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### Organization Support for the Blackburn Park Artificial Turf Project

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Jayme Franklin

Board Chair

Shuswap Youth Soccer Association

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*Tekki Brown-Hryniv*

To whom it may concern.

My name is Tekki Brown-Hryniw and I am the Athletic Director at Salmon Arm Secondary. We currently have about 250 student athletes, many of whom would benefit from more access to a safe field. Extending the hours of game or practice time would benefit our soccer, rugby and football teams. A field of this type would allow our town to be more competitive with surrounding areas that already have facilities like this in place. We are often faced with challenges related to hours of daylight, length of season and snow and frost. Due to the poor condition of our school field, our coaches generally look for other places to practice and play to keep kids safe from injury. Our school and community would benefit from the ability to provide more opportunity and access for youth in sport.

Sincerely,

**Tekki Brown-Hryniw**

*Athletic Director*

*LR-Yoga-Fitness Teacher*

*Sr. Girls Basketball Coach*

*Salmon Arm Secondary*

*tbrownhr@sd83.bc.ca*

*250-832-2188 School*

*She/Her/Hers*

*I write in gratitude on the Traditional, Ancestral and Unceded Territory of the Secwepemc People*

## **Chad Forman**

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**From:** Secretary SAMBA <secretary@salmonarmbaseball.com>  
**Sent:** October 11, 2023 3:38 PM  
**To:** Chad Forman  
**Subject:** SAMBA Numbers

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Chad,  
We had 309 registrations in our spring program  
90 in our summer program  
50 in our fall program  
54 in our winter program

SAMBA would use an all season turf surface for all types of training including full practices in the shoulder seasons when we cant use the diamonds. We start to practice outside 4-8 week after other Interior associations. Often our high performance teams have a game before ever practicing outside.

Lights at Blackburn that shine on the diamond and the fields would be a huge asset for baseball. Most cities will play into the night increasing usable field time for baseball. We are reliant on daylight at all our fields. Blackburn currently hosts our older divisions who can easily play until 9pm or later in the summer if there is sufficient light.

Hope this helps.

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**Rebecca**  
**SAMBA Secretary**  
[secretary@salmonarmbaseball.com](mailto:secretary@salmonarmbaseball.com)

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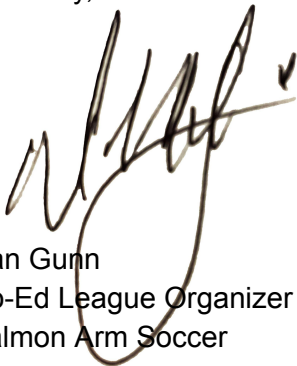
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Dan Gunn  
Co-Ed League Organizer  
Salmon Arm Soccer

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Chad Forman  
League Administrator  
North Okanagan Soccer League (Men's)

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Sincerely,

Georgina Newell  
President, SWRSA  
Shuswap Women's Recreational Soccer Association



## Chad Forman

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**From:** Jeff Miller <jeffmiller506@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** October 9, 2023 5:44 PM  
**To:** Chad Forman  
**Subject:** RE: Blackburn Park: Letter of Support

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Dear City Council and Parks and Recreation Department,

I am writing on behalf of the Yeti Rugby Football Club to advocate for the pressing need for dedicated artificial turf fields within our city. As one of the leading rugby clubs in the region, our commitment goes beyond just the game. We are devoted to fostering an environment where people from various age groups can come together, learn, and compete. Our members range in age from a budding 6-year-old enthusiast to our experienced 65-year-old veterans.

Currently, our club boasts over 115 dedicated members and mini rugby squad of 30+. However, as the sport gains traction and as our community involvement continues to grow, we project a significant increase in field time requirements, both during our main men's league season from May to July, and notably during the shoulder seasons.

The presence of artificial turf fields would greatly benefit our club and other sports clubs in the area for various reasons. Natural grass fields, especially during the shoulder seasons, are prone to wear and tear, making them unsuitable for rigorous sports activities. Artificial turfs, on the other hand, can withstand more frequent usage without significant degradation. Moreover, our club is keen on organizing a shoulder season tournament or event between February-June and September-December. Having access to artificial turf fields would make this ambition feasible.

Additionally, having lighting facilities would be a game-changer. As our city's days become shorter during the fall and winter months, it becomes increasingly challenging to find suitable times for practice and matches. Proper lighting extends the usability of these fields into the evenings.

By providing dedicated artificial turf fields with lighting, the City of Salmon Arm would be making a significant contribution towards fostering local sports, boosting community spirit, and ensuring safer and more reliable playing conditions for its residents.

Warm regards,

Jeff Miller  
President  
Yeti Rugby Football Club

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**From:** Chad Forman  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 26, 2023 12:25 PM  
**To:** jeffmiller506@hotmail.com  
**Cc:** 'Jayson Ursulak'  
**Subject:** RE: Blackburn Park: Letter of Support

Over 35 Drop In Soccer  
c/o John Wilson  
680 7 St NE  
Salmon Arm, BC  
V1E 4A8

August 9, 2023

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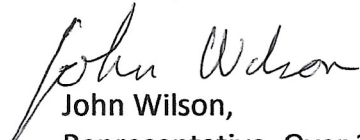
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Sincerely



John Wilson,  
Representative, Over 35 Drop In Soccer



**Salmon Arm Sports Inc  
Silverbacks Hockey Club**

2600 - 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue N.E.

Salmon Arm, British Columbia  
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Salmon Arm Silverbacks

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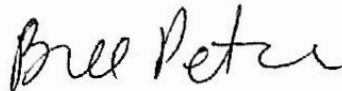
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David Fleming



Bree Petch

Owners of Traverse Integrated Health

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