



## Staff Report

October 2, 2023 Council Workshop Meeting

Camas Citywide Sports Field Plan – Mackay Sposito PSA

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**BACKGROUND:** The City adopted the [Parks, Recreation and Opens Space \(PROS\) Plan](#) (2022). Virtually all respondents (97%) to the [PROS Plan community survey](#), which received nearly 1,400 responses, felt that local parks and recreation opportunities are important, or essential, to the quality of life in Camas. Three core priorities also emerged from community feedback: maintain what we have, fill gaps and improve trails connections, and develop and improve existing parks. Chapter 10 of the PROS Plan provides key project recommendations that respond to these priorities, which includes "*Sports Field Improvements*."

The City has a collection of grass fields that serve youth and adult baseball, softball, soccer, lacrosse and rugby; and a handful of courts that serve tennis, pickleball and basketball. Over the last several years, this region has experienced very wet spring seasons, which have negatively impacted the grass fields and shortened the playing season for leagues. While there are synthetic fields available through the school district and Clark County Parks, the City has heard that it does not meet user demand.

In response to the priorities set out in the adopted PROS Plan and continued feedback from leagues and other sports field users, staff issued a Request for Qualification (RFQ) process to seek a multidisciplinary consultant team to oversee the delivery and execution of a Citywide Sports Fields Plan (Plan).

**SUMMARY:** The Plan will serve as a management tool for the City to efficiently and cost effectively maintain and enhance its existing fields and provide strategies for adding capacity to meet the growing demand. The Plan will complete a demand analysis of East County, City-owned fields evaluation, research best practices for levels of service, evaluate and recommend improvements to the operations and maintenance program, and develop strategies and implementation plans that will optimize existing fields, while also providing a phased approach to adding capacity. The Public Participation Plan provides an opportunity for the project team to convene user groups and facility owners within East County (i.e. Clark County, Camas School District, City of Washougal, Washougal School District and Vancouver Parks & Rec.) to better understand opportunities for equitable access to fields and partnerships to phase in additional capacity.

Staff is seeking Council approval of this Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with Mackay Sposito in the amount of \$124,880 to be dispersed through the end of June 2024 to Mackay Sposito as work is completed. The PSA scope of work is attached as Exhibit A. The proposed services and the associated costs are summarized below:

Base Fee	\$123.095
Reimbursable Expenses	\$1,785
<b>TOTAL FEES (Not to Exceed)</b>	<b>\$124,880</b>

**BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY:** This Project meets the following City adopted plans:

Camas 2035 Comprehensive Plan

Public Facilities and Services, 5.7.1 Parks & Recreation Facilities Goals and Policies:

- Preserve and enhance the quality of life in Camas through the provision of parks, recreational facilities, trails, and open spaces.

2022 Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan

WELCOMING FOR ALL:

Goal: Increase capacity for sports field users:

- Action: Implement creative design options, such as multi-use fields, upgrade field turf surfacing, and/or stall lights.

ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE:

Goal: Continue building strong partnerships.

- Action: - Partner with user groups of specialized facilities, such as sport fields, off-leash areas, disc golf, skatepark, bike skills/pump track, etc. to continually improve programing and maintenance.

**BUDGET IMPACT:** The Citywide Sports Fields Plan PSA with Mackay Sposito is funded in the FY 2023-2024 Parks Budget.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends the Mackay Sposito PSA be placed on the October 16, 2023, Council Regular Meeting consent agenda for Council's consideration and approval.