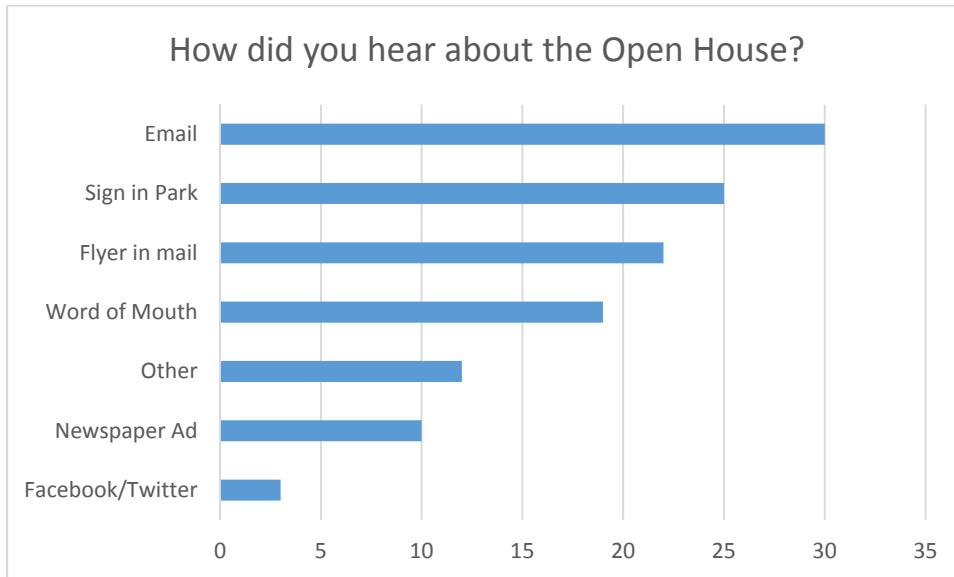


Mahon Park Artificial Turf Field - Survey Comments by Category

The survey was completed between May 5 and May 25, 2015. The total number of surveys received was 106.

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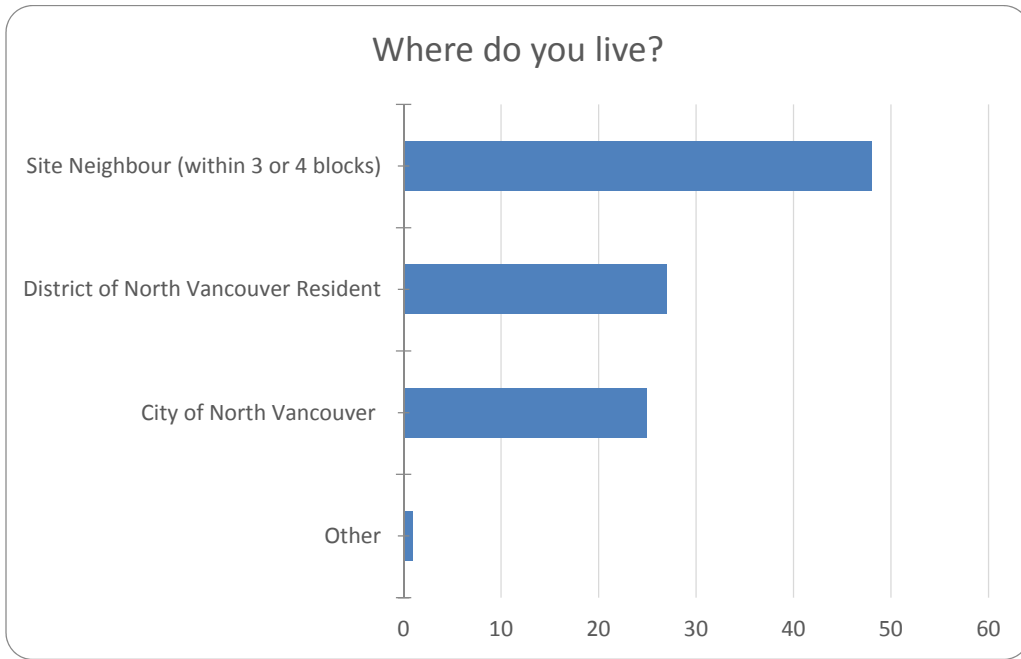


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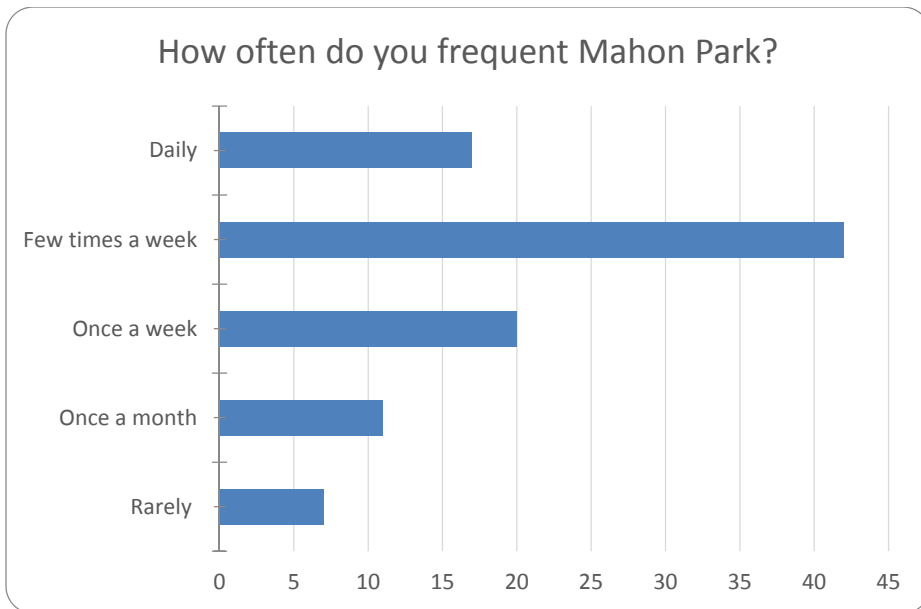
- Carson Graham School/Students (5)
- City Website (2)
- NVFC/Soccer Org (2)
- Walk-in (2)
- Spouse (1)
- North Shore News Photo (1)

Q2. Where do you live?



