



October 11, 2018

**Calgary Minor Soccer Association Letter of Support
RE: Artificial Turf fields Genesis Centre**

To Councillor George Chahal,

On behalf of the Calgary Minor Soccer Association (CMSA), I would like to indicate our support for a permanent outdoor artificial turf field at the Genesis Centre. As the governing body of youth soccer in Calgary, we recognize the shortage of turf fields within the city, specifically in the northeast. Turf fields are critical for outdoor CMSA league play and tournaments and the northeast is the only quadrant currently lacking artificial turf.

Presently, CMSA does not have access to many quality fields in northeast Calgary; artificial turf fields at the Genesis Centre would provide great benefits to our membership located in this area as well as the soccer community as a whole. Artificial turf fields are utilized by CMSA spring through fall for our city-wide outdoor league; turf fields at the Genesis Centre would provide additional opportunities to CMSA for games and tournaments.

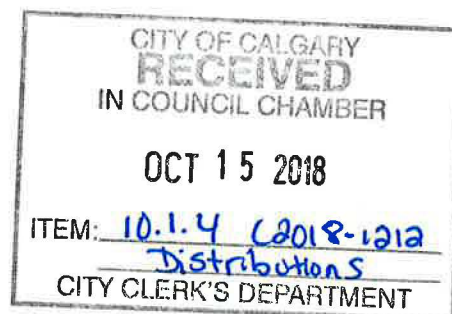
Additionally, turf fields will provide great benefits to the soccer clubs and home teams located in northeast Calgary. Turf fields support and promote the growth of soccer, providing access to quality game, practice and training space that can be utilized despite the weather.

We believe that sport provides the opportunity for families to become part of their community and build friendships. The Genesis Centre location is a great community hub providing access to sport and recreation to a diverse neighbourhood; an artificial turf field would significantly strengthen the community and increase access and opportunities for sport in Ward 5.

Please reach out to our organization if you have any further questions.

Best Regards,

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Oct 5, 2018

RE: Letter of Support: Outdoor Artificial Turf Fields and Genesis Centre Area Enhancement project

Dear Councillor George Chahal,

On behalf of the Genesis Centre and North East Centre of Community Society (NECCS) Board of Directors, I'd like to articulate our excitement and support for the City of Calgary and Province of Alberta to collaborate with us on the design, consultation, construction and operations for a permanent outdoor artificial turf field and outdoor area enhancements (walking paths, playground, play lot, outdoor social spaces, etc.), in the field space currently owned and operated by the City of Calgary adjacent to the Genesis Centre.

The Genesis Centre is the central hub of community for northeast Calgary. Since opening its doors in 2012 it has welcomed over 1.6 million residents annually for a range of programs and services. The facility plays host to countless numbers of community events and celebrations that are crucial to breaking down social isolation barriers and building community. The facility includes indoor field houses, gymnasiums, multi-purpose rooms, as well as a YMCA, branch of the Calgary Public Library, and free space dedicated to human social services (1000 Voices).

Depending on the scope of the project, Genesis Centre could potentially contribute financial support of up to \$2 million dollars to an outdoor artificial turf enhancement. This would be contingent on the basis that, through partnerships and collaborations, we could recoup our initial investment within 5-10 years of operation and continue to be financially sustainable as a non-profit community hub. Ideally this would occur through the Genesis Centre providing direct operations and revenue generation for the field once complete.

We believe a constructed artificial turf field, coupled with area enhancements as listed previously, would inspire, support, and integrate both youth and adults alike into outdoor active living and social opportunities that are crucially needed in NE Calgary. An outdoor artificial turf field would allow community to participate in outdoor field sports without worrying about the impact of weather, as well as allow them to play, train, and participate in outdoor field sports within their own community. The addition of a play lot could not only help solve some of the parking issues felt by our community during large community events and celebration, but allow for more outdoor activities such as basketball, street hockey, and tennis which normally do not take place in our community due to lack of safe outdoor space. Finally, area enhancements such as playgrounds, outdoor social spaces, community gardens and naturalized areas would inspire our community to enjoy outdoor spaces and activities in their own backyard which is sorely lacking.

The project aligns well with the desire to promote, develop and support programs and services that encourage Calgarians to enrich their lives through recreation, sport, and events while revitalizing a severely underused space. Our hope is that by enhancing the proposed space with an artificial turf field and additional enhancements that we can develop a further sense of community and provide a safe and positive place for community residents to celebrate, learn and play.

Sincerely,

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RE: Letter of Support - Outdoor Artificial Turf Fields (Genesis Centre)

On behalf of Parks Foundation Calgary, I would like to signify our support for a permanent outdoor turf field, which may include pathways, playgrounds, and other spaces.

Parks Foundation was an original project partner on the Genesis Centre when it was built. Genesis Centre had a Parks Foundation Calgary Project Gift Administration Account and also received a grant from the Amateur Sport Grant Program.

Since its establishment in 1985 as a non-profit organization, Parks Foundation Calgary has worked to create thriving communities and public spaces. We exist so all Calgarians can enjoy a healthy lifestyle by providing easily accessible and unique, sport and green spaces.

Each year, we partner on dozens of community projects, much like this one. We are interested in continuing partnership discussion with Ward 5 and The City of Calgary on how we could support this park project.

