



Victoria High School Stadium Revitalization Project



*Community Consultation Sessions and
On-line Responses*



1 Foreword

This report reviews the results of three community consultation meetings and the on-line survey that was part of that consultation process. This consultation process was conducted to inform the Fernwood community about the outlines of the Stadium Revitalization Project, and to seek feedback and suggestions from the community.

The three community open houses were held on October 28th, November 19th and December 2nd 2014. To encourage broad participation in the consultation, students from Victoria High School passed out leaflets to homes and businesses in the surrounding area – a five-block radius and beyond. Community associations and groups were informed of the meetings, and information about the topics to be discussed as well as the dates and locations of the meetings were posted on both the school and the Vic High Alumni Associations' websites.

Some one hundred people (57 at the first meeting, 27 at the second and 23 at the third) attended over the three evenings.

To encourage participation in the on-line survey, it was discussed at each of the community consultation sessions. In addition, the pamphlets students delivered also encouraged on-line feedback from households near the school. The on-line survey was hosted and highlighted on the Victoria High School website.

A total of 156 people filled out the questionnaire¹ between early November and mid January, although almost all of the responses were provided by mid-December.

2 The Community Consultation Meetings

All the meetings were held in the Vic High auditorium and were introduced with an overview of the proposals and a discussion of the phasing of the project. This was followed by the heart of the meetings: the opportunity for participants to ask questions and to express their reactions, support or concerns with the project.

The feedback from the public was very encouraging. Even for people who had some concerns or questions about the project, there was a generally shared view that this would be a very real asset

¹ To prevent a single respondent from providing multiple responses, The software used to gather the responses logged the IP addresses of those who filled out the questionnaire and did not allow subsequent responses from that IP address.

for the community. For some, the need for better athletic facilities was seen in broader terms as including providing greater opportunities for schools in the Vic High family. Many of them were seen to lack the facilities available to students from more affluent parts of the school district.

Many non-school sports groups and associations attended the open house sessions to let the panel know they were excited about the project. The groups who participated in the sessions included:

- Bays United Soccer
- Fernwood Football Association
- James Bay Athletic Association
- Victoria Track and Field
- Victoria Field Hockey
- Castaways Soccer Club

All these organizations indicated they could make excellent use of such a facility and said they would help raise funds. Each had specific examples of how the facility would serve the community and its own members.

Through these meetings, reflected as well in the survey responses, a number of topics were discussed frequently. These topics will be discussed in turn.

2.1 The Need for the Facility

While the sports groups all spoke of the need for the facility and the use which they and their members would make of it, there was wide agreement that the community, particularly its young people, did not have sufficient access to sports fields. While driving children to sports programs in suburban areas of Victoria was possible for some, other families found this a burden.

The need for such a facility was reflected in wide-spread desire that access to the field not be tied up fully by the school (although all shared the view that Vic High use was the priority) and the major organized sports clubs – many wanted to ensure that informal local groups could also use the field. This clearly reflects the scarcity of local fields that the community can use, both formally and informally.

2.2 Environmental Awareness

The plans showed the removal of some existing trees (Lombardy Poplars on the south end of the current field) and some of the participants expressed their concern about the neighbourhood losing trees. This was discussed in the meetings and two points were made in response. First, City of Victoria by-laws currently require two trees to be planted to replace any tree that is removed. Secondly, the trees which will need to be replaced have neared their life expectancy.

Some participants felt that trees and a turf field produce environmental benefits as they ‘cleanse the air.’ While this met with general agreement, others pointed out that having an artificial field meant that more use could be made of the field, especially through the winter months, and that maintenance would be easier. For a few people who liked using a turf field for their dogs, it was pointed out that there were extensive grassed areas on other parts of the school property that might suffice.

While priorities differed on the question of turf versus artificial field, it was clear that both the environmental impact and the need for year-round use had to be taken into account in the planning.

2.3 Design that is Sympathetic with the Neighbourhood and School

There were a number of different aspects of this issue that came up in both the meetings and survey responses. Participants sometimes expressed this with questions about the scale, particularly the height, of the facility and mentioned their desire to see something that fit with the neighbourhood. Some also mentioned the historic nature of Vic High’s design and wanted a facility that did not detract from the school building.

Other participants, particularly those who answered the survey, mentioned that the stadium was originally built after World War II to honour veterans and wanted to ensure that link with the past and the veterans was respected. Still others mentioned that the project should be consistent with the openness and diversity of the Fernwood community.

2.3.1 Lighting

There were a number of questions about lighting, both its need for use in the winter season, and concern about potential effects on nearby neighbours. There was significant discussion about how those concerns could be taken into account in the design and placement of lights. As well, there was discussion about newer lighting technologies which are more focussed and efficient and have less impact or “spillage” on surrounding areas. The proponents committed to keeping these concerns in mind as the planning proceeded.

