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### **Rotary Community Fieldhouse construction at Robron Park**

Construction of the Rotary Community Fieldhouse at Robron Park has begun.

The new community facility will be 4,500 square feet and include equipment storage, an 87-person multipurpose room with kitchen and deck as well as change rooms and washrooms. The building is equipped with a lift for accessibility.

*“Along with being a great new amenity for local recreation, the new field house will open up opportunities for sports groups to host tournaments, and bring more visitors to our community,” says Mayor Andy Adams. “This project was originally championed by the Campbell River Youth Soccer Association, and thanks to their fundraising drive, a significant portion of the cost to construct the field house has been donated. Council extends sincere appreciation for the partnership between the association and the City, and for all the donations that will bring a new facility to the park for sports teams and other recreational use.”*

Along with nearly 300 community donors, major donations (in cash or in-kind) came from: Cermaq, Ketz Pacific, Seymour Pacific, Rotary Club of Campbell River and Western Forest Products. Significant donations also came from: Econobox, Interfor and MOWI.

The City of Campbell River has budgeted \$1.2 million for project construction. Approximately \$650,000 has been raised through direct donations and from a fundraising campaign led by Campbell River Youth Soccer (CRYSA).

Once the facility is built, the City and CRYSA will sign a 15-year agreement outlining the association’s use of the building.

*“Robron Park is heavily used by a number of sporting groups, with players of all ages. These include youth soccer, masters soccer, women’s soccer, youth rugby, field lacrosse, tennis and football players. The addition of the new field house will be a welcome facility for all of us,” says Alex Bates, who’s representing CRYSA on the building committee. “A huge thank-you to the City for recognizing the value of their investment, and to our donors for making this a reality!”*

Other sports teams and recreation groups will be able to book the facility through online field booking via the City website or by calling the Sportsplex at 250-923-7911.

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