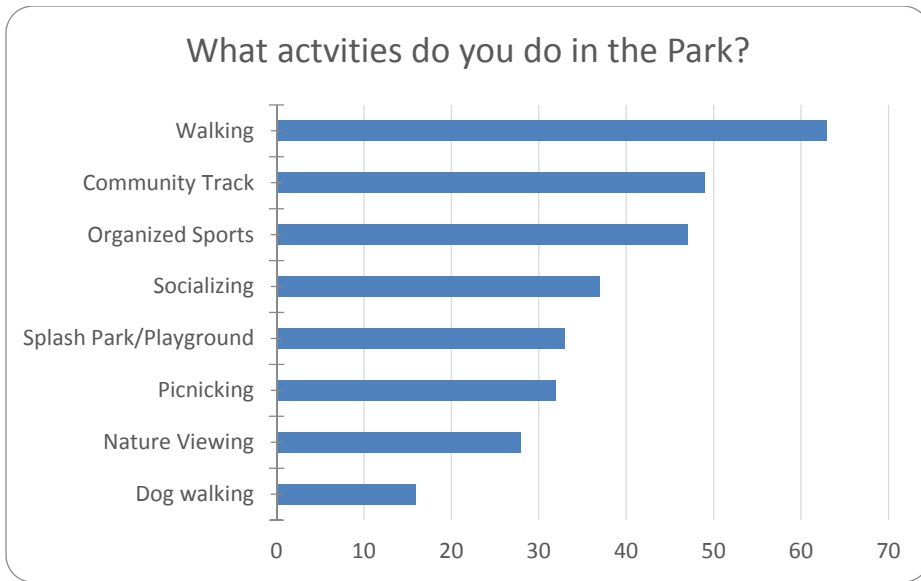
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Q3. How often do you frequent Mahon Park?



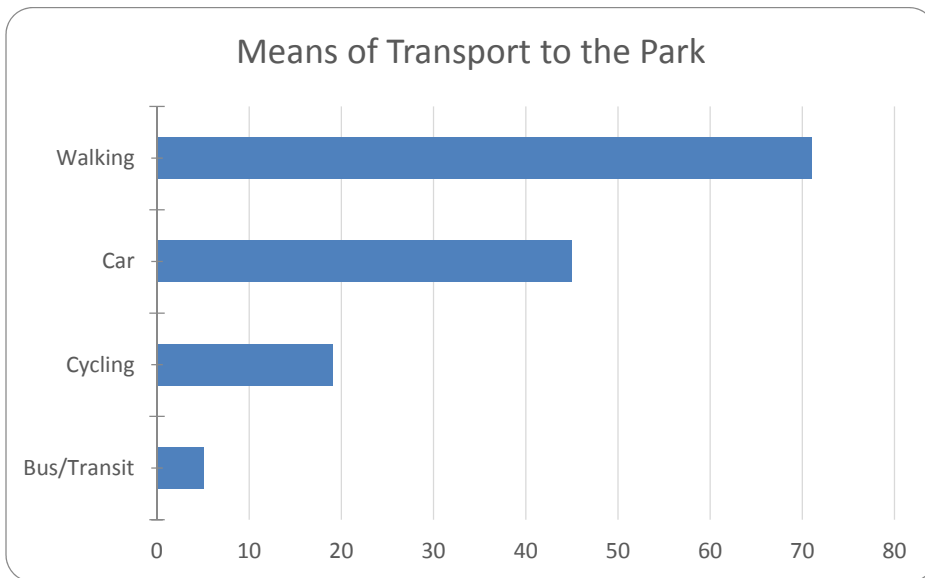
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Q4. What activities do you do in Mahon Park (check as many as apply)?



Note: Each unit represents one response, multiple responses allowed.

Q5. How do you typically access these sites and facilities?



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Three open ended follow-up questions (Q6-Q8 below) were asked, and answers have been categorized into eight sections:

- General
- Parking
- Turf
- Fields – Fen Burdett Upgrade
- Fields – Kinsmen South Upgrade
- Track
- Facilities
- Community Access

Q6. What is your opinion about further sports field and track development at Fen Burdett Stadium?

Q7. What is your opinion about further sports field development at Kinsmen South Grass Field?

Q8. Are there any other thoughts or comments?

*xxx represents undecipherable comments.

General
It's very smart because it encourages people to exercise.
It's very smart because it encourages people to exercise.
Please give us more turf! We'll pay for it. This is my first priority for channeling tax dollars!
Fen Burdett is the preferred location to get a redevelopment.
Soccer, Football, field hockey all desperately need turf. Provided that the turf is installed in a way there xxx xxx xxx xxx, and this is a xxx project. I support this project 100%
Well done! Very detailed presentation.
Parks and open green space should be a top priority - to protect. All other development should have to work around that priority. Mahon Park is listed as a feature on real estate listings - not sports fields.
We don't want to have to Burnaby to get turf time for my son's soccer exhibition games.
1. Suspension Bridge across the Mahon Creek to connect Playground/Splash park with Larson Street and Westview School. 2. Pull up bars and parallel pars within Mahon Park for adult outdoor physical activity/sports.
We need more good quality soccer fields in North Vancouver so children can maximize their potential as players.
Please put in a multi-sport turf field. Needs to have a practice warmup area.
I think this would help more kids get into sports. The community would really benefit from this.
Stagger 1m high fences behind goals to allow warm-up without infringement of balls onto field of play while allowing the goal keeper to quickly and safely collect the ball after it goes over the bar (for example). By staggering as indicated loose balls are less likely to reach the field and instead will either hit the back of the net or go towards corner flags.
It is about time we have this wonderful additions to our park for the neighbourhood from children to grandparents to enjoy.
When do we stop duplicating services on the "North Shore" and combine City and District?

