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## **Telosky and Thomas Haney Synthetic Fields Project Contract Awarded**

**Maple Ridge, BC:** Council has approved the contract for upgrades to Telosky Stadium and Thomas Haney Secondary sports fields. This project includes the construction of two new synthetic turf fields, replacement of the washrooms and concession building, realignment of baseball diamond #3 and the installation of field lighting for the new and existing sports fields.

Work will commence shortly and the project is expected to be completed in the early part of 2019, in time for the spring/summer sports season. The contract for the new field house, which will be located in the centre of the sports complex, will be tendered separately and will contain accessible washrooms, change rooms and a concession stand.

“This is an exciting project. In 1950 Telosky Stadium opened on private land. It was Maple Ridge’s ‘Field of Dreams’ and a labour of love by Pete Telosky, who was the Manager of the Haney baseball team. On Saturday, July 14, 2018 at 12:30 pm the City will host a ground breaking ceremony at Telosky Stadium to celebrate the incredible legacy of this site and a \$10 million investment in our youth,” said Mayor Nicole Read. “I hope some of the people who played on the old Telosky Stadium ball diamond, and their family members, will come out and join us for this ceremony. We’d love to hear their memories. Sport is a way for citizens to connect with each other, to live healthy lifestyles and to learn important lessons that will help them throughout their lives. We are building on the investment made by Pete almost 70 years ago.”

The Telosky and Thomas Haney Synthetic Fields Project is one of a number of projects that Council approved to meet the needs of our growing community. By the summer of 2019, the City will have increased from two to six synthetic turf fields.

“This new capacity allows us to meet the need for more time for practices, games and tournaments. The new synthetic fields will also give us some relief from rainy weather which has

an impact on traditional turf field quality and availability,” said Valoree Richmond, Manager of Parks Planning & Development.

For more information on the Telosky Stadium and Thomas Haney field project or the ground breaking ceremony being held on July 14 please contact Valoree Richmond, Manager of Parks Planning & Development, by phone at 604-467-7381 or by email at [vrichmond@mapleridge.ca](mailto:vrichmond@mapleridge.ca).