



# Council Report

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**Date:** May 5, 2026  
**To:** Anthony Haddad, City Manager  
**From:** Kelsey Johnson, General Manager of Community Services  
**Subject:** **Track & Field Facility – Project Partnership**

## Staff Recommendation

THAT Council direct staff to continue to collaborate with School District #67 on the track and field facility renewal project;

AND THAT Council direct staff to return with a report that outlines defined project scope, construction timing, funding sources and financial contribution options & implications for Council's consideration.

## Strategic priority objective

**Livable & Accessible:** The City of Penticton will proactively plan for deliberate growth, focusing on creating an inclusive, healthy, and vibrant community.

## Background

Council will receive a presentation from representatives of School District 67 (SD67) during the Committee of the Whole portion of the council meeting on May 5<sup>th</sup>, regarding the renewal of the track and field facility. This report is provided to offer broader context following that presentation.

Penticton's Track & Field Facility is a School District 67 (SD67) asset located on school property at Penticton Secondary that is made available to the broader community through a long-standing Joint-Use Agreement with the City of Penticton. The current facility was constructed in 1994 through a partnership with the school district and Penticton Downtown Rotary Club with the City contributing \$200,000 towards the ~\$1.4M project.

Shortly after award of the 2028 BC Summer Games in June 2024, City staff worked closely with both SD67 and the BC Games Society to conduct a preliminary assessment of sport venues in our community to inform the development of the 2028 BC Summer Games sport package. As part of the preliminary assessment, the track and field facilities were identified as being in poor condition and at end of life.

Following the preliminary assessment, the City, in partnership with SD67, engaged NAK Design Strategies to complete a Pre-Design Report to provide an initial analysis and cost estimate for a track and field facility in Penticton.

Various scenarios were assessed, including:

- Minor renovation to existing facility to meet World Athletics standards
- Major upgrade to existing facilities with natural turf infield
- Major upgrade to existing facilities with artificial turf infield and construction of new throwing facility
- New facility at the McNiccol Park Site
  - Note: This option was ruled out for further exploration after test fit.

The Pre-Design cost analysis for the various scope options estimated the project budget would be between \$1.5M to \$5.1M. This range reflects key variables considered at the pre-design stage, including different remedy options, the choice between natural or artificial turf, and the potential inclusion of additional amenities such as a storage building, scoreboard, and spectator seating. While the pre-design report does not establish a final project budget, it does provide valuable order-of-magnitude cost information to support informed discussion around a realistic project scope and the establishment of achievable project objectives.

SD67, as owner of the asset, is now leading the track and field renewal project including advancing preliminary planning, exploring funding and partnership opportunities and coordination of the eventual construction project. The City’s interest in close partnership with SD67 reflects the facility’s long-standing role as a shared-use community asset and the City’s capacity to support stakeholder engagement, long-term recreation planning, advocacy and funding efforts that enhance overall community benefits. This collaborative approach is evidenced by the recent lighting upgrades to the facility, delivered jointly by the City and SD67, to extend hours of use, improve safety and maximize the value of the asset for both school and community users.

Although the pre-design information is helpful in understanding the scale and scope of a potential single project, it is important for City staff and Council to consider this information within the broader context of the City’s overall sport and recreation infrastructure needs.

Through 2024 and 2025, the City conducted a comprehensive Sports & Recreation Needs Assessment (SRNA) to better understand current and future recreation demands and to guide strategic investment in sport and recreation infrastructure. Following the completion of the study, Council directed staff to provide a report on specific community project opportunities that were aligned with the findings in consideration of the funding available through the Growing Communities Fund. Staff presented the Growing Communities Fund – Community Projects Report to Council at their Regular Meeting on September 16, 2025. The report outlined a list of known community recreation amenity projects, identified by both staff and community groups. Projects were listed in order by the SRNA amenity priority ranking and all projects that are still unfunded are outlined in the chart below.