Opportunities for partnership include:

1. Project Gift Administration program supports communities by providing the following services:
 - Receiving donations on behalf of the project and issuing tax receipts for eligible donations – **these receipts are charitable**
 - Processing payments for approved invoices for the project
2. Project Management Services, that include managing design, tender and construction oversight
3. Collaboration on Grant Fundraising, as well as sponsorship and donations

Please contact me directly for further discussion on how we can support this project.

Sincerely,

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CEO



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October 12, 2018

RE: Letter of Support - Outdoor Artificial Turf Fields (Genesis Centre)

To whom it may concern -

About 30,000 people are connected with Dashmesh Culture Centre and we are all actively involved in the community affairs. This is a large community, which has its roots associated with field hockey. Therefore on behalf of this community connected with us and which needs to be very actively involved in different supports, I would like to emphasise our strong support for a permanent outdoor turf field, which may include pathways, playgrounds, and other spaces. Community connected with our organization has maximum residents living in North-east Calgary and there is no availability of such facility in this area. We think this would enhance our community profile and would be a huge benefit to our sports and recreation culture amongst other things. The current state of the fields at the Genesis Centre is also abysmal at best and we are looking for all levels of government to step up and take a lead on this issue.

Being the President of Dashmesh Culture Centre, I along with all Committee Members am very actively involved with and am aware of the needs of the community. We feel that adequate facilities for sports and recreation are presently not available to all of our community members. There is a major shortage of adequate fields, and a project such as this would provide a net benefit to the community when considering all costs and benefits. The Genesis Centre is a hub to our community members and this seems like a natural progression of the future vision of this area.

We believe an artificial turf field, coupled with area enhancements such as social gathering spaces and additional playgrounds, would integrate our community members to have a more vibrant experience, whether it is social or recreational. An outdoor artificial turf field would allow the community to participate in outdoor field sports without worrying about the impact of weather, as well as allowing them to play, train, and participate in outdoor field sports within their own community. A play lot could not only help solve some of the parking issues felt by our community during large community events and celebration, but allow for more outdoor activities such as basketball, street hockey, and tennis which normally do not take place in our community due to a lack of outdoor space. Finally, area enhancements such as playgrounds, outdoor social spaces, community gardens and naturalized areas would inspire our community to enjoy these outdoor spaces and activities in their own backyard.

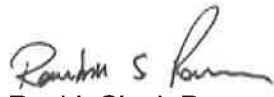
On behalf of Dashmesh Culture Centre, I would like to support moving forward on this project. We understand this will require some capital dollars from the Genesis Centre, the City of

Calgary, and the Province of Alberta. We feel like this type of investment is crucial to our community.

We are ready to extend all support in moving forward on this project. I can be contacted for any questions or concerns.

Sincere

Thanking You,



Ranbir Singh Parmar
President
Dashmesh Culture Centre

October 12, 2018

Letter of Support - Artificial Turf Field Genesis Centre

To whom it may concern -

The Home Owner's Association of Skyview Ranch (HOA) would like to express our support for a permanent outdoor turf field. We think this would improve our community profile and would be a great benefit to our sports and recreation culture, as there has been neglect to Northeast Calgary in terms of these types of spaces available to us. The Genesis Centre fields are presently in poor condition and we are looking for all levels of government to take a lead on this matter.

As an active HOA located in Ward 5, we feel that sports and recreation should be available to all of our community members. A project such as this would provide a net benefit to the community as we know there is a major shortage of suitable fields in our communities.

We have confidence that an artificial turf field would give communities the opportunities to participate in outdoor field sports without worrying about the impact of weather. A play lot could allow for more outdoor activities such as basketball, street hockey, which normally do not take place in our community due to a lack of outdoor space. Lastly, area developments such as playgrounds, outdoor social spaces, community gardens and naturalized areas would inspire our community to enjoy these outdoor spaces and activities in their own backyard.

Our HOA offers our full support to this project. As taxpaying citizens, we feel like this type of investment is crucial to our community moving forward. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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PUNJAB EAGLE SOCCER CLUB



Dear

Punjab Eagle Soccer Club has been playing soccer since 2008 to keep its members physically fit and energetic. Our Sports Society has not only played league tournaments in Calgary but has also participated in such soccer tournaments organized by the City of Edmonton, Abbotsford, Kelowna and Surrey. Many of our players have been volunteering to train our young boys and girls in order to channelize energies of youth in a positive way. Players from this Club have taken extensive part in the City of Calgary' Soccer Leagues – both over 45 and Youth teams.

In the absence of adequate sports facilities in the Northeast part of Calgary, particularly communities comprising Ward 5, we have been experiencing considerable difficulties to have regular and continuous practice. Much of our time is used to travel to and from sports facilities located at far off places in other parts of the City. Moreover, on many occasions no spaces are available due to heavy bookings of existing sports arenas. We strongly feel that as many sports facilities become available to the residents of Ward 5 as these are in other parts of the Calgary.

The Genesis Centre, located in the Northeast Calgary, is a focal point to our community members. All members of our Club, participating athletes and their wards consider that this area should have a permanent outdoor turf field. Due to inadequacy of sports facilities at the Genesis Centre residents of Northeast Calgary are prevented from achieving what they aspire to remain physically fit and active. As a result, we are compelled to explore all levels of government to come forward and take a lead on this issue.