More fields the better.
Would have preferred conversion of Kinsmen gravel field as it could likely fit full soccer pitch and 2 ball diamonds. Also Lights are existing.
This should not be a done deal which is what it looks like to me. We don't need turf in the Fen Burdett area!!
Has anyone thought of building a track and field training facility that is not a 6 lane track - a couple of 100m lanes, a long jump/PV, hammer, discus cage, shot put circle. This would be more valuable to schools than any 6 lane track with no field events.
Please do not remove holly trees and existing flora. They were removed for the new sidewalk and not need to. Birds have been in them for 20+ years. I have lived here to watch them and was upset when they were removed.
Please follow-up with schools who frequently use the track/field on a regular basis - St. Edmunds, Saint Thomas Aquinas etc. Don't fence it except for perhaps a low one. Keep sightlines for stadium seating.
Money well spent!
Both fields in question are severely underutilized. Using F/B in its current A/W field state and fencing in front of the stadium is a sad state of affairs. It should be made into a centre piece that could hold numerous spectator friendly sports events (soccer, rugby, etc.). It should not be compromised by accommodating low participation activities (e.g. track and field, baseball, or parents teaching children how to ride bicycles). Lucas centre grass field longevity is in question. We should maintain the Kinsmen south field but let the community use it.
West Vancouver citizens seem to enjoy parks in both the city and the district. Maybe this time they could find a location in their city and fund it.
One thing I noticed at the Open house was the number of soccer people that came out to support this project. I know they want an all-weather field but they do not consider that this is a neighborhood park used by the people that live here. I use the track several times a week and I overheard people talking of moving the track to better suit soccer by providing closer proximity to the field and allow for larger warm up areas. I am not prepared to sacrifice my enjoyment and use of the park for soccer's sake. Loutet park already has several soccer fields, the neighbors are used to the routine there, why not replace one of those field with an artificial field? Or sunrise park is a gravel field that is away from residential buildings, so noise and traffic disruption would be at a minimum. Or Boulevard Park? We already have one artificial field in this neighborhood at Carson Graham, perhaps it would be more fair to allow another neighborhood to host a new field and leave us with our beautiful park intact. Nothing against a field per se. It is just all the activity that goes with the new field that will take away from us enjoying our home and the park.
If you insist on replacing real grass with plastic crap, then perhaps we should replace our human city politicians with plastic mannequins. I would vote for that!
I think this plan is very smart in every way and we should have fields everywhere.
I'm so glad I heard about this idea, and I can't wait for this plan to happen.
I am not against the artificial field. In fact I think it would be a great addition at the Kinsmen South field. We often walk past that field and comment on it's a shame the spaces goes unused. We would NEVER say that about Fen Burdett as IT IS already an irreplaceable, community asset.
Thank you for considering a new artificial turf field. I realize they are hugely expensive, but I do think having more fields is important given the growing demand for these fields.
Has the City researched whether any more environmentally responsible options exist? Why can't the existing grass field be used to play soccer as it is, or with some modifications as required?
Great idea and this will definitely improve the neighbourhood!

<p>This is a great opportunity for a win win. Some of the other sports communities have created some very attractive facilities that both enhance the surrounding community and help the local sports community.</p>
<p>Track needs to be paved. In 2014...Field Hockey paid the player levy fee for 590 players. In 2014 Soccer paid the levy fee for 9,480 players. Despite the loud insistence on the part of field hockey, for a 'multi-sport surface (which means suitable for them) the surface needs to be oriented towards field sports other than them. Sutherland and soon Windsor will be suitable for their numbers. You can't be West Van Field Hockey Club, saying you play all your games in West Van, not contributing to the levy fund...which you will want money from..and have a field type that does not suit the primary users. They one their argument at W. Griffin but no more.</p>
<p>I appreciate the effort the City is making to consult with the community</p>
<p>Concern for increased traffic in area Would the water park remain intact?</p>
<p>I also think there is very few outdoors basketball courts in the city. Interest in basketball as a sport is on the rise in Canada, however the means to support the youth for free play is limited. The basketball court next to Mahon Child care centre could be developed into a much better one (and perhaps relocated to a better spot within the park area), providing an outlet for basketball players and fans in the city.</p>
<p>So happy to see upgrades as well as keep the Burdett Stadium! Great work!!</p>
<p>If you leave Kinsman as a grass field, please, please let the Carson Graham Athletic Program use it for the three month usage (March-May) and move those summer soccer users to Loutet and have one Loutet field only open for 3 months/year instead of Kinsmen. Please change that arrangement. The Carson kids have to practice soccer and even one thousand times worse rugby on GRAVEL. Ever had a child coming home after??Covered in dust and dirt, coughing, trying to get the dust out of their lungs? Getting tweezers and picking out the tiniest gravel out of the covered body, putting on band aids all over the arms, elbows and knees?? Well I have one at home. This is to dangerous not letting the kids go on grass. But wait they can walk 40min. to Mountainside field and then practice for 2hours. Their special thousands of dollars equipment is stored there and barely used because of the location. Kinsmen 2min.walk AND they can use the rugby equipment every practice, yah! Yes there is a Turf field at Carson which the spring junior football is using and field hockey. There are so many different sports going on at the same time, that it is impossible to share ONE field. And by the way the Carson Athletic teams are very successful to. The junior rugby boys just won the North Shore Championship and the Vancouver Championship, so please please support our teams. Thanks you so much for your time and looking forward to any changes. Very exciting times and I can speak for all the parents, they just don't have the time to write what really is on their minds.</p>
<p>As I mentioned earlier I visit the park/s in question daily sometimes multiple times. I would really like to see a small fitness area set aside for what some call "Street Fitness" or "Cross fit" style of exercise. The equipment is very simple, inexpensive, very durable and resistant to any kind of imaginable vandalism. I have visited one Cross fit "gym" in the area (members refer to them as a "Box") and many more online and the cost of membership is absolutely prohibitive for the majority of those interested. A similar type of apparatus could easily fit the area and fill that desire for all ages and abilities. If you are interested in discussing this further I am more than happy to volunteer in any way.</p>

