



# BUILDING OUR Field of Dreams

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“ ONE PLEDGE AT A TIME ”

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## Field of Dreams Committee

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The **Field of Dreams** initiative is a joint development effort between the Town of Cochrane, the Calgary Catholic School District, and St. Timothy, to develop quality athletic fields behind our school.

At completion, St. Timothy students will benefit through expanded school programming in curricular, intramural, and inter-school sporting activities. The Town of Cochrane will also benefit, as these field facilities will become available to community club programs through a proposed joint use agreement.

Work continues on our Field of Dreams campaign to develop the athletic fields behind St. Timothy. We are pleased to provide this communiqué to bring you up to date with our progress thus far.

To re-cap our financial position, funds committed to date are:

Town of Cochrane	\$ 75,000
Calgary Catholic School District	\$ 75,000
Ranch Lands Recreation Board, MD of Rockyview	\$ 7,500
Community of St. Timothy, fundraising & donations	\$ 17,730

We are working towards securing an additional \$150,000 through provincial grant programs and must recognize the ongoing effort of Paula Elock in researching and preparing our grant applications.

As we closed the 07-08 school year in June, the tendering process had begun in search of contractors to build our Field of Dreams. The scope of the project was defined as the development of both our soccer and football fields; grading and levelling the field, irrigation system installation and a natural sod playing surface.

Initial tender responses were almost 60% higher than the budgetary numbers we had been working with to that point. However, we are happy to report that continued tendering efforts and negotiations, in large part due to the relentless efforts of James Rendell, Director of Maintenance for the CSSD, did result with contracts being awarded to local contractors Harvest Rain (supply and installation of irrigation system for both fields) and Great Garden Revival (excavation, grading, levelling and sod for the soccer field).

Our project will now proceed in two phases. Phase I of development will include installation of the irrigation system to both the soccer and football fields, and completion of the excavation and new sod surface for the soccer field. (Phase II of development will complete the football field and is dependent upon securing the provincial grant funds.)

As you drive by the school, you will see the field has been rototilled. Over the next two weeks, a whopping 650m<sup>3</sup> of loam will be trucked in to level the field – that equates to roughly 60 to 65 truck loads!

Grading and levelling, followed by the irrigation installation and sod, and lots of water and TLC, should see our new soccer field in place before the end of October.

The Field of Dreams committee will continue work over the winter months to secure the grant funding that will be needed to complete the sod playing surface on the football field next spring.

Continued donations to the project are welcome, as items such as the score clock, bleachers, players' benches, and field house, have been identified as future enhancements.

It certainly is exciting to see everything come together after 18 months of planning, promoting, negotiating, and fundraising. Thank you for your support of the Field of Dreams to date.

A reminder that all donations received of \$25 or more are eligible for a tax receipt from the CSSD, as we strive to build our Field of Dreams, one pledge at a time.