The proposed project at the Genesis Centre may include pathways, playgrounds and other spaces. This will definitely augment our community profile and go a long way to benefit our sports, recreational and cultural activities in a positive manner. Provision of an artificial turf field at the Genesis Centre would allow the community to participate in outdoor field sports without worrying about the impact of weather, as well as allowing them to play, train, and participate in outdoor field sports within their own community. It would also take care of the parking issues experienced by our community during large community events and celebrations while allowing for more outdoor activities such as volley ball, field hockey and a host of other games. Finally, area enhancements such as playgrounds, outdoor social spaces, community gardens and naturalized areas would inspire our community to enjoy these outdoor spaces and activities in their own backyard.

We are responsible residents of Calgary and fully recognize that the proposed project will involve capital expenditures from the Genesis Centre, the City of Calgary and the Province of Alberta. However, this type of venture is vital for the taxpaying citizens. All members of the Indo-Canadian Athletic Association stick together to extend our full support for a permanent outdoor turf field at the Genesis Centre. This would integrate our community members to have a more vibrant experience in all walks of their lives.

Sincerely,

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October 09, 2018

GURU RAVIDASS SOCIETY OF CALGARY

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Outdoor Artificial Turf Fields (Genesis Centre)

Dear

Guru Ravidass Society of Calgary is a religious and non-profit organization where a large number of devotees from different parts of the City, particularly from communities located in the Northeast part of Calgary, come to pray, meditate and listen to devotional hymens and a variety of religious teachings from eminent scholars. The Society also takes time to collect, collate and disseminate information on others issues that directly impact the community and families. People from communities surrounding Genesis Centre have repeatedly brought out the acute shortage of sports fields in these areas. The Northeast of Calgary has remained neglected in terms of such spaces. It is, therefore, very important that these facilities become available to the community as quickly as possible.

The City of Calgary is well aware that the Genesis Centre is a hub to our community members. It is, therefore, natural that this area receives the much-needed further development commensurate with the needs and aspirations of the community. The current state of the fields at the Genesis Centre is extremely bad and we are looking for all levels of government to step up and take a lead on this issue.

With a view to having an all round development of human beings, Sri Guru Ravidass Society strongly feel that there is an urgent need to have a permanent outdoor turf field at the Genesis Centre. The envisaged project may include provision of pathways, playgrounds and other spaces. We are of the considered opinion that this would enhance our community profile and go a long way to benefit our sports, recreational and cultural activities in a meaningful way. An outdoor artificial turf field would allow the community to participate in outdoor field sports without worrying about the impact of weather, as well as allowing them to play, train, and participate in outdoor field sports within their own community. Additionally, provision of permanent outdoor turf field would also address some of the parking issues felt by our community during large community events and celebrations while allowing for more outdoor activities such as basketball, street hockey, and tennis. Finally, area enhancements such as playgrounds, outdoor social spaces, community gardens and naturalized areas would inspire our community to enjoy these outdoor spaces and activities in their own backyard.

As responsible residents of Calgary, we fully understand that the proposed project will require some capital expenditures from the Genesis Centre, the City of Calgary and the Province of Alberta. However, this type of investment is crucial to the health of taxpaying citizens and would integrate our community members to have a more vibrant experience, be it social or recreational. Needless to say that a project which seeks to put up a permanent outdoor turf field will not only address the sports, recreational and cultural needs of the communities but will also immensely contribute in providing a long-term benefit to the community when costs of the project are measured against the net advantages to the residents in all walks of their lives.

Please feel free to contact me at 403 616 4881, if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



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Dated: October 13th 2018

RE: Outdoor Artificial Turf field, Genesis Centre,NE

To Whom It May Concern

We the organizers of **Calgary Bengal Tigers Sc**, started our community soccer club with a vision to enhance younger kids physical activities for their betterment of their future life. Sports are a big part of life, and we wanted to volunteer and help low-income families with the help of Kid Sports and the community members. Although Genesis Centre Soccer fields are a big advantage for our soccer community but we are in lack of good outdoor fields.

As an active **Community Association in Ward 5**, we feel that sports and recreation should be available to all of our community members. We know there is a major shortage of adequate fields in our communities, and a project such as this would provide a net benefit to the community when considering all costs and benefits. The Genesis Centre is a hub to our community members and this seems like a natural progression of the future vision of this area.

We believe an artificial turf field, and additional playgrounds, would integrate our younger community members to have a more vibrant experience, whether it is social or recreational. An outdoor artificial turf field would allow the community to participate in outdoor field sports without worrying about the impact of weather, as well as allowing them to play, train, and participate in outdoor field sports within their own community. Finally, area enhancements such as playgrounds, outdoor social spaces, community gardens and naturalized areas would inspire our community to enjoy these outdoor spaces and activities in their own area.

As a representative of the soccer club dealing with the younger generation, virtually the future of this city would be highly benefited with this kind of investment and opportunity.
Please don't hesitate to contact us for more information about this proposal.

Best Regards,

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2018-10-12

RE: Letter of Support - Outdoor Artificial Turf Fields (Genesis Centre)

Calgary City Council -

I, Mark Langlois along with the Falconridge/Castleridge Community Association, would like to express our support for a permanent outdoor turf field. We believe this would improve our community profile and would be beneficial to our sports and recreation culture, surrounded by other things. The fields at the Genesis Centre are currently in poor conditions and we are looking for all levels of government to step up and take a lead on this issue.

The Northeast Community has been neglected of these types of spaces available to us and we feel that sports and recreation should be open to all our community members. We are aware of the major shortage of suitable fields in our communities, and a project such as this would provide a value to the community when considering all costs and benefits. Our community members use the Genesis Centre frequently and this proposal seems like a positive advancement for the future of this area.