2.3.2 Personal Security

A number of residents mentioned that enhanced lighting in the area would increase their feeling of security at night as they walked and used the space around Vic High. This was particularly important to some of the women who participated in the process.

This focus on personal security also manifested itself in other ways during the discussions. Specifically, some wanted to ensure that the venue was secured when not in use so that it did not

become a magnet for drug use or others who might make people concerned about their safety. Although not addressed directly in this context, there is some tension between these concerns and the desire of some others to have the facility as open and accessible as possible for informal use.

2.3.3 Parking and Traffic

Some respondents wanted to hear about traffic and parking related to the venue. They wanted to learn about the effects to ensure that there were minimal traffic and parking problems.

In response the proponents mentioned a number of things:

- Areas for staff parking would be shared with the community for evening events.
- The facility was being designed more as a practice facility than as a large event venue.
- For larger events like school competitions, buses could be used.

In addition, a few people said that more available parking might be helpful for The Belfry and some of the small businesses in the immediate area.

2.4 Management and Use of the Facility

In the public meetings, there were questions about ensuring that there were easily understandable and fair mechanisms for ensuring that the facility would be available to formal and informal groups who would want to use it. Survey respondents were even stronger in their view that building the facility was only the first step – it was equally important to think about maintenance and ensuring equitable access.

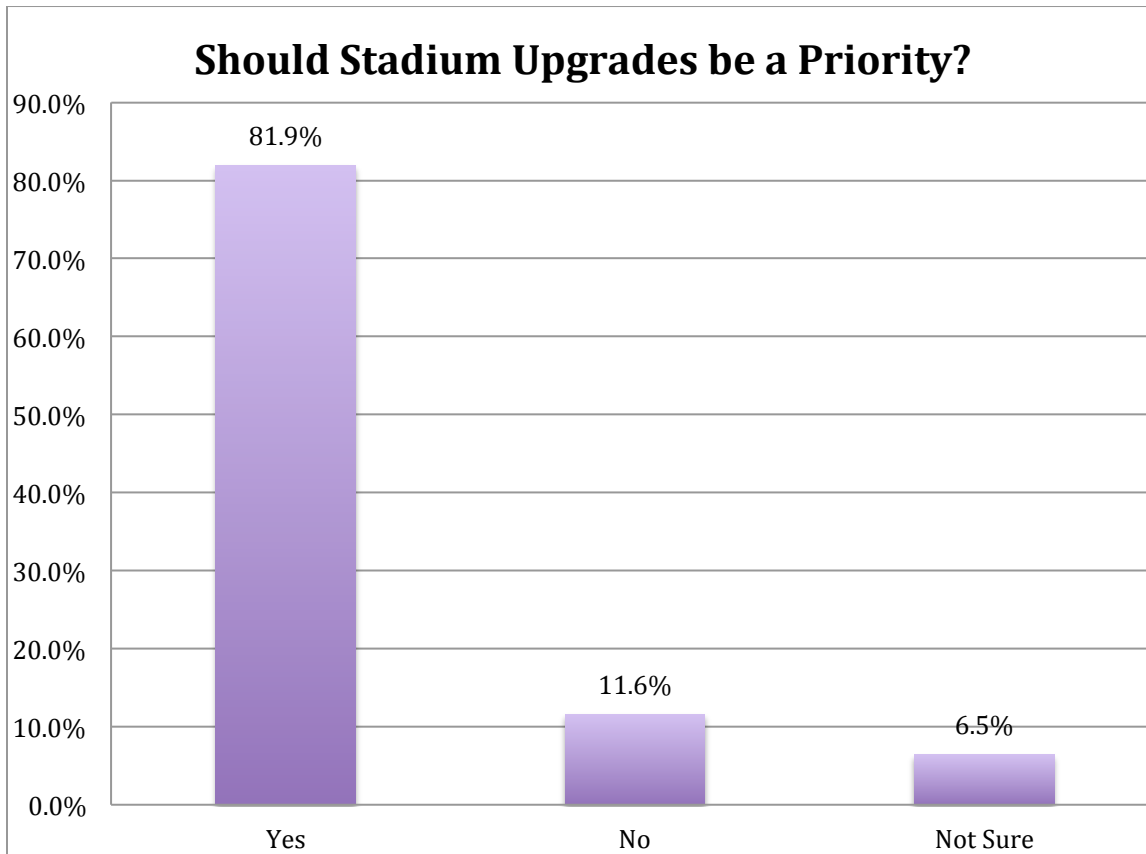
These topics are, frankly, quite sophisticated and show that those who commented on the proposal had thought through many of the practical consequences and brought their experience with other athletic facilities to bear in the conversations.