<p>Parking</p>
<p>I think parking may become a tedious issue. There is an empty lot on Jones Ave and 18th St, I believe, that would work well to be turned into a parking lot (paved) to alleviate the parking congestion that will no doubt occur.</p>
<p>MORE PARKING ON JONES AVE or parking permits for residents. Also, install a sidewalk on Jones Ave from 21st to 16th Ave.</p>

<p>I'm very concerned about traffic and destroying precious green space to cater to cars. There is already demand for street parking because of the Armory and the apartment buildings near the Armory. Parking has been reduced on Jones only to move somewhere else?</p>
<p>How well utilized is Kinsmen South? It has less to lose by being redeveloped as an artificial turf field. Can the school (Carson) parking be used?</p>
<p>It would be good to have more parking around the back of Fen Burdett. This is a good location for turf field.</p>
<p>Our neighborhood is not capable of handling the increased traffic and parking needs of field users. Typically the pitch is used width set up for younger players. The pitch is divided into 4 quarters. Each quarter will have two teams. Each team is typically 14 kids. That is up to 112 kids on the field at one time, plus coaches. Assuming 20% of parents car pool or walk, you will need 90 parking spaces. and up to 180 when the teams rotate to the next group every 60 to 90 minutes. You will need at least 150 parking spots. The current parking lot will hold approximately 40 cars. The City recently narrowed Jones Avenue and with the installation of curb extensions at non crosswalk intersections have severely reduced parking capacity on Jones Avenue. The overflow of cars will inevitably end up on 16th, 17th, and 18th Streets. The vacant lot on 18th and Jones is only used when parking on the street is completely full and Carson Graham high school is too far to be convenient for most drivers, even if it is made available. We have a few events every year at Mahon Park and we see the cars jammed into every space often making it impossible for resident to park near their home, but this is only a few weekends per year. The sports teams will use the field 48 to 50 weekends per year. That will seriously affect our neighborhood with heavy weekend traffic, congestion and the noise generating from over 100 kids and coaches cheering and supporting their teams. This will seriously impact our peace and quiet and the quality of our life.</p>
<p>Enlarge parking lot behind stadium to accommodate vehicles/people using the fields.</p>
<p>No parking lot on 18th Street. Site should be a park setting. It is in a residential area. Enlarge parking lot behind Fen Burdett Stadium.</p>
<p>I live on Jones. The parking is already horrific and now more traffic will be added. It makes no sense to put a field in proximity to the heavily used artificial turf and baseball amenities. I encourage CNV planners to leave this meeting and look at how congested it is. 30 spots on 18th will not cut it.</p>
<p>Bigger Parking lot at Carson Graham because it gets so crowded on Jones Ave and also parking permits for people who live around here and side walk on Jones Ave from 21st to 16th Ave.</p>
<p>I am concerned that the lot at W 18th and Jones is being considered for a parking lot. I always thought the plan was to make it park-like. A parking lot in a residential area is inappropriately placed.</p>
<p>The conceptual layout at Fen Burdett says retain existing trees and parking lot to be reconfigured. I'd like to point out that your tree locations are not correct. There are 6 large trees right next to that parking lot on the north side. I would be very strongly opposed to anything happening to those trees. In fact that parking lot could use more trees to both screen it off better and provide shade in the summer. Any further activity at this stadium is going to increase traffic and necessitate speed bumps being installed on 16th street.</p>
<p>With development is also need to think about parking lots development. It is not fair to local residents to crowd side streets with cars because lack of proper infrastructure.</p>
<p>I am concerned that there is not enough parking to accommodate teams of kids being driven by their parents. Paving the empty lot at 18th and Jones Ave. might help.</p>
<p>I don't feel that enough thought is put into the impact of further development would be without significant increased amount of parking area.</p>

Turf
I would like to request a quote on what it would cost for a second option for tire crumb. My concern is that our young children are playing on these surfaces 3-5 times a week, I'm scared to find out, one day that there is in fact a real danger from these crumbs and our children were the ones who suffer because of it.
I would like to see a cost analysis on the options other than tire crumb for infill. As a parent of children who play soccer on the fields 2-3 times a week at least, I am deeply concerned about the long term effects of the off gases associated and with the crumb.
Please be careful when selecting an artificial field surface. The current ones shed rubber pellets all over North Vancouver. It is something of an environmental disaster as they end up everywhere - on the road and down the drains, in my car and house, all over every place my daughter and I walk. I love the fields, but the number of rubber pellets all over the place is absolutely staggering if you do the math. They are toxic for many decades or centuries as they gradually degrade, much like the plastic crisis we face.
AT increases injuries and has toxic elements. Highly unsanitary. Heat Exhaustion. Still need regular maintenance and repair.
I believe it is a great idea, however the health concerns related to artificial turf concerns me. http://plantscience.psu.edu/research/centers/ssrc/research/synthetic-turf-health

Fields - Fen Burdett Upgrade
If this is the chosen location it needs to be publically accessible and available for informal use. Maintain the track. I do not support it here if there are impacts to the cyclcross community.
OK, but field is used often for many activities
If the water park has to be removed to put in a new track I don't think this is a great idea. The sports field would be a good replacement for the current field, which is currently a poor field for any activity.
I would very much like to see a turf field at Kinsmen as well as Mahon. NVFC is in desperate need of adequate fields to play sports. Currently my boys play 75% (sometimes 100% depending on rain) of their soccer games and practices on gravel! A strong deterrent to play soccer when a kid falls on gravel :(
I think this is the best option, as it could also be used for track and field > multi-purpose use! We really need another turf field! Strongly supportive!
I feel the community needs more space for sports and changing to artificial turf will increase use, also not so hard on the soccer kids using gravel.
Developing Mahon into a better multi-use area, would be beneficial.
Simple: It should be modeled on the Coquitlam City Centre Park - Full turf field, with a tartan athletics track, improved stadium and xxx facilities. No half measures.
It is a decent area for redevelopment with a nice stand nice potential community areas. As it is used by a lot of schools and people) especially track) it would be nice if redeveloped.
Existing facility is well used as a gravel all-weather field and informal running track.
I think it's a good idea.
My opinion is this is a fantastic idea, I feel like it would welcome in way more people, and lots of more sports groups. Just even the turf along, would join in more people.
I think they should put a turf field and make a track.
I think it's very smart because more fields = more exercise.