<b>Project</b>	<b>SRNA Rank</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>New/ Replace</b>	<b>Est. Cost</b>
KVR Trail Strategy - Actions	1	Implementation of the KVR Strategy Recommendations. Anticipate recommendations in 2026.	New/Replace	TBD
Trail Connection	1	Downtown Connection through Penticton Creek Corridor to Campbell Mountain. Construction design completed in 2023. Project currently unfunded.	New	\$250k

Ellis Creek Trail	1	Completing the gap in the Ellis Creek Trail (from Main Street to Fairview) as noted as a high priority in the Master Transportation Plan	New	TBD
Esplanade Plan - Actions	1, 18	Implementation of the Esplanade Plan recommendations. Anticipate final report will be delivered in 2026.	New/Replace	TBD
Twin Rinks – Arena Replacement Project	2	Civic Places & Spaces Priority #2 - Replace Memorial & McLaren. Preliminary design proposed for 2026.	Replace	\$70M
Lions Park Master Plan - Implementation	5,9,20	Master plan proposed to be completed in 2026, recommended implementation actions to follow.	New	TBD
Penticton High School Track & Field Facility	5,11,13	Existing facility end of life / SD67 property & asset - community use through joint-use agreement <i>NOTE: does not qualify for Growing Communities Fund or City capital as it is not a city-owned asset.</i>	Replace	\$1.5M - \$5.1M
McNiccol Field Amenity Upgrades	5	Clubhouse with washrooms, storage, potable water for rectangle field users (i.e. football & rugby). No scope for project.	New	TBD
Bambino Field Relocation	9	Relocate Bambino Field.	Replace	\$2M
Wheelchair Accessible Disc Golf Course	10	Request from local association - Penticton Disc Golf Club. No scope for project.	New	TBD
Disc Golf Course at Campbell Mtn	10	Request from local association - Penticton Disc Golf Club. No scope for project.	New	TBD
Artificial Turf	13	SRNA recommends outdoor artificial turf to add to inventory & extend seasons/usability. Opportunity identified with Pen Hi Track & Field Facility. No scope identified for City-owned property.	New	TBD
Indoor Climbing Wall	15	Request from community group - no amenity available. No scope for project.	New	TBD
Beach Volleyball Courts	17	Request from community group - courts for prime-time public access (not for league booking)	New	TBD
Penticton Tennis Club Court Upgrades	18	Resurface existing courts (4), adjust or replace lighting, add washroom facilities <i>NOTE: Not recommended to proceed until the results of the Esplanade Master Plan are determined.</i>	Replace	\$290k* (courts only)
Outdoor Lacrosse Box	18	Request from PMLA - cover Skaha Box, upgrades to surface, add players benches. <i>Note: Demand is for dry floor space and this may be achieved through the Twin Rinks – Arena Replacement Project.</i>	New	\$1.5M
Skaha Park East - Boathouse Replacement	21	Recommendation from the Skaha East Master Plan. SRNA identified need. Existing facility is end of life. Project is currently on the unfunded capital list.	Replace	\$1M

While these projects are shown in order of the priority ranking, staff evaluate each individual project based on eligibility for funding, new or renewal of infrastructure, SRNA recommended strategies and project specific considerations & context.

**Financial implication**

At this time, a financial contribution towards the project is not being recommended.

The facility is owned by SD67 and, as such, the City cannot contribute funding from the available Growing Communities Fund or any capital reserve. Any financial contribution from the City towards the project would be provided through the operating budget with likely impacts on taxation.

Staff are recommending that a subsequent report be brought back to Council that outlines the defined project scope, construction timing, funding sources and financial contribution options for Council’s consideration.

**Analysis**

The renewal of the track and field facility aligns with the City’s broader sport and recreation objectives, particularly in relation to supporting active living, youth sport, and inclusive access to recreational opportunities. The facility functions as a key shared-use asset, providing capacity for school programming, local sport organizations, and regional competition, and helps alleviate pressure on City-owned outdoor sport fields.

At the same time, Council’s consideration of a potential funding contribution for this project must occur within the context of the competing sport and recreation infrastructure demands across the City. While the track and field facility has been identified within the SRNA under multiple priority categories and is recognized as an important component of the community’s overall sport system, it is also distinct from many other projects in that it is owned by the school district which limits the City’s available funding sources that can be used towards this project.

At this stage, staff do not recommend the allocation of City funding, however, staff are committed to continued collaboration with SD67 to help develop an appropriate project scope that would best serve the community’s interests and engage in discussions that could support fundraising, grant funding opportunities, and potential partnership models that will be brought back for Council’s consideration at a future date.

Respectfully submitted,

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Concurrence

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