ADDENDUM
REGULAR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

Monday, March 12, 2018, 4:30 P.M.
SHAW AUDITORIUM, VANCOUVER ISLAND CONFERENCE CENTRE
80 COMMERCIAL STREET, NANAIMO, BC

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13. DELEGATIONS (not related to a Report to Council):

a. Don Hubbard to provide Council with an introduction and purpose of the new Nanaimo Serauxman Stadium Board of Directors in partnership with the City of Nanaimo.

1. *Add - Correspondence from Nanaimo Minor Baseball Association, dated 2018-MAR-08* — *2 - 3*

Nanaimo Minor Baseball Association has partnered with the newly formed Serauxmen Stadium Amateur Baseball Association (SSADA) to operate and improve Serauxmen Stadium in partnership with the City of Nanaimo

March 8, 2018

City of Nanaimo
455 Wallace Street,
Nanaimo, BC V9R 5J6

Attention: Mayor Mackay and Councilors.

Dear Mayor and Council

Thank you again for securing the Serauxman Stadium and allowing us this opportunity. We are writing to confirm the formation of the Serauxmen Stadium Amateur Baseball Association (SSADA) in cooperation with the stadium's user groups and volunteers. The goal of the new Association is to develop plans in a partnership with the City of Nanaimo's Parks and Recreation department for the operation and improvements of the facilities at the Stadium. This new relationship transfers the operational responsibility of the Stadium from Nanaimo Minor Baseball to SSADA and the City.

Minor Baseball in Nanaimo has a long, rich history of providing a sport where kids and young adults can dream of opportunities that can shape their lives forever.
Within the Nanaimo Baseball system, there are teams and programs that offer something for everyone. These programs are designed for ages ranging from 5 to 65. The success stories are endless. Nanaimo Baseball has seen these young kids blossom into outstanding adults, in every way shape and form. Every level of baseball has been achieved by players from Nanaimo, Provincial Teams, Junior National, Senior National, Olympic Team, Junior College, NCAA, Minor League Professional, and one player who made it to the Big Leagues.
It's always special when a baseball player can fulfill his dream of making his living playing a game. But the true measure of success is watching the number of kids grow into successful adults. These are individuals who enrich our community, with many now giving back as coaches and volunteers.
There are former Nanaimo baseball players who are Doctors, Lawyers, Pharmacists, Engineers, Council Members, Firefighters, Police Officers, Executives', Business Owners etc., etc.

The Minor Baseball Organization has helped dozens and dozens of its players receive College and University scholarships. In many cases, kids who otherwise would never be able to attend Post Secondary, come away with degrees because baseball provided the opportunity.
Serauxmen Stadium was a source of pride for those in our organization. At one time, the Stadium was one of the jewels of the Province. The youngest players in our system viewed the Stadium as the ultimate prize. Dreaming that one day they too may be lucky enough to play there, and earn a baseball scholarship or make it to the big leagues. It was the ultimate incentive to keep them in the game. Unfortunately, this ballpark is showing its age, and has fallen into disrepair. According to Engineers and Architects the "bones" of the Stadium are still sound and viable, but a serious upgrade is desperately needed.
Investing in this ballpark means a big economic potential for the City. With upgrades, the sky is the limit when it comes to more kids playing, more out of town teams, hosting major tournaments, attracting a high level user, etc. But more importantly the youth of Nanaimo can once again see this Stadium as an inspiration for what is possible. Keeping our kids active and engaged in something positive is more important than ever. The new Serauxmen Stadium Amateur Baseball Association is working with the City of Nanaimo Staff to develop an improvement plan and budget to meet this goal.

Yours Truly

Serauxmen Stadium Amateur Baseball Association

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CC: Tracy Samra, Chief Administrative Officer, Richard Harding, Manager of Parks, Recreation and Environment