The proponents acknowledged and indeed welcomed this recognition of the importance of thinking past the construction to the management and maintenance. They talked about the requirement to have the school board and the city government agree on a use model that would meet these ongoing needs.

3 The Survey Responses from the Community

As described earlier a survey was the complement to the meetings. After a brief introduction, the survey began by asking “Should upgrades to the Victoria High School playing fields and sports facilities be a priority for the school? The responses were strongly in favour of the stadium upgrades being a priority for the school as shown in Table 1.

Table 1



Only 12 people took the opportunity to add comments to this question; however, three themes emerge, each exemplified in the following comments:

- “As a school that is an integral part of a unique community, the two should be working together to improve Fernwood.”
- “The school is home to Memorial Stadium, a unique facility within the school district. Unfortunately the facility is in a state of serious disrepair and the field has seriously deteriorated over the years with the lack of funding for maintenance.”
- “Vic High is an arts and theatre school. Put the money into improved art and theatre facilities.”

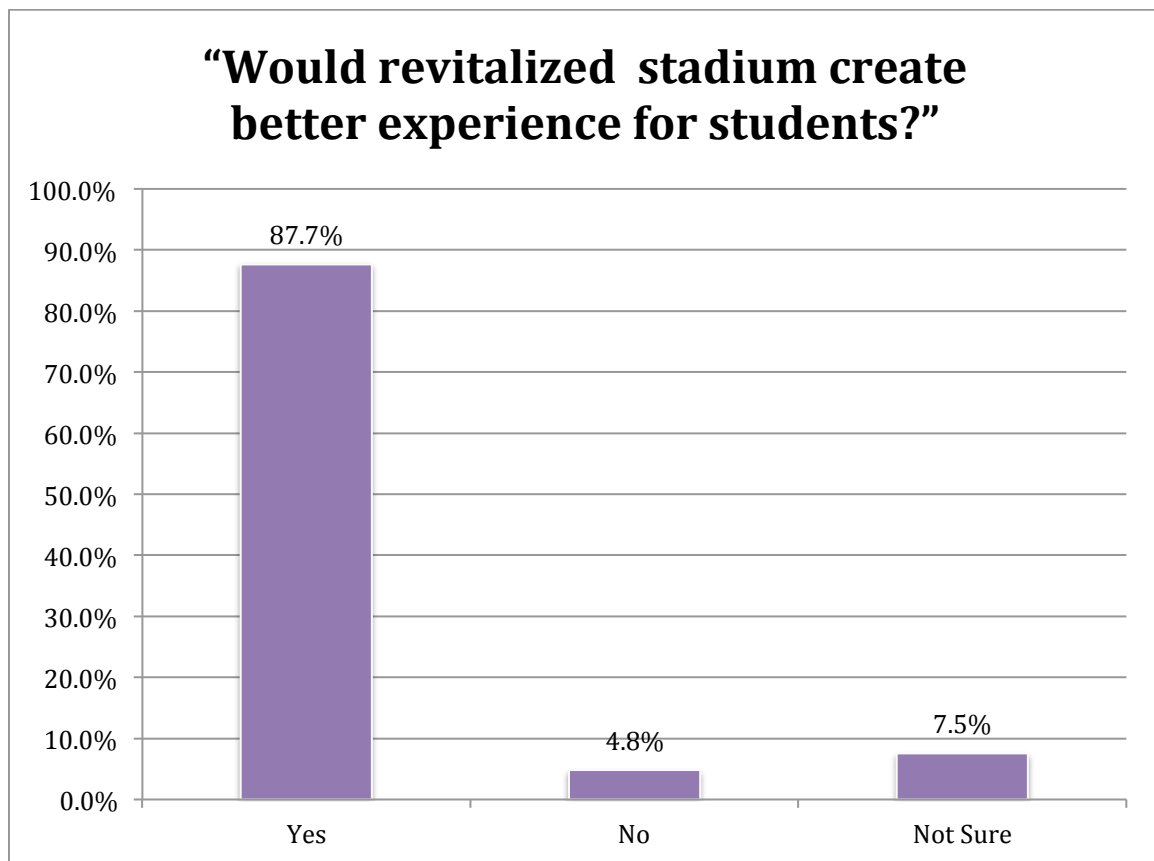
While the first two themes – the importance of Vic High’s facilities to the community, and the sorry state of the current track and field facilities – recur through the survey, the concern that the stadium not take away from funding of other aspects of the school is also important. In its general form it was exemplified the the comment “I was amazed at how run down the school and

classrooms are. Upgrades to the school should be the # 1 priority.” Just under five percent of the respondents expressed this concern, and they were consistent in making this point in response to virtually every question. Although this is a minority response, it is an important one that is a source of concern for some students.