We have confidence that an artificial turf field, would incorporate our community members to have a more vibrant experience, whether it is social or recreational. An outdoor artificial turf field would allow the community to take part in outdoor field sports without worrying about the impact of weather, as well as allowing them to play, train, and participate in outdoor field sports within their own community. A play lot could allow for more outdoor activities, such as basketball, and street hockey. These sports normally do not take place in our community due to a lack of outdoor space. Lastly, area developments such as playgrounds, outdoor social spaces, community gardens and naturalized areas would motivate our community to enjoy these outdoor spaces and activities in their own backyard.

Our Community Association offers our full support for this project. We understand this will require some capital dollars from the Genesis Centre, the City of Calgary, and the Province of Alberta. As tax paying citizens, we believe this type of investment is essential to our community. Sports and recreation are such a fundamental way of life in the Northeast, and with the growth in our neighbourhoods this just seems like a communal thing to pursue.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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October 10, 2018

Outdoor Artificial Turf Fields - Genesis Centre

To Whom it May Concern,

On behalf of the Gobind Marg Charitable Trust Foundation, I would like to signify our support for a permanent outdoor artificial turf field at the Genesis Centre.

Gobind Marg Charitable Trust Foundation is serving the community from last 7 years. Our organization is running a Worship place in which we serve the free food seven days a week. Also, we are serving through Gobind Sarvar School KG- Grade 7 located in ward 5.

The Northeast of Calgary has been neglected in terms of these types of spaces available to us, and we think this would enhance our community profile and would be a huge benefit to our School moving forward.

As the President of Gobind Marg Charitable Trust Foundation, we feel it would be prudent for all levels of government to step up and support the sports and recreation scene in the Northeast. Our School Students could use artificial turf fields for many months of the year and we would be more than happy to sign up to use these fields moving forward. Currently, we don't have access to quality turf fields in the Northeast and this has a negative effect on recruitment of athletes and the ability to put a good quality product on the field.

Artificial turf fields would provide great benefits compared to the current fields available at the Genesis Centre. The Genesis Centre is a key hub in the Northeast, and there isn't a better place to install these turf fields than this central hub.

With the right leadership and community support, we feel this project will be realized. I can't state enough that we have a huge shortage of recreation opportunities in the Northeast and Ward 5. Sports and recreation bring people together, and with the diversity that you see in our neighbourhoods, this type of venture would truly be a huge plus in terms of community building.

Please reach out to our organization if you have any further questions.

Best Regards,

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President

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2018-10-07

RE: Letter of Support - Outdoor Artificial Turf Fields (Genesis Centre)

To whom it may concern,,,

On behalf of the representative of the Muslim Community in Calgary, I would like to provide this letter of support for the proposed project to build an artificial turf field as a permanent outdoor turf field in Ward 05 in the Northeast quadrant of Calgary. We believe these facilities will be the great resource for the entire community to engage in outdoor activities and built stronger relations. This project and establishment will greatly enhance our community profile and would be a huge benefit to our youth to engage in sports activities. It will create a culture of physical activity and recreational sports. Genesis Centre is the central hub of our community engagement and activities; however, the current condition of the fields around it is at best dismal. We pledge all levels of government to step up efforts to make this an exceptional outdoor sports field as a prospective project.

As an active faith based Community Association with extensive membership in Ward 5, we urge the leaders and officers of the city council to invest into social or recreational experience of this community by supporting excellent soccer fields around Genesis centre. This outdoor space will provide infrastructure for several outdoor activities such as basketball, street hockey, and tennis which are severely lacking in our communities. Finally, area enhancements such as playgrounds, outdoor social spaces, community gardens and naturalized areas would inspire our community to enjoy these outdoor spaces and activities in their own backyard.

We understand these capital project requires additional budget and infrastructure dollars; however, as taxpaying citizens, we feel like this type of investment is crucial to our community moving forward

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,,,

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OUTDOOR ARTIFICIAL TURF FIELDS [GENESIS CENTRE]

Dear

INCA Senior Citizens Society is the oldest non-profit organization in the Northeast of Calgary. The Society essentially focuses its programs that seek to make a marked difference in the lives of seniors. Towards this end the Society holds regular workshops and seminars on all issues that impact the lives of seniors. A significant number of our Members have been playing an active role to arrest the problems of drug abuse in the community, arouse awareness against Elder abuse/family violence and organize socially/culturally relevant events from time to time. Our members are also closely associated with various sports clubs/societies in the area, be it soccer, volleyball, track and field, ground hockey, basketball or kabaddi. A large number of persons from the community visit the Society daily to do their documentation work relating to applications for Old Age Security, CPP Benefits, Alberta Seniors Benefits, Passports, Visa, PR Cards and EI Benefits.

The Society has a dedicated team of volunteers who devote considerable time to address a host of issues that directly impact the community and families in all walks of their lives. Our very close and intimate interaction with the residents of this area have enabled us to understand their problems, apprehensions and all that they aspire to achieve in their lives. We regularly convey their concerns to various agencies, the City, Province and elected representatives. The purpose of this letter is to highlight one such issue that has been engaging the attention of residents since long. This problem concerns the acute shortage of sports fields in this area. While the Northeast of Calgary has remained neglected in terms of sports facilities, the existing infrastructure is totally inadequate when viewed in the light of rapid growth of additional communities that have come up in this area.

