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## **Council Moves Synthetic Fields to Design Stage**

**Maple Ridge, BC:** On Tuesday, July 25 Council awarded a contract to R.F. Binnie & Associates to undertake design work for new synthetic fields at:

- 1) Arthur Peake Centre/Golden Ears Elementary School located at 23125 116 Avenue.
- 2) Telosky Stadium/Thomas Haney Secondary located at 23111 116 Avenue.

The City has been working with School District No. 42, sports user groups and the surrounding neighbourhood reviewing preliminary concepts and as part of the detailed designs the consultant will be working with stakeholders to address the feedback that has been received so far.

“At the beginning of the term Council talked about a shared vision around investing in our youth by ensuring that we had the sports and recreation facilities to meet the needs of our fast growing community. With the addition of the new Karina LeBlanc Field at Merkley Park, this project will result in a total of four new synthetic fields,” said Mayor Nicole Read. “The long standing partnership with School District No. 42 creates incredible efficiencies for citizens. Students at the adjacent schools will be able to use these facilities during the day and on evenings and weekends. During school breaks we will work with our community sports organizations to maximize the use of these fields. We are excited at the possibility of some of these fields being available in early 2018. This represents the single largest investment in new fields for our youth since the development of the Albion Sports Complex over 25 years ago.”

The detailed designs and cost estimates will be back before Council in the early fall of 2017. More information about the concepts for each site can be found on the City website at [mapleridge.ca/1441](http://mapleridge.ca/1441). For more information about the field designs please contact Valoree Richmond, Manager of Parks Planning, by email at [vrichmond@mapleridge.ca](mailto:vrichmond@mapleridge.ca) or by phone at 604-463-5221