

THE CORPORATION OF THE
CITY OF WHITE ROCK
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POLICY TITLE: SPORTS FIELDS

POLICY NUMBER: OPERATIONS / ENG. - 636

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<i>Originating Department: Engineering and Municipal Operations</i>	<i>Date last reviewed by the Governance and Legislation Committee: November 18, 2019</i>

Policy:

It is recognized that due to budgetary and resource constraints daily inspection of all Sports Fields and Bleachers is not possible. Annually prior to sanctioned sports seasons, the Parks Manager and President of each league will inspect all bleachers, fields, fences, benches and surrounding area. Prior to each season, the President of each league will be advised of their responsibility and the responsibility of the referees / umpires and coaches to ensure that the fields and equipment including but not limited to fencing, players’ benches, bases, late, etc. are hazard-free prior to each game. In addition, the Parks Manager will inspect not only the field, bleachers and fences but any other areas of concern such as Parking lot, Picnic Area. The inspection will be documented and the Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations notified of any hazards.

The City also relies upon the public and user groups for notification of hazardous situations and or defects.

1. Within three (3) working days of Notification by the public or staff of a hazardous condition staff will assess the situation, and take photographs. The Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations will be notified as soon as practical.
2. Repair of deficiencies will be carried out as soon as staff and equipment are available, or as soon as practical.
 - Temporary precautions will be taken to ensure public safety prior to the repairs being carried out, which may involve the placement of barricades, warning signs and/or temporary fills.
 - Staff will visit the site, as required, to ensure the temporary precautions remain in place until the repairs are completed.
 - Time permitting; they will also inspect the fields and bleachers for other potential hazards during these visits.

- Repair of the hazard will be carried out as scheduled.
- It is recognized that, where cost effective to do so, repairs may also be carried out to other portions of the fields and bleachers.

Rationale:

The City of White Rock wishes to demonstrate that balanced against the nature and quality of the risk involved, the City of White Rock's system of Sports Fields Inspection / Maintenance is reasonable in light of all circumstances including budgetary limits, available personnel and equipment and the criteria of wanting to meet the standard duty of care.