The Genesis Centre, located in the Northeast Calgary, is a focal point to our community members. All members of our Association and their wards strongly feel that this area should have a permanent outdoor turf field. The existing state of sports facilities at the Genesis Centre does not lend itself to meeting the aspirations of the residents of this area, particularly those from Ward 5. Consequently, we have no choice but to look up to all levels of government to come forward and take a lead on this issue. The proposed project at the Genesis Centre may include pathways, playgrounds and other spaces. Provision of these sports facilities at the Genesis Centre would permit the community to participate in outdoor field sports without worrying about the impact of weather.

A considerable amount of time, effort and energy is being put up by the residents to drive themselves and/or their dependent children to sports facilities that are located in other parts of the City at far off places. Frequently, sports persons from this area have been experiencing breakdowns in their regular practices because of non-availability of sports facility or inability of senior family member to drive the dependent children, particularly during the winter season. The proposed project at the Genesis Centre will go a long way to allow the residents of this area to play, train, and participate in outdoor field sports within their own community. It would also take care of the parking issues experienced by our community during large community events and celebrations while allowing for more outdoor activities such as volley ball, field hockey and a host of other games. Finally, area enhancements such as playgrounds, outdoor social spaces, community gardens and naturalized areas would inspire our community to enjoy these outdoor spaces and activities in their own backyard. This will definitely augment our community profile and go a long way to benefit our sports, recreational and cultural activities in a positive manner.

We are responsible residents of Calgary and fully recognize that the proposed project will involve additional capital expenditures from the Genesis Centre, the City of Calgary and the Province of Alberta. However, this type of investment is crucial to the health of taxpaying citizens and would integrate our community members to have a more vibrant experience, be it social or recreational. Needless to say that a project which seeks to put up a permanent outdoor turf field will not only address the sports, recreational and cultural needs of the communities but will also immensely contribute in providing a long-term benefit to the community when costs of the project are measured against the net advantages to the residents in all walks of their lives.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or concerns. My email is naib.sandhu@yahoo.ca

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September 27, 2018

October 14, 2018

Outdoor Artificial Turf Fields - Genesis Centre

To Whom it May Concern,

On behalf of the **Ward 5 PSA Soccer Club**, I would like to signify our support for a permanent outdoor artificial turf field at the Genesis Centre. The Northeast of Calgary has been neglected in terms of these types of spaces available to us, and we think this would enhance our community profile and would be a huge benefit to our club team moving forward. Club teams like ours would benefit from additional recreational and green spaces in our community, as there is currently a severe shortage. We feel that all levels of government have neglected the Northeast of Calgary for long enough and we are starving for these types of opportunities moving forward.

As the President of **PSA Soccer Club in Ward 5**, we feel it would be prudent for all levels of government to step up and support the sports and recreation scene in the Northeast. Our club team could use artificial turf fields for many months of the year and we would be more than happy to sign up to use these fields moving forward. Currently, we don't have access to quality turf fields in the Northeast and this has a negative effect on recruitment of athletes and the ability to put a good quality product on the field.

Artificial turf fields would provide great benefits compared to the current fields available at the Genesis Centre. The random weather patterns would be immaterial with the proposed turf fields and this would allow us to utilize these fields throughout many months of the year, regardless of the weather. This is vital to recruiting the right teammates and coaches, and would be a huge benefit to our program moving forward. The Genesis Centre is a key hub in the Northeast, and there isn't a better place to install these turf fields than this central hub.

With the right leadership and community support, we feel this project will be realized. I can't state enough that we have a huge shortage of recreation opportunities in the Northeast and Ward 5. Sports and recreation bring people together, and with the diversity that you see in our neighbourhoods, this type of venture would truly be a huge plus in terms of community building.

Please reach out to our organization if you have any further questions.

Best Regards,

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Dear

All Friends Sports Club has a dedicated team of volleyball players. Most of our players do manual hard work during the day and play volleyball in the evenings and on weekends to keep themselves physically fit, energetic and remain active in their lives. We have teams for boys, adults and seniors. We regularly hold volleyball tournaments where teams from Edmonton, Surrey, Abbotsford and United States take part. One such tournament was held as recently as 6th and 7th of October 2018.

I am writing this letter to bring up the shortage of sports fields in our neighborhood and seek the help of government at all levels, be it municipal or provincial. In the absence of adequate sports facilities in the Northeast Calgary, we are unable to have our practices on a regular and continuous basis. Many times, we are prevented from engaging ourselves in regular practice as our young boys and girls need rides to reach their sports facilities which are located in other parts of the City at far off places. Many of our parents cannot drive and a few who can are afraid of doing so in the winter. We strongly feel that there is an urgent need that these facilities become available to the community relatively closer to their places of residence.

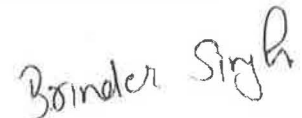
The Genesis Centre, located in the Northeast Calgary, is a focal point to our community members. All members of our Association and their wards consider that this area should have a permanent outdoor turf field. The existing state of sports facilities at the Genesis Centre does not lend itself to meet the aspirations of the residents of this area, particularly Ward 5. Consequently, we have no choice but to look up to all levels of government to come forward and take a lead on this issue.

