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**C. James:** There is a new stadium coming to Victoria High School, and our community is very excited about it. The school's alumni association and its partners have been doing an amazing job of fundraising for the anticipated \$5.5 million cost. Bays United Football Club, which supports soccer for life here in Victoria, has raised \$100,000. Victoria city council has committed \$250,000 to the project, which has the support of the Greater Victoria school board.

The stadium dates from 1950 and is known as Memorial Stadium in honour of Vic High students that served in World War II. It has been a place of team work and recreation for 65 years, and now it is really in need of an upgrade. The demand is certainly there. A good stadium at Vic High will mean better access to field sports. Research shows that with better access comes greater participation, which will help improve health and build team and individual skills.

The alumni association has planned this project in phases. The first phase will add an artificial field that can be used year-round and will install field lights for evening games. Next will be a separate field house, and it will be built for use by all of the community. Then the association plans to install a metric track and replace the stadium seats.

It's wonderful to see so much local enthusiasm for this project. Fernwood Coffee Company is donating \$1 from every pound of coffee sold in the months of April and May. Many individual donors have already come forward, including amazing support from Lois Wallace and her daughters Marilyn and Wendy. Lois's late husband, Lawrie Wallace, has contributed much to Victoria High School and to our community.

The Vic High Alumni Association welcomes support from individuals, from businesses and from community organizations. You can find them on line at [vichigh.com](http://vichigh.com).

Thanks to all those who are working hard to make this project a reality. It's going to make a big difference in Victoria and a better experience for our students and our entire community.