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MRC Sports Complex Open for Athletes

ABBOTSFORD – April 8, 2016 – The MRC Sports Complex, a partnership project between the City of Abbotsford and the Abbotsford School District is officially ready for athletes and sport enthusiasts of all ages, announced Mayor Henry Braun today.

“We are very excited to see the completion of this new sports field complex for our community,” said Mayor Braun. “Adding three artificial turf fields to our inventory increases field usage time by over 60 hours per week for the community, which ensures our children and youth all have access to the amenities they need to lead a physically active lifestyle.”

Converting natural turf fields and all weather fields to synthetic turf fields provides additional hours of use for the community and schools. Synthetic turf fields can be programmed for 12 hours per day, seven days per week for a total of 84 hours of use, compared to the recommended 20 hours per week for natural turf fields.

“These new fields provide wonderful new fitness and sports opportunities, not only for the two adjacent schools but other schools in our district,” noted Abbotsford Board of Education Chair Rhonda Pauls. “This sports complex is a win-win for the community and the students in our schools.”

The MRC Sports Complex provides use for a variety of sports including soccer, football, field hockey, field lacrosse and rugby. The complex also has a warm up area for teams, team shelters, a skateboard park, water fountains, accessible parking lot, paved walking paths and is lighted for evening use. The complex has been designed so a fieldhouse/change room facility can be added in the future.

The fields are made out of monofilament and are infilled with both sand and recycled truck tires and have a life span of approximately 12 years. The contractor for the complex was CCLL Cedar Crest Lands Limited and the designer was RF Binnie and Associates. The cost to build the sports complex was approximately \$6.8 million and took approximately 16 months to complete.

Sports teams and groups wishing to use these fields can book them through Parks, Recreation and Culture at 604-859-3134.

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