The proposed project at the Genesis Centre may include pathways, playgrounds and other spaces. This will definitely augment our community profile and go a long way to benefit our sports, recreational and cultural activities in a positive manner. Provision of an artificial turf field at the Genesis Centre would allow the community to participate in outdoor field sports without worrying about the impact of weather, as well as allowing them to play, train, and participate in outdoor field sports within their own community. It would also take care of the parking issues experienced by our community during large community events and celebrations while allowing for more outdoor activities such as volley ball, field hockey and a host of other games. Finally, area enhancements such as playgrounds, outdoor social spaces, community gardens and naturalized areas would inspire our community to enjoy these outdoor spaces and activities in their own backyard.

We are responsible residents of Calgary and fully recognize that the proposed project will involve capital expenditures from the Genesis Centre, the City of Calgary and the Province of Alberta. However, this type of venture is vital for the taxpaying citizens. All members of the Indo-Canadian Athletic Association stick together to extend our full support for a permanent outdoor turf field at the Genesis Centre. This would integrate our community members to have a more vibrant experience in all walks of their lives.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or concerns. My email is: kooner7@hotmail.com

Sincerely,



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October 10, 2018

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October 12, 2018

Outdoor Artificial Turf Fields (Genesis Centre)

Dear

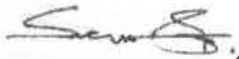
Indo-Canadian Community Association is located in the Northeast segment of Calgary. All our members have been regularly interacting with the residents of Ward 5 to understand their needs, problems and aspirations. The most important issue that repeatedly came up during these discussions was that there is an acute shortage of sports fields in our communities. The Northeast of Calgary has remained neglected in terms of such spaces. It is, therefore, very important that these facilities become available to the community as quickly as possible. I, therefore, on behalf of all members of our Society, would like to bring up the scarcity of playgrounds, pathways and other spaces in Ward 5 and request immediate action to address this problem.

The Genesis Centre is a nucleus to the residents of Ward 5. Its further development is absolutely necessary corresponding with the needs and aspirations of its residents. The current state of the fields at the Genesis Centre is extremely bad and we are looking for all levels of government to step up and take a lead on this issue.

All members of Indo-Canadian Community Association joining me in support of a permanent outdoor turf field at the Genesis Centre. The envisaged project may include provision of pathways, playgrounds and other spaces. This would not only give a boost to our community profile but also encourage our sports, recreational and cultural activities in a significant way. An outdoor artificial turf field would allow the community to participate in outdoor field sports without worrying about the impact of weather. Additionally, provision of permanent outdoor turf field would also address some of the parking issues felt by our community during large community events and celebrations while allowing for more outdoor activities such as basketball, field hockey, soccer, volleyball and tennis. Finally, area enhancements by way of additional playgrounds, outdoor social spaces and community gardens would motivate our community to enjoy these outdoor spaces and activities in their own backyard.

As responsible residents of Calgary, we fully understand that the proposed project will require additional capital expenditures from the Genesis Centre, the City of Calgary and the Province of Alberta. However, this type of investment, which seeks to have a more vibrant social and recreational experience, is crucial to the health of taxpaying citizens. Needless to say that this project will not only address the sports, recreational and cultural needs but will also immensely contribute in providing a long-term benefit to the community when costs of the project are measured against the net advantages to the residents in all walks of their lives.

Sincerely,



President
Indo-Canadian Community Association Calgary



11-OCT-2018

RE: Letter of Support - Outdoor Artificial Turf Fields (Genesis Centre)

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Martindale Community Association, we would like to signify our support for a permanent outdoor turf field, which may include pathways, playgrounds, and other spaces. The Northeast quadrant of Calgary has been neglected in terms of these types of spaces available to us, and we think this would enhance our community profile and would be a huge benefit to our sports and recreation culture, amongst other things. The current state of the fields at the Genesis Centre is abysmal at best and we are looking for all levels of government to step up and take a lead on this issue.

As an active Community Association in Ward 5, we feel that sports and recreation should be available to all of our community members. We know there is a major shortage of adequate fields in our communities, and a project such as this would provide a net benefit to the community when considering all costs and benefits. The Genesis Centre is a hub to our community members and this seems like a natural progression of the future vision of this area.

We believe an artificial turf field, coupled with area enhancements such as social gathering spaces and additional playgrounds, would integrate our community members to have a more vibrant experience, whether it is social or recreational. An outdoor artificial turf field would allow the community to participate in outdoor field sports without worrying about the impact of weather, as well as allowing them to play, train, and participate in outdoor field sports within their own community. A play lot could not only help solve some of the parking issues felt by our community during large community events and celebrations, but allow for more outdoor activities such as basketball, street hockey, and tennis which normally do not take place in our community due to a lack of outdoor space. Finally, area enhancements such as playgrounds, outdoor social spaces, community gardens and naturalized areas would inspire our community to enjoy these outdoor spaces and activities in their own backyard.

This is the type of project that our Community Association would like to champion and support moving forward. We understand this will require some capital dollars from the Genesis Centre, the City of Calgary, and the Province of Alberta, but as taxpaying citizens, we feel that this type of investment is crucial to our community moving forward. Sports and recreation is an integral way of life in the Northeast, and with the growth in our neighbourhoods, this seems like the perfect thing to pursue.

Please feel free to contact our association if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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GLOBAL PRAVASI SENIORS SOCIETY

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Outdoor Artificial Turf Fields (Genesis Centre)

Dear

On behalf of the **Global Pravasi Seniors Society**, I would like to bring up the scarcity of playgrounds, pathways and other spaces in Ward 5. Our regular and constant interaction with the residents of Ward 5 has revealed that there is a major shortage of sports fields in our communities. The Northeast of Calgary has remained neglected in terms of such spaces. It is, therefore, very important that these facilities become available to the community as quickly as possible.