To allay concerns, current students need to understand the funding situation and be assured that the facility will, in no way, detract from the school’s operational funding.

The second question asked “Would a revitalized Victoria High School stadium facility create a better experience for current and future students?” The answers to this question were even more supportive of the project than for the first question.

Table 2



Once again, although there was an opportunity to comment, only a few respondents availed themselves of the opportunity. The few comments reflected both support “Upgrades have been made to the buildings, so stadium should follow,” and an implicit desire that the revitalization should not detract from other aspects of the school. This latter point exemplified by “I know that

it is a chicken and egg situation, but students don't come to Vic High for sports, they come for the cultural richness.”

Respondents were asked whether they “would make a financial contribution to this project?” a plurality (38%) said that yes they would contribute; 25% said no, while 36% said they were not sure.

In many ways the most important questions were the three open-ended questions that sought more detailed responses from the respondents. This gave the respondents the opportunity to express their hopes, concerns and suggestions related to the revitalization without being bound to pre-set answer categories.

The following pages show the verbatim responses of ALL the respondents to the following three questions:

1. What changes would you like to see to the VHS Memorial Stadium?
2. What changes would you **NOT** like to see to the VHS Memorial Stadium?
3. How can community use of any new sports facilities be accommodated?

The responses have been arranged by broad category within each question. This is only a general and imperfect sorting (for example, many of the responses mention different topics and could have been assigned to multiple categories); however, it should help in understanding the scope of responses and the depth of interest shown by many who filled out the questionnaire.

In looking over the responses, we are struck by the care put into many of them. It is clear that people have thought about ways in which the revitalized stadium could best serve both the school and the community. Many have somewhat different preferences for the stadium, but they do share a commitment to seeing that the community and the school are both well served, and in this they largely share a strong view that the stadium will be of real benefit. They also have thought about practical matters about management, access and the effect of the facility on the community and its residents.

4 Detailed Responses to Open-Ended Questions²

4.1 What changes would you like to see to the VHS Memorial Stadium?

Support for some or all of proposed revitalization

- Better Fields
- New turf field
- Fifa size and approved field. Covered stadium.
- installation of floodlights, new grass pitch
- Turf field, lights. renovated seating area.
- Turf soccer field, all weather track, changing facilities.
- Better turf. More spectator seating.
- An artificial turf field with lights would be great.
- Upgrades to the seating section, lights for darkness use of the field and all year round use if the turf
- An artificial turf fields for track, soccer,
- All 5 proposed revitalization phases.
- Artificial turf, lights, change rooms.
- Turf field with improved seating. If possible, maintain the track.
- An artificial lit turf field
- I would like to see a turf field and field house with change rooms. A proper track and bleachers.
- Install a turf field and lights
- Specifically an all weather field with lights
- Ability to play in an all weather turf throughout the year
- artificial turf field
- Artificial all season playing field with lights to be able to play in the evening. Locker rooms. Stadium seating
- turf field, better bleachers, new parking lot, new track surrounding turf pitch
- Artificial turf, clubhouse facilities
- Considering it hasn't had any noticeable upgrades since I graduated from Vic High in 1998: Everything. In priority : Turf, track, bleachers.
- More seating, better field, good running track
- New track and upgrade seats
- more seating
- All weather turf fields would be a great addition to the school and entire community
- New turf, lighting and change rooms
- Better quality field and lighting. Improved stands for spectators and washroom/change rooms access.
- Turf field
- lighted soccer pitch
- Better facilities that result in better programs for students
- anything is fine
- a lit turf field
- The proposed turf field, track, lighting, field house, and seating plan look good.
- grass
- Improved track.
- Better seating
- Good updated track.

² Obvious typos have been corrected, but otherwise the responses have been left unchanged.