My opinion is that this is a fantastic idea. It would welcome a lot more activities/sports to the artificial turf and rubber.
Also a great idea, the gravel makes it difficult on rainy days and as it turns into rubber, it will make it easier.
I hope this happens especially to Mahon Park, it will be very helpful.
I think that it is a really good idea.
Premium Grass Field! Rubber track. Improve facilities - change rooms, water stations, toilets...
Yes Please!! As much turf as we can possibly have. We are desperately short and it's affecting kids' opportunities to stay active.
Fantastic idea! Turf at this location would be put to great use. Including the rubber track option. Fen Burdett is the preferred location to be redeveloped.
It's a great idea - please consider the artificial turf and rubber track for optimal usage and comfort.
Prefer Fen Burdett Stadium redevelopment of the turf and track. Fen Burdett will get more usage by the community.
I support it. I prefer Fen Burdett.
Excellent idea.
Good to put in new artificial turf.
We are very short of turf in North Vancouver. The situation is critical. A turf field at Fen Burdett would be an important step in the right direction.
Multi-purpose sports field necessary to accommodate school and community events.
I think it is long overdue.
I'd like to see the track retained and possibly upgraded to an artificial surface type material.
As long as the public continues to have access to the field I agree with any upgrades. Do not restrict access to the field.
The proposed development would serve to upgrade this space and amenities for existing multi-use users, however could potentially increase traffic (pedestrian + vehicle) This has a more "community feel".
I think it is a great idea. My kids are always asking to go to the field and play soccer or walk the track. We find that the other fields are really busy because there is not enough.
It would be my first choice for enhanced sports field/development. Upgrading Fen Burdett Stadium to turf as well as to put in proper track and field facilities for the community seems like the best use of the \$'s for cost.
My son practices soccer on the Fen Burdett field in the winter and when it rains it is a soupy mess. Some boys don't show up as a result. Artificial turf would be a huge advantage and make the field more user friendly. Having a track for training would be a bonus for kids/like my son who love track and field.)
The design looks like it offers activities for a broad range of individuals and I like that it will retain/make use of existing structures/facilities too.
I believe this will be detrimental to the community. There will be no general community "safe" space for children (and parents) of all ages to use as general. This area is used 24/7 by North Van Community.
By far the better option. There is already stadium infrastructure. It is bordered by 2 sides by road and it has a Parking Lot.
Preferred choice. Additional good quality playing surface. Improvements to track.

Yes please put the new turf field here.
I don't think it's a good idea. Because I don't usually play organized sports.
This is a neighbourhood park with a playground, park and a field for unorganized sport. Turf fields are for the elite sports. Free the kids! Please leave this as a multi-use park!
I think it's a good idea. Further development would benefit our community.
100% Support. We need it in the community - as density increases in N. Van we need a long term multi-purpose vision to provide outdoor/sports capacity to the community.
I am in full support of having a turf field at Fen Burdett, however I have concerns about the tire crumb that is being proposed as it relates to our young children who play on it.
I support the proposed development at this stadium. My only concern is about the tire crumb infill used on the turf.
Strongly in favour of artificial turf field to be sited at Fen Burdett Stadium. Position, size, existing seating area, existing track and existing lighting make it an obvious choice. Have been inwardly screaming for this to happen!
Like the idea of artificial turf field. Should be available to all not just organized sports. Tartan or rubberized track is great idea.
I prefer this.
I think it's a wonderful idea. It's about time we have a proper track around a much needed turf field on the north shore. It will be great for the neighbourhood to have a running/walking tracks.
Turf field much more desirable than gravel unfortunate that space does not allow for proper running track that the "North Shore" lacks.
The most logical field to develop. Maintaining the stadium would also be great for having people attend a game.
Keep Grandstand. Upgrade track and drainage on field.
As long as it does not interfere with both multi-use and traditional uses. E.g. different societies and groups use it for special events - cancer org. firemen displays, band assembly etc.
Yes please put the new turf field here.
Best Choice.
Please leave walking track around edges natural - playing field ok to change. Less chemical the better.
Field is also important as there are too few turf fields in North Van.
Popular community use location. Upgrades would be nice. Only downside would be the probability that field would be booked more often. Would expect track to remain open for community use as it is now.
I do not think it would be good at Mahon Park. Field/Fen Burdett Stadium because the city would always rent it out to organized sports and people bike on the field.
An artificial surface will be a tremendous improvement to the gravel surface. It will also encourage even more use. It will bring more people into North Vancouver and enhance the sense of community. Better lighting at the Fen Burdett Area and hopefully the turf (artificial) will diminish the pooling of water around the sides of the oval especially during the rainy winter time.
I think the Fen Burdett Stadium is pretty much used by all especially the little aspiring athletes.
Open to all sports best option is F.B.S.
I am opposed to any further development in Fen Burdett Stadium. Let's have the artificial turf field in Kinsmen Park it would be less costly.