The City of Calgary is well aware that the Genesis Centre is a hub to our community members. It is, therefore, natural that this area receives the much-needed further development commensurate with the needs and aspirations of the community. The current state of the fields at the Genesis Centre is extremely bad and we are looking for all levels of government to step up and take a lead on this issue.

All members of the **Global Pravasi Seniors Society** join me to extend our full support for a **permanent outdoor turf field** at the Genesis Centre. The envisaged project may include provision of pathways, playgrounds and other spaces. We are of the considered opinion that this would enhance our community profile and go a long way to benefit our sports, recreational and cultural activities in a meaningful way. An outdoor artificial turf field would allow the community to participate in outdoor field sports without worrying about the impact of weather, as well as allowing them to play, train, and participate in outdoor field sports within their own community. Additionally, provision of **permanent outdoor turf field** would also address some of the parking issues felt by our community during large community events and celebrations while allowing for more outdoor activities such as basketball, street hockey, and tennis. Finally, area enhancements such as playgrounds, outdoor social spaces, community gardens and naturalized areas would inspire our community to enjoy these outdoor spaces and activities in their own backyard.

As responsible residents of Calgary, we fully understand that the proposed project will require some capital expenditures from the Genesis Centre, the City of Calgary and the Province of Alberta. However, this type of investment is crucial to the health of taxpaying citizens and would integrate our community members to have a more vibrant experience, be it social or recreational. Needless to say that a **project** which seeks to put up a **permanent outdoor turf field** will not only address the sports, recreational and cultural needs of the communities but will also immensely contribute in providing a long-term benefit to the community when costs of the project are measured against the net advantages to the residents in all walks of their lives.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or concerns. My email address is satkaushal@gmail.com

Sincerely,



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Dated October 03, 2018

F.O.C.U.S. *on seniors*

Friendships. Opportunities. Community Involvement. Unity. Synergy

Re: Outdoor Artificial Turf Fields at Genesis Centre

To whom it may concern:

F.O.C.U.S on Seniors is an active Community Group in Ward 5 supporting older adults and seniors in areas of social, educational, recreational and cross cultural activities.

Social gathering spaces and especially outdoor spaces are much needed around the Genesis centre to promote more participation and engagement in our communities. Artificial turf and multi-purpose spaces, which can be converted to suit the season and weather would be very welcomed by many in our community of N.E. This would offer seniors an opportunity to access outdoor walking paths, shaded or covered amphitheatres for summertime cultural celebrations which can be converted to snow castle building and winter sports during winters. Opportunities to create community gardens would be an additional treat.

Outdoor turf areas would attract multi generations to come together to enjoy many outdoor sports and recreational creativity. We believe enhancement around the Genesis centre would enhance the esthetiques of our community living. We strongly urge you to consider this undertaking of the project to enhance our Ward 5 and increase community wellness.

With best wishes



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October 7, 2018

Outdoor Artificial Turf Fields - Genesis Centre

To Whom it May Concern,

On behalf of Alberta Field Hockey Association, I would like to signify our support for a permanent outdoor artificial turf field at the Genesis Centre. The Northeast of Calgary has been neglected in terms of these types of spaces available to us, and we think this would enhance our community profile and would be a huge benefit to our club team moving forward. Club teams like ours would benefit from additional recreational and green spaces in our community, as there is currently a severe shortage. We feel that all levels of government have neglected the Northeast of Calgary for long enough and we are starving for these types of opportunities moving forward.

As the President of Alberta Field Hockey Association, we feel it would be prudent for all levels of government to step up and support the sports and recreation scene in the Northeast. Our club team could use artificial turf fields for many months of the year and we would be more than happy to sign up to use these fields moving forward. Currently, we don't have access to quality turf fields in the Northeast and this has a negative effect on recruitment of athletes and the ability to put a good quality product on the field.

Artificial turf fields would provide great benefits compared to the current fields available at the Genesis Centre. The random weather patterns would be immaterial with the proposed turf fields and this would allow us to utilize these fields throughout many months of the year, regardless of the weather. This is vital to recruiting the right teammates and coaches, and would be a huge benefit to our program moving forward. The Genesis Centre is a key hub in the Northeast, and there isn't a better place to install these turf fields than this central hub.

With the right leadership and community support, we feel this project will be realized. I can't state enough that we have a huge shortage of recreation opportunities in the Northeast and Ward 5. Sports and recreation bring people together, and with the diversity that you see in our neighbourhoods, this type of venture would truly be a huge plus in terms of community building.

Please reach out to our organization if you have any further questions.

Best Regards,

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October 11th, 2018

Letter of support - Outdoor Artificial Turf Fields - Genesis Centre

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing a letter of support on behalf of the Taradale Community Association. Our board had the opportunity this week at our monthly TCA meeting to discuss and vote for our support for a permanent outdoor artificial turf field at the Genesis Centre. We feel that Calgary NE may have been overlooked in terms of these long-term multi-use spaces available to us. The reality is that residents of the NE have to drive across the city to participate in year-round outdoor field sports. Our Community association embraces the vision to have year-round outdoor fields as an epicenter where teams of all ages, train, play and participate within their own community. Our TCA board discussed how an artificial turf field, along with area enhancements such as social gathering spaces and additional playgrounds would allow our community members to have an integrated vibrant experience both social and recreational. We discussed the importance and the vision of a healthy multi-generational community able to have continued connection without worrying about the state of our current fields falling apart because of dependence on weather conditions.

