



Tillsonburg Town Council
December 12, 2022

TILLSONBURG FOOTBALL CLUB

Agenda:

- Who we are?
- What we do?
- How we do it
- What we need?
- A few facts
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- What we commit to?
- Conclusion

Our Vision

We aim for best-in-class soccer at the most affordable price for our members.

Who We Are?

- Multi-generational Tillsonburg residents who love the game of soccer and love to play it a competitive level
- Tillsonburg Football Club is a not-for-profit organization with an elected Board of Directors that was incorporated in 2018
- We are comprised of small business owners, students, community minded volunteers and enthusiastic soccer players.
- Tillsonburg Football Club is a member and in good standing with the Ontario Soccer Association

What We Do?

- Tillsonburg Football Club's programming provides a pathway from regional, provincial, varsity, national, and semi-professional soccer for athletes in Tillsonburg and surrounding municipalities.
- Tillsonburg Football Club provides opportunity to all genders

How We Do It

- We ensure inclusion and diversity to all with a heightened focus to those who are new to Tillsonburg and to Canada.
- Tillsonburg Football Club offers a year-round development program to support achieving our competitive goals of having at least 25% of our teams achieve league and/or cup medals annually.
- We currently are a renting party from Tillsonburg Minor Soccer Park and uphold all agreements set forth by Tillsonburg Minor Soccer

What we need?

- Fulfill the shortage of YOUTH soccer fields in the Town of Tillsonburg
- In 2022 - Tillsonburg Football Club had no suitable field available for our U12 Girls team at the Tillsonburg Minor Soccer Park.
- We have an immediate field shortage for our youth in the 2023 season (Mini & Intermediate sizes)
- We are looking for safe, well maintained, regulated soccer fields for our youth to play on without hesitation

A few facts:

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- In 2001: population 14,053 – Tillsonburg Soccer Park is established
- In 2021: population 18,615 – no new soccer fields since 2001, less regulation soccer fields then in 2001.
- Soccer Canada is in the World Cup for the 1st time since 1986
- Canada and the US will host the 2026 World Cup
- Soccer is one of the most cost effective organized sports for our youth to play
- A quote from Canada Soccer:

“Soccer is the largest participatory sport in Canada and is considered the fastest growing sport in the country. There are nearly 1,000,000 registered Canada Soccer active participants in Canada within 1,200 clubs that operate in 13 provincial/territorial member associations.”

We as the soccer community need to keep up with growth that the Town of Tillsonburg is experiencing

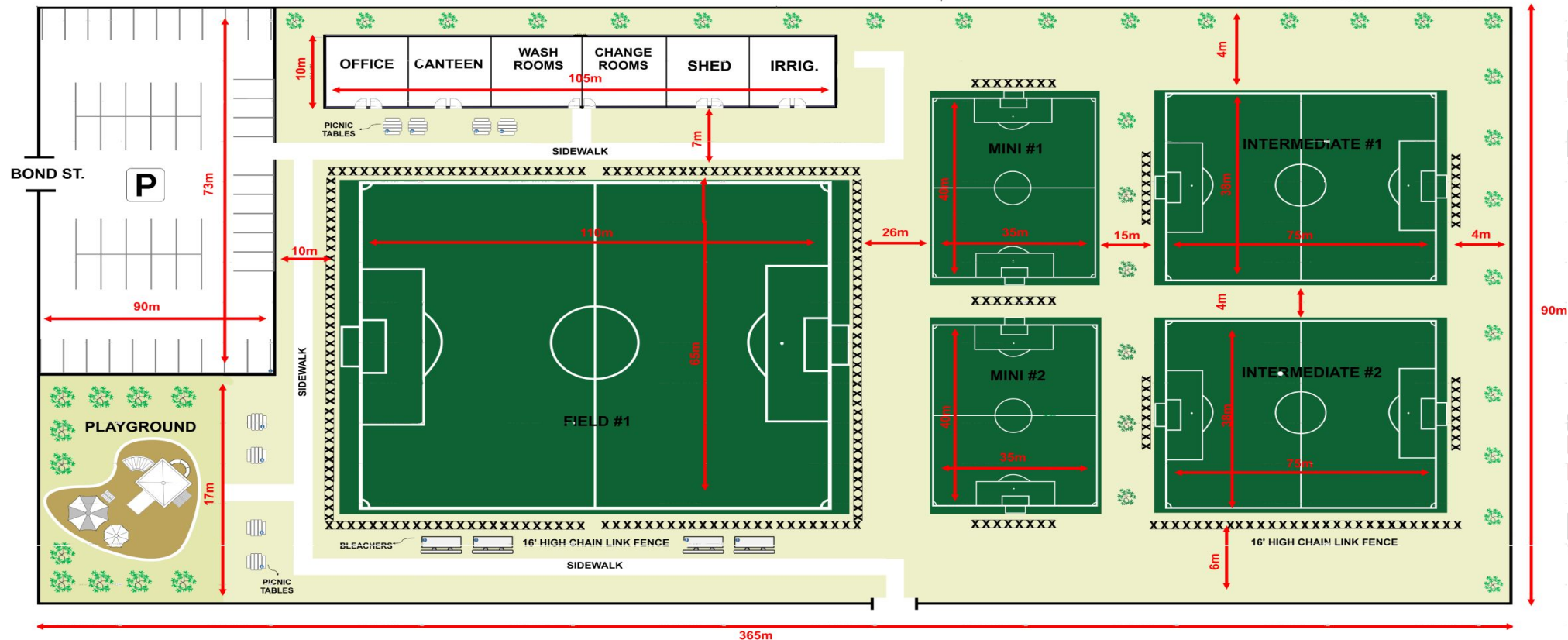
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GYULVESZI PARK



NOTE: THIS SKETCH IS NOT TO SCALE



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- Phase 1: Level land, reseed and trim trees (as soon as possible)
- Phase 2: Install fencing & irrigation, expand parking lot, extend utilities (fall of 2023/spring 2024)
- Phase 3: Build washroom/office/storage (2024/2025)

What We Propose?

The proposal put forth today links directly to the town's strategic plan.

Specifically the Lifestyle and Amenities section and the highlights are listed below:

- Update municipal sports facilities consistent with modern standards.
- Maintain and enhance programs and facilities to support an active, engaged youth population
- Expand community partnerships in the delivery of programs and amenities.

In Conclusion

- This proposal is for youth soccer in the Town of Tillsonburg (the men and women's teams will continue to operate out of the Tillsonburg Minor Soccer Park)
- This proposal is to provide safe well maintained fields where kids can enjoy the game of soccer
- This is to give our youth a structured environment to grow
- This gives the game of competitive soccer an opportunity to continue to grow in the great Town of Tillsonburg



THANK YOU!!