Good idea to put artificial turf soccer field at Fen Burdett Stadium.
Put Turf on Fen Burdett.
Excellent
Mahon Park is one of the few truly "organic" parks/tracks that every one of all ages use. At any given time during the day, i can look out my window and see people using it. Soccer practice, kids learning to ride a bike, exercisers, runners, parents and kids just throwing a ball, baseball games and many community events. We also frequently go over to check out the eagles nest. I'm afraid that a turf field will bring longer use and the addition of more lights, more traffic, more litter and more noise. While my kids have all played soccer, i don't think there anything wrong with gravel. Even within the soccer community, it seems that only the 'select and streamlined' kids get to use the turf fields. Most house players get put on gravel so it really only serves to boost a few. If you turn it into a turf field it is no longer accessible to the public as it will be booked or you are not allowed to use it during off times. So now it's no longer everyone's park. I am totally opposed to this and a huge part of why we moved to the 400 blk 16th was for the park the way it is,
It should definitely be upgraded to support outside sports activities pretty much year around. Once upgraded it could attract (sharing with Kinsmen South Grass and Carson Artificial provincial soccer tournament (as an example) and increase local business as always targeted at the end of the day. Besides the design could also consider upgrade the gravel perimeter pathway. Eventually also creating a track and field court to again attract local/provincial competitions and increase local business. The main and first objective should be the community (all members) health and well-being.
This could be a gem. The north shore lacks a spectator / competition friendly stadium and field that supports NS sports teams. One just has to look at Klahanie Park to see what a vibrant community field should be used as. It regularly hosts provincial finals with attendance in the several 100s. Also, the field should be located closer to the stadium. Having the track in between is what kills Swanguard. A pathway "track" could be included that encompasses the replacement field and stadium. For those worried about have a traditional track, there is still the one on 23rd, so there would be no real loss in not having the track in F/B. This would also lead to better land/park utilization.
I think Fen Burdett Stadium has had proposals in the past and the neighbours, once organized, have always wanted it to stay the way it is. It is a well-used park and people from across the North Shore appreciate it just the way it is.
To me it makes more sense to replace a gravel field than a grass one so this would be the preferred location of the two. However, I DO NOT feel Mahon Park in general, is the best location for an artificial field. I have two boys playing soccer in North Van and one is also employed as a referee. I fully understand the desperate need for a new all-weather field but I think there are better locations to consider. I.E. Boulevard Park, Sunrise Park or Loutet Park.
Fine but don't use that plastic turf crap.
No Community park - multi use for the community Poor parking and traffic congestion- pressure already exists from Lonsdale & parking restrictions west of Lonsdale. Kids should not play on plastic in outdoors Turf is too restrictive & for elite paying athletes
Completely against it! Fen Burdett Stadium/field/track are constantly used and extremely busy areas - amazing community amenity that would be lost with a fenced off artificial turf. It is the hub of the area - a place where kids learn to ride bikes, catch balls, play soccer. A place the brings together the neighbourhood for multiple uses. The openness, vastness, ability to host multiple events (walk of the cure, bike race, sports days, softball, ad hoc practices and games....) all of this would be lost and cannot be replaced. This is a high density neighbourhood (the direction of the future for the city) so having such an amenity in walking distance to many residents is necessary for the vitality of the central Lonsdale neighbourhood and satisfaction of the multicultural residents and desire to have working, growing families live within the area.
This facility is frequently used and desperately needs an upgrade. Artificial turf would be a very good start. It could also unload other fields I am in favour of this one to be upgraded.

It looks nice
The gravel field is already well used by various sports groups, people that use the track as well many community events are held on that field. This area is already very busy with children and families and people of all ages and congestion in the area may be amplified by an intense sports field use. There are, however pluses including the seating area, concession stand and washrooms
I do not support the idea of replacing soft, natural surfaces n(i.e. gravel field) with plastic. I don't think we should be adding plastic, especially not where our children normally play outside. I also do not think the artificial turf will be useable by most community residents outside of participation in organized sports. In short, I am opposed.
I think that this is a great idea and is long overdue. My son plays soccer with the North Vancouver Football Club and additional artificial fields are required. I would say my family and I spend on average 5-10 hours a week playing at and around Fen Burdett Stadium.
It is very much needed for both the sports community and the local residents. The sports field users need all weather true for winter use and the local community needs the update as the facilities are starting to look derelict and not used.
We need quality sports fields. Please make the turf field project happen.
excellent location
This is the best spot to locate the new field
We do not need another turf field.
i am for it in general depending on the plan and potential impact of the park area and the impact on the neighbourhood
Yes! The park would get much more use, if there was a turf field there.
Love the idea board! Fantastic to get another turf field and keep the track also for community use! Thank you!!!
There is a need for sure.
I would love to see a turf field installed there in the second round after Kinsmen South Grass Field is changed into a Turf Field. I came to the open house and was informed that the Kinsman Field has the poorest drainage in the city and therefore is only usable for 3months out of the year. It gets "manicured" all the time over and over. Fenced in like Fort Knox. What a waste of space and money spent.

Fields - Kinsmen South Upgrade
I think this location is preferable to Fen Burdett
Poor decision - we need some grass fields, esp. for rugby given that Lucas centre field is in doubt.
Keep South as grass but let clubs use them - it's one of the least utilized fields on the N/S.
Artificial turf @ Kinsmen South makes the most sense as it is under-utilized as grass.
YES - This field is very underutilized at present!! Used once a week but senior men's soccer only.
I think having a real grass field is something that is becoming too rare. As a north van soccer player for 25 years I think we should keep the few remaining real grass fields we have, they are much nicer to play on and much easier on the body, joints etc.
This would work too! We'll take what we can get!
Keep our grass fields.
Should be turf too. The current grass field sits empty far too much and due to it being grass is frequently unplayable.
Would be better as a grass field though it is barely used outside of summer as schools are not allowed to use it for sports like rugby for unknown reasons.