Our Association members and board directors discussed how a play lot could bring further benefits such as: solve parking issues during large community events, but also allow for more outdoor activities such as basketball, or even tennis which currently are not taking place outdoors due to a lack of outdoor spaces. We fully support a vision for the NE to utilize our own spaces to play, gather, connect, celebrate and participate in a long-term outdoor spaces such as this proposed artificial turf.

This is the type of vision and project that our CA would like to champion and stand behind moving forward. We understand that this will require The Genesis centre, the city of Calgary and the Province of Alberta to participate in the total cost of the expense that comes with investing in this kind of healthy, active, citizen and community centred project. As we watch the NE continue to grow it is exciting to be able to endorse and advocate for this Sports and Recreation community centred proposal.

Please reach out to the Taradale Community Association if you have any further questions.

Sincerely

Harwinder Kang,

President of Taradale Community Association

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INDO-CANADIAN ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Dear

Ever since its establishment, Indo-Canadian Athletic Association has been promoting physical fitness among residents of the City of Calgary through multiple track and field events like running, jumping, throwing etc. It has structured its programs in a manner which stimulate participation by persons of all age groups, be these children, young *boys/girls, men/women and senior citizens of Alberta.*

This Athletic Association is affiliated with Alberta Athletics and our last three annual track and field events have been held in association with Calgary Track Council where athletes from all over Alberta have been participating. We, however, have been experiencing considerable difficulties to provide regular and continuous practice to our athletes due to shortage of adequate sports fields in the Northeast Calgary. Our problems get further multiplied in winter as most of the indoor track and field facilities are located in other parts of the City. Our limited budget does not permit us to pay for rentals as operations of the Association are dependent on donations from sports-loving business houses and individuals. Added to this is the inability of our seniors to drive to far off sports facilities in the City as in many cases participating children are dependents on their grandparents for rides to and from sports arena. We strongly feel that there is an urgent need that these facilities become available to the community relatively closer to their places of residence.

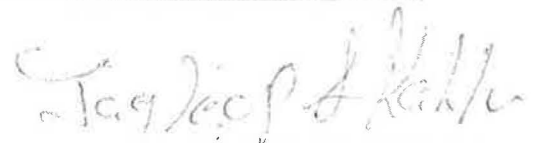
The Genesis Centre, located in the Northeast Calgary, is a focal point to our community members. All members of our Association, participating athletes and their wards consider that this area should have a permanent outdoor turf field. In its present form, track and field sports facilities at the Genesis Centre do not meet the aspirations of the community. Such a state of affairs has forced us to explore all levels of government to come forward and take a lead on this issue.

The proposed project at the Genesis Centre may include pathways, playgrounds and other spaces. This will definitely augment our community profile and go a long way to benefit our sports, recreational and cultural activities in a positive manner. Provision of an artificial turf field at the Genesis Centre would allow the community to participate in outdoor field sports without worrying about the impact of weather, as well as allowing them to play, train, and participate in outdoor field sports within their own community. It would also take care of the parking issues experienced by our community during large community events and celebrations while allowing for more outdoor activities such as volley ball, field hockey and a host of other games. Finally, area enhancements such as playgrounds, outdoor social spaces, community gardens and naturalized areas would inspire our community to enjoy these outdoor spaces and activities in their own backyard.

We are responsible residents of Calgary and fully recognize that the proposed project will involve capital expenditures from the Genesis Centre, the City of Calgary and the Province of Alberta. However, this type of venture is vital for the taxpaying citizens. All members of the Indo-Canadian Athletic Association stick together to extend our full support for a permanent outdoor turf field at the Genesis Centre. This would integrate our community members to have a more vibrant experience in all walks of their lives.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or concerns. My email is: jagroopkahlon@shaw.ca

Sincerely,



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September 01, 2018

2018-10-07

RE: Letter of Support - Outdoor Artificial Turf Fields (Genesis Centre)

To whom it may concern -

On behalf of the **Ward 5 Community Association**, I would like to signify our support for a permanent outdoor turf field, which may include pathways, playgrounds, and other spaces. The Northeast of Calgary has been neglected in terms of these types of spaces available to us, and we think this would enhance our community profile and would be a huge benefit to our sports and recreation culture amongst other things. The current state of the fields at the Genesis Centre is also abysmal at best and we are looking for all levels of government to step up and take a lead on this issue.

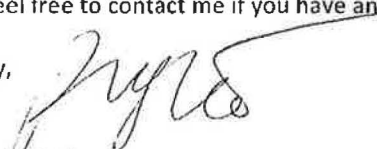
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This is the type of project that our Community Association would like to champion and support moving forward. We understand this will require some capital dollars from the Genesis Centre, the City of Calgary, and the Province of Alberta. As taxpaying citizens, we feel like this type of investment is crucial to our community moving forward. Sports and recreation is such a integral way of life in the Northeast, and with the growth in our neighbourhoods this just seems like a common sense thing to pursue.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



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RE: Letter of Support - Outdoor Artificial Turf Fields (Genesis Centre)

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As an active Community Association in Ward 5, NMCS feels that sports and recreation should be available to all of our community members. We know there is a major shortage of adequate fields in our communities, and a project such as this would provide a net benefit to the community when considering all costs and benefits. The Genesis Centre is a hub to our community members and this seems like a natural progression of the future vision of this area.

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Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Kind regards,

Tariq Hussain
President, NMCS