- the stands need to be upgraded, the fencing surrounding the track and a club house or change room for the athletes
- A multi purpose turf. For field hockey, soccer, rugby. water base would be perfect.
- Small roof overhang over seats, Lights, turf, lines for soccer and such, track
- A good track with good seating.
- New stands and track field
- better seating, better track, lighting.
- New turf and track surface. Mutli purpose rooms for athletics and PE
- upgraded running track, upgraded bleachers, out building for team meeting, washrooms etc.
- full refit incl turf and clubhouse
- Turf field and updated structures
- It would be great to bring it into the 21st century. It was old and tired when I graduated 25 years ago!
- Turf Field, Lights, Change rooms, meeting room, new stands
- Lighting so sports can be played at night.
- An updated field, track, stands and public access after school hours. therefore a change room etc. and lights (similar to the new Rugby Canada field in Langford).
- Decent maintained facilities with proper dressing rooms and bathrooms available.
- Better seating, some seats covered
- running track (paved) and artificial turf for soccer and football (and more)
- my daughter participates in soccer so would appreciate an improved field for that
- The current vision for an artificial turf field, lighting, a new metric track and a field house provides the Vic High family of schools and the surrounding community with a badly needed upgrade to this valuable resource. As the City has grown, more pressure has been applied on a static inventory of recreational facilities. The Turf field and track would provide multiple sports within the schools and the community with a facility capable of enduring our local weather patterns, something the facility does not provide. better seating, artificial turf either on the front or back fields.
- Upgraded seating for viewing and artificial turf
- upgrades to the field, lighting
- Covered venue for spectators
- field, stands and out-buildings

Additional ideas for improvements

- Create an 8 lane track with a grass infield that could accomodate throwing sectors for Javelin, Discus and Shot Put. Locate Long Jump/Triple Jump and Pole Vault areas on one end of the field, and High Jump on the other end. Alternative is to place the long/triple jump runways and pits in a North/South orientation parallel to the track, either within the field area or adjacent to the track itself (ie on the 'Fairey Tech lands). Develop the artificial surface on a different field if possible. It is possible to locate the turf within the stadium, but provision must be made to locate the throws events elsewhere, either on a grass field on the Fairey Teach lands, or off-site. The track surface can be a less expensive surface (see <http://www.beynonssports.com/en/Products-Track-And-Field-Surface/BSS-100-Running-Track-And-Field-Surface> for reference) but should be 8 lanes if the desire is to host local or regional meets. An IAAF certified track is not required but it should meet IAAF standards for an 8 lane track. The difference is largely in the quality of material used for the surface.
- Good quality lights for night use, good quality turf field for winter use, fence openings for easy access by the parking lots and the sides of the bleachers, new bleachers, perhaps a water fountain
- Construction of a new lit artificial turf field would be a big plus for the school and local community. A separate field house would also be of benefit to users of the field.

- All weather turf multi-sport field - Some kind of track around field. Not sure if full 8 lane track is too expensive and won't be fully utilized
- night lights, comfortable seating, chip trail at perimeter, sound system
- New Track. All weather field. Lighting. New seating. New clubhouse and change rooms. Coaching and referee meeting room. Bathrooms. Concession area
- Include a multi-purpose grass field to the west which could have space for Athletics throwing events (Javelin, Discus, Shot Put) as well as be a great community resource for recreation programming through the City and the Fernwood Community Association. Include enough space within the track design to include proper IAAF spaces for High Jump, Long/Triple Jump and Pole Vault. Include a multi-purpose room within the proposed fieldhouse for storage of various community groups equipment (eg Bays United FC, Pacific Athletics Track and Field Club) and also serve as a small indoor training area for inclement weather.
- The upgrading or inclusion of track and field facilities, for example: long jump pit, triple jump, high jump area, shot put cage, even hammer throw (very few facilities in town for this). I think this would allow for track and field meets to be hosted by the school and allow for PE classes to incorporate T & F into the curriculum. This may allow for more rentals for the school and also allow the possibility for future sport academy's.
- Improved track & field. Seating and lighting wind breaks through landscaping and planting of trees
- More seating score board
- I would like to see the stadium stands redone. The track resurfaced. And the playing fields upgraded to artificial turf useable for both soccer and rugby. I believe part of this cost can be absorbed by local sports organization. An upgraded field with stands would be of particular interest to the local rugby community.
- Moving the club houses, to where the old fairy [Fairey] tech building use to be.

Issues related to access and user groups

- Greater community use
- Better track. Lighting for winter use. Give an opportunity for use by the area primary schools like George Jay and South Park that have poor fields.
- A turf field with lighting and a track would create accessibility for potential student athletes and create revenue opportunities when renting to the community.
- Turf field for school and community soccer
- Turf Field - access to non organized groups that have no funding. Good lighting for late afternoon and night activities. Warm up areas at the end or to the side of the fields.
- A new updated stadium with a turf field for the kids from Vic High and for general use for everyone to use. Not just for a select few. The name should be kept the same.
- Covered stadium seating. Stadium lighting. Turf. Community use. Greater access and parking. Change rooms and public washroom facility.
- Allow for local clubs and organizations to use it and store equipment there securely
- A rubberised track surrounding a playing field. The track is a great magnet to the broader community, such as walkers, joggers, and serious athletes. May also be nice to include some form of club house/activity centre that could further widen the community drawn in to facility (e.g. birthday parties, team functions, sport education events such as certification sessions).
- A new all weather turf and for it to be used for other games within the community.
- All weather turf field fix the bleachers community access accessible stadium seating with wheelchair access opportunities for neighborhood youth to use the facility in an affordable way because not all the local kids can afford soccer/football/track clubs.
- More seating. A track that could be used by the public on non school days. I used to love to run the track in the weekends!
- To host a range of activities that meet diverse needs.
- turf field. no more dogs allowed - the owners do not pick up after them!

