaments and camps. Sport tourist spending provides significant benefits to local businesses and our local economy.



## But, Don't We Already Have a Soccer Field?

The Meadows Field is actually owned by School District #48 and there is no ability to secure a long-term lease. It was deemed unwise to invest taxpayer dollars to repair and upgrade the field.



## What was the 2014 Referendum for?

The purpose of the 2014 Referendum was to obtain authorization from the Village of Pemberton residents to borrow \$4,800,000 for the purposes of constructing a Multi-Sport Recreation Centre and Soccer Field. The referendum determined whether there was support from the electorate on the borrowing bylaw itself; it was not pertaining to the approval of the project or concept.



## How are the capital costs to be funded?

In 2014, the outdoor grass soccer field was projected to cost an estimated \$350,000 (based on costs of the Lil'wat Nation soccer fields). Staff is currently seeking updated, detailed costs which will be presented at an upcoming meeting, including annual maintenance costs. The SLRD is in support of the development of soccer fields on the recreation site and has agreed to partner on the project by contributing 50% of the costs. The Village is also actively seeking funding through grants to supplement the construction costs. **The Village's goal is to build the project without using tax payer dollars.**



## Where Can I Find the Referenced Reports and Surveys?

All the referenced planning reports and surveys can be found at [www.pemberton.ca/municipal-hall/reports-and-publications](http://www.pemberton.ca/municipal-hall/reports-and-publications) under the header 'Recreation Planning'.

The Village is always happy to answer any inquires and review the recreation planning to date. Give us a call at 604.894.6135 or email Mayor Richman at [mrichman@pemberton.ca](mailto:mrichman@pemberton.ca).

### FAST FACT

#### Community Support for Soccer Fields

In Spring 2013, the Village of Pemberton executed an extensive public consultation campaign ('Recreate Recreation') to seek feedback from the community as to what types of facilities the community desired and could afford. A summary of the outreach findings are in the Recreational Facilities Questionnaire Summary found here: <https://goo.gl/VSZ6s1>. In these findings, it was indicated that soccer is the second most popular activity outdoors and fifth most popular if held indoors.

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#### What are Community Amenity Contributions (CAC)?

CACs are voluntary in-kind or cash contributions provided by property developers when Council grants development rights through rezoning. Zoning Amendment Bylaws 753, 2014 and 790, 2015 secured Community Amenity Contributions towards the recreation capital costs specific to Sports Fields, Multi-Sports Facility, an ice arena or aquatic centre. As part of passing these Zoning Bylaw Amendments, Council sought input through stakeholder referrals and Public Hearings.

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#### Value of In-Kind Contributions to Date

Land Acquisition \$400,000\* (\*2014 Value)  
Donated by the Den Duyf Family

River Gravel/Fill \$285,000  
The Ridge Community Amenity Contribution

Preload Material \$211,000  
The Ridge Community Amenity Contribution

**TOTAL CAPITAL DOLLARS SAVED THROUGH IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS: \$896,000**