Would add more significantly to the sports field inventory by converting an infrequently used grass field to a high-use field.
This is such a good idea, and I'm so excited. I can't wait, this will welcome in so many more people/sports groups.
I think they should put a turf field.
I think it's very smart because more fields = more exercise.
I also think that it's a really good idea.
Keep the grass. Use it more!
Yes Please! Both Fields!
Prefer Fen Burdett stadium redevelopment/Turf Fen Burdett will get more usage.
I would like to see Kinsmen South developed first, however we need both to be developed.
After turf in Fen Burdett, may as well turf Kinsmen as well. The grass simply does not get used enough. Not nearly enough.
Something needs to be done, whether it is artificial turf or allow sports on the field.
Would like to preserve the Kinsmen grass.
I was opposed to losing the grass field, but now after finding out how much maintenance is required, I'd prefer to see the artificial turf field installed.
It is nice to have a grass field but a turf field would be more practical.
This proposal does not appeal to me to fully benefit the community - would upgrade and add a very similar turf facility to what is next door.
I don't like it as much as the Stadium because it doesn't already have the grand stand there and it wouldn't cost as much money to build.
Must keep the grass.
Also a good option, although second to Fen Burdett.
Don't touch the grass field.
Leave as grass field.
Given a choice between the two, it doesn't seem to make sense turfing a grass field and keeping a gravel field. Playing soccer on grass when it's not rainy and wet is preferable to turf.
Some sports including those I play actually prefer real grass over turf. I truly believe in trying to keep as many of the grass pitches as possible. This is why I would rather see Fen Burdett converted instead.
This makes better sense as it is close to parking and very underutilized - I have rarely seen this in use. Turfing this field would be way more productive use of city space.
Bad idea, I oppose this whole heartedly.
Prefer this one because you can only use it for four months every year and its closer and you can't use it but if you put artificial turf in you could use it whenever you wanted to.
No please do not put the new turf field here, not as good location.
I do think it is a good idea because nobody can go on the field unless you are registered to play on that field. Do it at Kinsmen South Grass Field.
This is used for organized sports and is a good location for a turf field.
Also a good idea.
100% support - as above/same reasons. Sports teams struggle today and lack field capacity - to create long-term health habits. This is part of the strategy - Starting young/enabling.

I do like having some grass fields in our area that are available for play. I don't really understand the strict rules on keeping them looking so perfect. Why not allow more usage and let the fields get ripped up and used, they don't need to look perfect where I grew up we played on grass all the time and although it didn't look perfect, it was perfect to play at will.
I would like to see the grass field stay as is. It is nice to still have grass fields in the community, and not make every playing field artificial. The city should allow more usage of these fields and not be bothered by the fields not looking perfectly manicured.
Natural grass fields are essential for the future of soccer in Canada. Our climate makes year-long play difficult (on grass) but we must persevere and invest in drainage and maintenance and use grass more often than currently allowed.
Like the idea of artificial turf field. Should be available to all not just organized sports. Tartan or rubberized track is great idea.
Currently it is only use for soccer. If it's developed into a multi-sport field it will be less costly to maintain the multi-sports field for more users than the grass field use by soccer.
Hate to lose good grass field
It would be great to maintain one grass field for summer soccer. It provides less wear and tear on your body.
Preferred but would love a natural turf field/but this would allow the field to be used more than it currently is.
A better place to develop as it is greatly underutilized. It needs something but not the oval track area.
No, not as much space for warmup.
Support artificial turf.
2nd Choice.
Open it up so public can access it.
No one really uses this field most of the year. I think a) it should be made more accessible to the public b) turned into a turf field.
Grass is rare/sough after? Hidden away location should get lights even without being upgraded to ATF. Less parking nearby.
I do think it is a good idea here not Fen Burdett stadium because it is always locked and nobody ever uses it except for organized sports.
I think it would be a shame to sacrifice a natural grass playing surface for this. Despite its reduced ability to facilitate multiple use, the natural grass complements North Van's endeavours to be environmentally responsible and contribute to GAG reduction.
Leave as grass if costs not too high.
I don't know. Show us what you envision.
Leave the grass field for soccer. Look for ways to expand the use of Kinsmen grass field.
Leave Grass.
I would rather the Kinsmen South field be retained as a grass field for use in the warmer/drier months of the year. I have played on the local artificial turf fields in the spring/summer month and they can become unbearably not to play on.
Leave the Grass field

<p>While i would like to selfishly say that this is a better spot for the turf, i know that grass fields are hard to come by as well and the old timer soccer players need grass for their knees. Norseman field would be a better option as from what i can tell from Craig Keating's comments, we have no chance of getting a new rec centre build on the Norseman field site , so you may get 10 years out of that site before they get off the fence and build us a new rec centre!</p>
<p>It is already a well prepared field for numerous outside sports events during spring, summer and fall. It is done and it should not be touched.</p>
<p>The Kinsmen South Grass Field is a sore point. It is the most under-utilized field on the NS. No one seems to know how to get access to it to use it (It's always locked). By all appearances, it's reserved for a privileged few (but who?). Why can't Carson Graham use it during school hours? This is not what the park/field should be about. The argument that it is a "Summer field" is plain silly. Most community sports and schools don't operate in the summer. So again, who is this for? It should be maintained as a grass field and whatever policy is governing it should be abandoned, so that it is used.</p>
<p>I think the area is congested enough and it is always more enjoyable to have real grass especially when an artificial field is next to Carson Graham School, a 3 minute walk down the street. It is next to impossible to park anywhere near Mahon Park, especially during baseball season. Now that the new bike lane is there traffic is even more congested.</p>
<p>Why ruin a perfectly good grass field? but it could have less impact on the neighborhood.</p>
<p>Leave it alone! The grass is fantastic.</p>
<p>Better choice as it is not a community park but why ruin a good grass field. Already used for organized sport.</p>
<p>This would be a much more suitable location. This field sits unused for 1/2 the year due to the soggy conditions. The fence is locked with a 'field closed' sign on it. It makes no sense to take a way a year-round very busy site at Fen Burdett when this space is highly under-utilized. While it may be more work to get this site ready, it is the only decision that makes sense from a community usage and satisfaction perspective. Fen Burdett IS VERY heavily utilized and LOVED. Kinsmen South is NOT. When the field is open, only official soccer teams use the space. It is in no way 'used' by the community the way Fen Burdett is. To have it replaced with an artificial turf which could get year-round usage makes a great deal of sense. The parking available in the city 'lot' across the street would open up parking. I do not believe the 'potential conflicts' with the baseball field users should dismay this site from being chosen.</p>
<p>no change needed</p>
<p>This would a good choice as it is already fenced off. This would still leave Fen Burdett and that part of the park open for public use.</p>
<p>I think this is the better option - feels like there is a good synergy at this site, given that there are sports field along the entire block. I like that there are 2 washroom facilities close by, a concession stand and off street parking as well as basic seating. Just seems to make more sense. The one issue could be parking congestion - although</p>
<p>If I understand the spot correctly, I don't think this field is used as much as the other, so fewer concerns re accessibility. But I still do not like the idea of artificial, plastic turf.</p>
<p>If I was to choose, I would select Fen Burdett Stadium for the upgrade.</p>
<p>Please lease the grass for summer use sports field users. We need a first class grass field for special events like championship games and the like. Great just as it is.</p>
<p>I think this is a better option to have the ATF at Kinsmen south.</p>
<p>The field should be upgraded, if possible to artificial turf. The field currently has a noticeable downhill slope to the west, making it difficult for competitive play.</p>
<p>good location as well but Fen Burdett is easiest as already has lights and unplayable soccer game surface</p>
<p>no need for further development</p>
<p>i think the grass field should remain as is</p>