- Turf, Lighting, 8 lane track and seating if room. Appropriate fencing and signage to keep pets off the field. Washrooms.
- Useful to a wide variety of sports and users.
- better seats community buildings

Concerns about alternative priorities for the school

- I don't think this should be such a priority. we should focus on the actual learning in the school, Im a student at vic high and this makes me so mad. our textbooks are as old as the school. they can't teach us about current events because they are not even informed! It's absolutkey ridiculous. This whole thing is a complete waste of money.
- Don't do it. Make better art studios and a bigger dance studio.
- none, update something we (the students) actually need, like more fine arts funding, calculators, textbooks, trip funding, better water that doesn't taste like metal, less expensive cafeteria food 5.25 FOR A TORTILLA WITH CHEESE. inconceivable.
- none, its fine the way it is
- less expensive project
- While it isn't in great shape, I don't think that changes to the stadium are a priority to a school with so many other diverse needs, such as school supplies and food.
- Im not sure wither a stadium should be your set focus maybe the old textbooks buying new ones or cleaning the cancer causing fungus in the hallways

Concerns about personal security

- The priority should be placed on lights and turf to make the maximum impact on the sport. I also like the discussions of making the paths and corridors safer for women at night by lighting up and removing obstacles to the light.
- Secure seating to discourage garbage and debris
- lights for night use, a cushioned jogging track around the perimeter, stadium seating with clearly visible space behind for security (no hiding there)

Maintaining tradition

- Modernization. Whilst keeping aspects of the stadiums history.
- Perhaps highlight the history with a bigger and better plaque.

Other comments

- Build a turf pitch without fencing as fences are hardly part of the spirit of Fernwood.
- While I support the stadium upgrades, as a very close neighbour I am concerned about light pollution and removal of open green space.
- Raked seating, accessible seating, artificial field, appropriate lighting- not too bright. Flexible field use.
- Done professionally
- I can see more students in French Imm. coming at Vic High.....
- I don't know enough to comment intelligently here

4.2 What changes would you NOT like to see to the VHS Memorial Stadium?

General support

- All of the proposed upgrades looked like good improvements.
- Nothing....pls do it now!
- None
- None

- Nothing, any upgrade is a positive for the community.

Specific issues related to stadium form

- I would NOT like to see artificial turf
- Please, please, please do not construct anything less than 8 lanes for the track. Smaller tracks (4 or 6 lanes) cannot host any school meets and there are always conflicts with joggers versus track runners simply because there are too few lanes. With 8 lanes you can always allow 2 lanes to be open (e.g. 7 and 8 on the outside) while allowing a buffer zone of 2 lanes, then leave 4 lanes available for track training. This is safer and allows for both user groups to occupy the track at the same time.
- Keep the track if possible.
- I would want to ensure phase 1 includes the turf field, so that shouldn't be changed.
- Artificial turf offers no benefit to the school, lighting will create light pollution
- Do not make it less than 8 lanes as a track. You cannot hold officially sanctioned track and field competitions on anything less than an 8 lane track.
- I would like to see facilities that events can be held. please don't limit facilities so that events can't be held because they are too small.
- I don't want to see a ton of money spent. Just a well built track and field with some good seating with no bells and whistles.
- No all-weather fields. These offer a lesser experience and cause injuries.

Cautions on neighbourhood impact

- The overall size and appearance should be in keeping with the low key, community feel of the area and not be large and imposing.
- The current proposal is good in that it doesn't propose vastly increased seating to accommodate larger functions that would likely have a negative impact on the surrounding community. The current seating plans are sufficient to ensure the hosting of school and local amateur sporting events. Temporary seating additions for events such as BC High School Championship events or Greater Victoria School events would be acceptable, just not a vast increase to permanent stands for seating.
- excessive fencing
- Covered seating or players areas.... will attract the homeless and afterhours issues.
- Logos and advertising from sponsors in the stadium. Over extension of parking
- Any tall structure
- Over-lighting. Constant use by community groups would stress neighbourhood.

Concerns about alternative priorities for the school

- An extremely expensive project that is of little use to a school that focuses on the arts.
- That it not be the #1 priority for alumni and funds raised. That the school and classrooms be the # 1 priority.

