



INFORMATION REQUEST

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REQUESTED BY: Councillor Mastaler

TOPIC: Artificial Turf RMR Schedule for Fuhr Sports Park

DATE OF REQUEST: November 17, 2025

DATE OF RESPONSE: November 18, 2025

QUESTION:

Has any analysis on the quality of the artificial turf been done? Have heard concerns related to field.

Response

Fuhr Sport Park was built in 2008 and consists of two synthetic turf football / soccer fields. The lifecycle of the field replacement of the turf is planned for 2029 for \$1.2 Million, which is based on the original replacement cost. This amount is currently in the City's lifecycle plan. In 2023 a Contractor repaired pieces and topped up crumb/sand fill. Additional drainage infrastructure inspections are planned in 2026 to inform future requirements. Additional financial considerations may result for 2028 and 2029 Budget and Fiscal Plans.

Background

The lifecycle of synthetic turf fields depends on the type of turf, the under-lay/base, the maintenance levels and use. A typical synthetic turf field is approximately 20 - 25 years under optimal conditions. The original replacement timeline to replace the turf/carpet was for 2025, however due to extensive maintenance and repairs done to the turf in 2023, the lifecycle was extended to 2029. In addition to the turf/carpet replacement, there has been conversations internally related to the drainage infrastructure in the facility, primarily located in between the two fields. This was in response to staff observations and user feedback and concerns around the drainage areas. A third-party quote was received by Public Works in 2025 to complete a flush and camera inspection of the drainage infrastructure for approximately \$25,000, which will be completed in the spring of 2026 through existing operating budgets. During the turf

replacement, the opportunity to address other changes in operational needs for football, soccer and rugby may also need to be considered. The need for the addition of media tower(s), the timing to replace the score clock and the potential of field size changes at the CFL level, which would likely impact amateur/provincial and local users for football as well. Administration is planning to utilize the results of the drainage infrastructure work to inform a new Capital project profile that would include (re)design work in 2028 for the turf replacement. The (re)design work and related cost-estimates would then provide confirmation and scope options for the 2029 Capital budget considerations. Partnerships with field user groups and additional sources of funding could also be explored for 2029.

Financial Implications/Taxation Impact

None at this time.

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