

Allenby Field Discussions and Developments

UPDATE - APA Meeting Sept. 18, 2013

- the state of the Allenby field has been a concern for MANY years!!

A Historical Review:

- **Feb. 2012** - Field Meeting - APA/Allenby/TDSB

- TDSB advised Allenby/APA that it has minimal funds for major capital improvements such as field enhancements; the APA would have to fundraise large %.

- Before releasing a TDSB-contracted Landscape Architect, the APA is asked to:

a) put \$10,000 in a fund showing commitment to process – COMPLETED

b) hold a survey to gauge parent interest in replacing grass with turf and funding it through parent fundraising – COMPLETED

- **Feb. 2013** – APA advises TDSB that it has completed the 2 requirements demonstrating commitment to field restoration process.

- **Feb. - June 2013** – Focus shifts to meeting needs of Full Day Kindergarten (FDK). Field issues are put on HOLD at TDSB level

- **Summer 2013** – a group of parents meet with:
 - a) **Ward 16 Councillor Karen Stintz** to explore City funding:
 - Karen Stintz confirms that all Section 37 monies had already been ‘spoken for’ – no other property developments in Ward 16 to pursue; (s.37 - a municipality can ask for public contributions from property developers in exchange for increases in height or density beyond existing zoning allowances)

- the best option through the City might be a Shared Use Agreement whereby the school permits use of field after school hours;
- Karen Stintz's office to meet with Parks and Recreation to discuss Shared Use Agreement - to let parent reps. know outcome.

b) North Toronto Soccer Club (NTSC) to discuss potential Community Use Agreement in exchange for contributing funds toward artificial turf:

- NTSC board subsequently agrees they could support this initiative, providing \$250,000, in exchange for use of field off school hours.

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- TDSB confirms it will cost approx.

\$500,000 to turf our size field

- TDSB Facilities states that there is a pending report proposing that TDSB fund the installation of turf at 9 schools over the next 5 years. Allenby is 1 of these 9 schools.

- TDSB Facilities Office optimistic about pending TDSB approvals

- Facilities Office to keep Cate Spidle updated re: approval status of this report over the next month

** This is a huge step forward and could potentially mean that parents would not have to raise as much money to support field enhancements.

NEXT STEPS:

- Pending approval of report (expected mid-late October), explore details/timeline as set out by TDSB
- Develop a project plan for the field, (including design) with input from all parties
- Create a committee based on project plan; contact parents that have expressed interest in past and recruit new interests
- Proceed with planning/fundraising for additional field enhancements that APA/Allenby would like to see that fall beyond the scope of the TDSB-funded portion
- Follow-up with City re: opportunity for Shared Use Agreement
- Explore further fundraising opportunities and sponsorship