

**COMMUNITY MEETING
TO CONSIDER
A PROPOSAL TO UPGRADE THE MEMORIAL PARK FIELD**

The City of Toronto and the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) have been approached to consider a proposal by a community group to upgrade the football field at Memorial Park, located adjacent to North Preparatory Junior Public School. The football field is utilized by Forest Hill Collegiate Institute and North Preparatory Junior Public School during the school day, and is permitted by The City of Toronto after school hours and on weekends. The Toronto District School Board owns the property, and the City of Toronto maintains it and is responsible for after hours permitting for community use.

The North Toronto Soccer Club (NTSC) provides soccer programs for young people aged 4 to 18 and last year 1380 of its members played at Memorial Park. The NTSC has proposed to pay for an artificial turf field surface with a seasonal air structure cover (bubble) covering part of the field for the winter season. The upgraded field and bubble would be available to the schools for use during the school days. After 6 p.m. on school days, and on weekends and holidays, the field would be available to the local community and the NTSC.

The proposal includes replacing the existing field with a new turf surface on the field and end zones. The air structure (bubble) would be located at the east end of the field with a playing surface of 100 feet by 200 feet. It would be heated and would allow for the expanded winter use of this portion of the field from mid-November to mid-April each year. If artificial turf were installed on the outdoor field, this would allow for expanded access through and including April and November each year. There is the possibility of use throughout the winter months if this portion of the field is expanded, but this is totally dependent on snowfall and weather.

This proposal presents a worthwhile opportunity for expanded use of the field for physical education instructional programs and co-curricular athletics programs. It also provides additional time for community use of the field.

In order to ascertain community interest in this proposal, the City and the Board have arranged for a community meeting to explain the details of the proposal and to invite community input. This is an exciting opportunity for our community and our students and we encourage you to attend the upcoming meeting.

**Tuesday May 27, 2008
7:00 pm
Forest Hill Collegiate Institute
Auditorium**

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