Issues related to access and user groups

- Not to be used for only school purposes
- restricted usage
- It not just becoming a sports field for elite sports organizations.
- Use that is restricted to SD61 only.
- I come from the perspective of the Fernwood Football Association. We are a local football club, around a decade old who've been an important part of the community. I would not like to see Bays United gain a monopoly on the evening and weekend playing field time.
- Dog park
- Would not like a closed/locked facility
- Not having access evenings and weekends for jogging

General opposition

- Just don't do the stadium.
- Don't change it ok
- Leave as is
- Its fine how it is

Other Issues

- I believe elements for the historic stadium should be restored. Pay homage to its rich history but create a modern sports facility for the students and supporting communities
- Don't paint the bleachers pink.
- The "memorial stadium" on the front of the seats
- Removal of old stadium just repairs and additions only
- part of the charm of vic high is the history. I graduated in 90 and played on the soccer and field hockey teams. Would be disappointed if the new structures were so modern that they would take away from the "old school" charm of vic high
- the stands that are already there, they were donated by another class in memory to lost students, do they need to be replaced due to safety concerns or could you not work with what is already there.
- Becoming a rental stadium.....to go after income.
- Would like to keep as much green space as possible and replace all trees with new ones.
- Tearing down of the present bleachers.
- Too modern of a style
- Prefer not to have corporate sponsors advertising
- Massive and/or too modern. This would be an insult to the beauty and heritage of our building. I think the design should fit in with our current building.

4.3 How can community use of any new sports facilities be accommodated?

Good management of facility

- Great idea but without the proper controls this will be a project that starts off great and in a few years will be a disappointment and an eyesore that we will have to throw money at to repair.
- Reservations for non-school time use via central booking volunteer.
- Work with the Fernwood clubs and user groups in the community to find times to share the benefit of this great project
- Community use is only going to work if it is regulated. The field and track will have to be rented to pay for proper maintenance. The Facility will have to be properly fenced to maintain the condition of the Facility unless the School District and the city put up more funds to maintain and police the Facility properly, otherwise it will deteriorate and become nothing more than a hang out for troubled youth and addiction related problems, as some have already become.
- With funding contributions and field usage agreements.
- Scheduling and partnership with established community based sporting and other groups.
- Fernwood Football Club could act as a liaison to the community by organizing programs in collaboration with the Fernwood community centre. One idea is an official drop-in soccer program, another is an ongoing yearly affordable kids soccer summer camp. Lastly, since Fernwood Football club has high level soccer teams, the fans of the teams could enjoy supporting their favourite club on weekend games; which would be great in turn for the local businesses and services.
- With a suitable multi-user agreement. Preferably the City would enforce a multi-use agreement through its Recreation department, with the school board would be the agency

- for school times (eg 8 to 5 Mon-Fri). Bookings outside of school times would be handled by the City's recreation staff.
- Joint use agreement with the City of Victoria. Have them manage the programming during after school hours.
 - Other schools, colleges, universities have approaches that could be used or adapted by Vic High.
 - Through reservations with the school or school board office.
 - I would think there would need to be a permit/registration system with organizations that help fund the facility greeting priority. For example schools and soccer clubs.
 - Interested groups can provide input to the planning process and if possible, contribute funding for its development. The facilities once built can be rented from SD61 for community use. Priority could be given to groups involved in the facility development process.
 - with well-organized scheduling, and a rental fee payable to the district, of course, to help offset the cost of the facility
 - Via a booking/permit system through , for the City of Victoria Recreation department for out-of school hours. For example, if a joint use agreement stipulates the school gets use from 8 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday, then all other booking requests should go through the City. Groups that get behind and contribute to the fundraising, such as Bays United and Pacific Athletics Track and Field Club may be accommodated with some usage times within the agreement as negotiated by those respective non -profit sports groups.
 - post bookings schedules prominently at entry points that clearly highlights when the field is booked. Policy should dictate ratio for School / community sports organizations and school use.
 - A part time facilitator could be named, name and number published, so that bookings could be made for available times, to include a fee rate schedule.
 - booking through school board?
 - Bookings could be arranged similar to the auditorium bookings, support middle school events
 - district rentals
 - The way that it currently is being used.
 - renting the space can help with maintenance costs
 - giving all interested groups ample time in advance of scheduling of the field to determine needs
 - No concerns. Use same process as UVic, etc
 - Same as use of other school fields and gyms
 - Charge certain groups a fee
 - Usual booking methods

