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## OUTDOOR NATURAL SPORT FIELDS POLICY

### POLICY STATEMENT

In order to maximize community use and user enjoyment of outdoor natural sport fields, a concerted approach to scheduling and maintenance of outdoor natural sport fields is required. This policy will outline the conditions of use for all city-owned and maintained outdoor natural sport fields and their maintenance standards. City-owned and maintained outdoor natural sport fields include: Aspenglen, Broxton, Brookwood, Fairway Drive, Greystone, Heatherglen, Henry Singer, Lakewood, Longview, Millgrove, Spruce Grove Composite High School, St. Joseph, St. Marguerite, St. Thomas Aquinas and Woodhaven.

### 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to outline the conditions of use and maintenance guidelines for city-managed outdoor natural sport fields in order to maximize community use and user enjoyment.

### 2. PRINCIPLES AND GUIDELINES

#### 2.1 Guiding Principles

The following principles shall be applied when scheduling and coordinating maintenance for city-managed outdoor natural sport fields:

- a. The primary intended use of natural sport fields is formal scheduled practice/play including but not necessarily limited to: football (gridiron), soccer, baseball/softball, rugby and track & field.
- b. Non-structured, recreational use of all natural sport fields is considered secondary use.
- c. The city reserves the right to close any/all natural sport fields based on field surface condition.

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- d. The city will endeavor to operate outdoor natural sport fields from May 1<sup>st</sup> – October 15<sup>th</sup> annually, weather permitting.

**2.2 Site Use Guidelines**

- a. The outdoor natural sport fields identified within this policy are primarily intended for dedicated use by special groups.
- b. The city encourages and will not charge user fees for spontaneous public use of outdoor natural sport fields.
- c. Booking guidelines and scheduling procedures will be created to assist the user when making facility reservations, and to guide city staff in resolving conflicts that may arise with scheduling outdoor natural sport fields. It is the intention that facilities are used to their full potential while ensuring a safe, quality environment.
- d. All outdoor natural sport field users are governed by the terms and conditions of this policy.

**2.3 Site Maintenance Guidelines**

- a. City maintained natural outdoor sport fields will be inspected once a day during the season of operation.
- b. No maintenance/inspection activity will take place on statutory holidays and weekends.
- c. Maintenance procedures will be established for outdoor natural sport fields including but not necessarily limited to: turf mowing, trimming, fertilizing, weed control, vegetation control, top dressing, aeration, irrigation, turf repair, infield maintenance, over seeding, garbage collection, repairs to facility furnishings and portable privies.

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### 3. RESPONSIBILITIES

- a. The Director of Public Works shall be responsible for the maintenance of all city-operated outdoor natural sport fields.
- b. The Recreation Administrative Assistant shall be responsible for managing the bookings for outdoor natural sport fields.
- c. The Director of FCSS & Recreation shall be responsible for the maintenance and updating of this policy.
- d. The Director of Public Works shall be responsible for the regular updating of the Sports Field Hotline.

#### APPROVAL

Mayor: Original Signed By Stuart Houston Date: August 17, 2009