



Fair Treatment of Handsworth Athletes
HPAC Update - Sep 26

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What is the Artificial Turf Field (ATF) issue?

1. **Fairness:** **All other North Van schools** of comparable size and range of programs have ATFs. The current plan (grass field, no track) will result in a decrease in athletic infrastructure at Handsworth . The NW part of the District does not have an ATF - DNVs own studies say this is a problem.
2. **Community benefit and support:** There is very broad support from community sports organizations for an ATF at Handsworth. In contrast to a grass surface, an ATF would be **well used year-round and would be a revenue generating investment.**
3. **Inclusion and Equity:** Handsworth's field hockey and soccer teams currently travel to other fields to train and play. Having a turf field at the school will reduce our transportation footprint and make team sports more accessible, visible, and celebrated. Seeing peers play close by has no equal when it comes to keeping youth, and especially girls, in sport and active for life. **Investing in student athletes builds community.** The power of sport goes far beyond the field.

ATF plus Track

Handsworth, our family of elementary schools and broader community is **also missing the track**.

HPAC is advocating for a site plan and feasibility study that accommodates BOTH an ATF and track.

Our core objective is to advocate for efficient use of limited resources directed toward a common goal: ATF, track and lighting to create a community asset and revenue generating opportunity into the future.

HPAC ATF + Track Strategy (Apr - Dec 2022)

1. Secure support from and alignment between DNV and SD44
 - *Change.Org petition*
 - *Attend all-candidates meeting on Oct 7 - leverage the municipal election*
 - *Encourage NVSD + SD44 coordination*
2. Communicate and engage diverse users and beneficiaries
 - *Sign up sheet; IG, etc.*
 - *Elementary PACs*
3. Encourage efficient use of limited resources
 - *As much as possible, influence current project finalization*

How You Can Help

1. Attend October 7th All Candidates Meetings -
Highlands United Church 7 - 9 PM
2. Sign and promote our Change.Org petition:
<https://chnng.it/Hhx5JpNx>

How You Can Help - cont'

3. Sign up to receive updates:

<https://forms.gle/twkJ9Rwk6Kdg1hGGA>

4. Join our committee!