Wonderful to see the park being upgraded for current sport use.
This field would be perfect as an all-weather turf field. Right now all we see are soccer games played by the over 40? Men and no other games or utilization of this area. If it became an all-weather turf field it would be open to several sports, from soccer, football, rugby and field hockey to name a few. The Kinsmen South field already has fencing, washrooms and bleachers so it is ideal to consider making it an all-weather turf field. We see the all-weather turf field adjacent to C.G.H.S. used constantly and feel there is room for another.
I agree with the idea for the most part.
YES turn it into a Turf Field please, please asap.

Track
Don't bother with the "track" part - It's not used.
I am with NorWesters T&F Club. WE would like to see a competition track on the North Shore. If not, at least a training track (which needs to be rubber). There is currently great track facilities in all of the main council areas (Coquitlam, Burnaby, Langley, Surrey) but nothing on the North Shore. Our clubs host a number of events per year with over 500 competitors each time but we have to hold them at Swanguard. The North Shore desperately needs a track venue to keep the athletes on the North Shore. Norwesters have over 100 competing members.
For general use. Not for sole use by sporting groups. Rubberized or tartan running track would be great addition to the community.
Support artificial turf - but want to keep track as is - repair but not develop past a sand track which is good for training for winter sprints/distance, cross country and downhill skiing training.
Please keep a dirt track or rubberized running track. My children cannot run on asphalt as it is too hard for children and youth to train on. We would love a rubberized track but we also know that is unlikely to occur. At least please keep the dirt track. In the rain it is extremely difficult to find anywhere for children to train at track events on the North Shore.
I am in favour of this (FB) option and think that an upgraded running track would be a huge benefit for our local athletes and provide opportunities for local schools and clubs to host events.
Re. the track for Fen Burdett - please install a soft-surface track. Please do not, install a pure asphalt surface. Do consider rubber, cinder, or something similarly forgiving. Please consider users on the North Shore who lack a proper community track. I was so disappointed when the "tracks" installed at Windsor and Sutherland turned out to be asphalt (imagine doing 6 x 1600m repeats on an asphalt surface! No way - that is inviting injury.). I am a competitive runner in my mid-forties and it is difficult to find accessible 400m tracks in Metro Vancouver that have soft-surfaces. Have reps from the track and running communities been requested to provide input.
In terms of a proposed track in this area, a rubber or cinder surface is preferable. An asphalt track is too hard of a surface for run training. As a competitive runner in North Van, it would be great to see a softer surface (but not gravel) track in this area. No opinion as to fields but again, any soft running track would be beneficial. The North Shore needs more running tracks for children and youth.
I like the idea of upgrading the track or at least maintaining the existing dirt track.

Facilities
Please consider parking options. Please also consider/include water fountains, an area for shade/protection from rain for the spectators and some benches.
I hope that whichever field is chosen there will be a consideration for upgrading the facilities, such as change rooms.

Create lots of outdoor seating using sustainable materials; natural materials.

Community Access

Wherever it is developed, the track should be highly accessible and include opportunities for informal uses such as kid's bike riding, ball playing. Do not fence the perimeter of the field. I support the associated upgrades to the park such as the new park entrance. If Fen Burdett is chosen please upgrade the Horseshoe Building which is a dead space and almost hazardous.

This field is perfect right now for younger soccer players, softball players, and as an open field for fund raising events (24hr relay) and other community events (July 1/Canada Day)

The field is used by families and other regularly and I would like to see that access is not restricted.

Would the facilities be open to all of the public at all times (outside of practice times of organized sport)? What kind of availability would there be? Would the facilities be open to rental for tournament hosting?

Putting turf on Fen Burdett completely changes the community use of this field. Sporting groups have priority and I believe there would be very little time left for the community to enjoy this field. Too much focus on sporting groups and not enough community space - the playground is now only for younger children. No space for upper elementary and high school children to use a community space whenever they please.

Turf fields are also restrictive not designed to encourage community building. Fen Burdett Stadium is used by families of all ages for neighbourhood games water fun, picnics and playground play. This is the place we meet our neighbour's and my son met lifelong friends. This will be last with a turf field.

Love the mixed use community feel of Mahon Park/Fen Burdett area. Many things to do all in one place. Hope this gets better not worse.

Do it at Kinsmen South grass field because at Fen Burdett Stadium people do whatever they want soccer, baseball, bike, etc. It's a free space.

Totally opposed to building a turf field on Mahon. You would be destroying something really wonderful. It would change the feel of the neighbourhood and no longer becomes a park that neighbours go to. The only ones using it will be driving from their own neighbourhoods to use it and then leaving. It needs to be left for everyone to enjoy,

My concern is the NV soccer league has sent out emails to all soccer families most not in the neighbourhood or living (taxpayer) in the City. These people should not be making decisions for the neighbourhood or the City residence especially when they adversely affected Our neighbourhood. My son plays soccer and I do support the development for play field but not at the expense of community parks. We met our neighbours at this park & it is used for unstructured play (sans rubber mats) daily. It is a multi-use park.

I really enjoy the multi-use facet of this area, from Canada Day, 24 hour relay and other community partners utilizing the space. It is also ideal for softball, soccer and flying kites. The water park and playground adjacent to the field makes it really practical for family groups that want to spread out and do multiple activities within eye sight of each other.