Observations on times for use

- Set hours designated for community use.
- When not in use by the school it could be used by other soccer clubs.
- A lot OPEN times so the community can use it.
- Community use of school sports facilities generally occurs after school on weekdays and on the weekend. This new facility would be a major benefit to the local sports community offering a badly needed new artificial turf field for multiple sports and an updated track for athletics.
- A lighted facility will offer extended times to rent the facility to outside interest groups.
- After hours when school is not in session. It must be open to everyone unless it is booked for a specific event, and specify how much field time is for the use of the community.
- Out of school hours, as seems to be the case with facilities in other schools; UVIC soccer and field hockey fields may be one model to examine.
- kids soccer evenings and weekends would be welcome.
- School gets first priority

- Weekends definitely
- Evenings and week-ends use.
- Community groups and teams having access to the facilities during non-school use.
- A track is one that could be for the most part always open with the exception to perhaps track events, and track team dedicated times.
- After school and weekends and special events can be scheduled. Day camps, summer camps Winter and Spring Break camps.Rentals
- Evenings and events that bring the students and community together.
- Night time use. Weekend use. Community events like the 24 hr relay.
- School teams need to have priority for booking and community teams work around Vic High teams' schedules.

Suggestions on who should use the facility

- Fernwood Football Association would benefit from having a facility in the neighbourhood.
- Allow use of fields for local minor sports teams.
- The community should be able to use the facilities for soccer and other sports
- An artificial turf field would help the local Fernwood Soccer Association, as well as the community in general giving us the opportunity to play soccer all year round.
- By allowing various sports and community organisations the opportunity to rent the new facility when it is not being using by the students.
- Access to Non Organized and/or Non for profit groups could be prioritized after school requirements.
- Rent out to community clubs and associations
- not sure what you mean by the question...the community would like a soccer field if that is what you are asking
- Fernwood Football Association would benefit greatly from a new turf facility. We currently practice on a shitty pitch in Esquimalt and we are not getting any better because we are too busy chasing balls that hit large divots to work on defensive formations.
- By creating an all weather turf field with lights the new facility could be used by school and community users all year and at all times of day.
- Try to give priority to local sports teams and host Fernwood based sports events there.
- Greater access to the facilities for public
- Communities can express interest in being involved through volunteering or fund raising. There must be a modest cost recovery but the facility should be accessible.
- by it's very definition, when it's being used, it's being used by the community
- Initiate an open use policy much as is used with public tennis courts
- Rentals to local community groups, particularly the Fernwood Football Association
- Fernwood FC
- Not sure of the options. Access to a broad range of groups, negotiated agreements for use...
- All weather fields should be made available to local sports clubs for use
- rentals
- Local soccer clubs are always looking for floodlit turfs, and ultimate frisbee teams and no doubt many others
- recreational sports; the school can collect user fees.
- Allow priority booking to Bays United who is helping to fund the turf field project.
- The same way they are planning to accommodate community use with the turf being build at Oak Bay high.
- work with Bays United
- Priority use for the community outside of school use time. Not based on what clubs can afford rental ... opportunity for NRG to expand its youth programs and ability for community members to use on a drop in basis
- it would be great if community groups could use it after school hours and on weekends,

- There are so many different activities and events that could be held on the field. Since its going to be turf field, you can do it all year around.
- Community use would be evenings and weekends, when the school wouldn't be using it
- Non school hour access. Organized sport and community and family use.
- The community could use it after hours, but they already do that with the current stadium and no-one minds the state it's in.
- It should be available to the community whenever it is not used by the school
- Central middle and George Jay can have make use of it. Community groups, local individuals, YMCA, local track clubs can all use and share it
- An all weather surface with a stand that allows for the collection of gate receipts would be of interest to local rugby and soccer organizations.
- Offer use to neighbouring schools, community groups (soccer, field hockey, track clubs)
- Its use should be allocated to community organizations and the school.
- No sure, but there is great need for the Oak Bay high school and Vic High facilities to be shared with the Bays United football club, church and community groups to access these facilities
- I would think certain groups would be identified as having priority, a balance of gender and age and recreational and "professional" groups should be considered
- use by individuals, not just teams

Observations on the community impact

- Make the designs welcoming and inviting to the community. Have a theme of the facility being community oriented. Green space, community rooms, local artwork visible etc.
- All kinds of community sporting events, hosting other schools etc, as well as general fundraising and social events could take place there, helping to establish strong ties between different factions of the community,
- sense of pride, families, health, activities, arts addition to Fernwood
- There are community centres built next to schools so the school and community can share facilities like the gym and library. So sharing sports facilities can be worked out for Vic High sports stadium.
- Commit time for school and community use; improve off street parking to avoid issues with neighbours
- Make it vandal proof and unlocked at night
- by integrating community use with school programs
- All about balance....
- Buy in from community and other user groups. Targeted Tax dollars at work. Provincial & Federal Funding, Gaming grants, local sponsorship. Usage fees.