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# Topaz Park Sport Field Gets Funding Boost

VICTORIA, BC — The City of Victoria is receiving \$2.4 million in provincial and federal funding to help with the cost of replacing the turf sport field in Topaz Park.

“We’re grateful for this generous funding to improve the most actively used sport field in our park system,” said Mayor Lisa Helps. “This investment in recreation and sport will create positive health outcomes, build community, and contributes enormously to Victoria’s vibrancy and vitality.”

The joint federal and provincial funding through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – Community, Culture and Recreation stream provides over \$1.45 million from the provincial government and approximately \$941,000 from the federal government. The City is investing nearly \$8 million to replace and expand the artificial turf sport field and construct new skateboard and bike facilities at Topaz Park as part of the long-term renewal plan for the park.

“I am very pleased the Province is contributing over \$1.45 million to the City of Victoria for a much needed replacement of the turf sport field in Topaz Park,” said Rob Fleming, Minister of Transportation and MLA for Victoria-Swan Lake. “This is a huge win for the local sports organizations who make full use of Topaz Park. When we work in partnership, we can make a difference for communities and I am grateful for the contributions of our federal and municipal government alongside the province’s investment.”

The sport field project will upgrade the current facility by including a full-size artificial turf soccer pitch, youth-sized multi-purpose field, softball diamond and spectator seating.

Construction on the sport field will begin this spring and the field is scheduled to open this fall. Designs can be viewed at [engage.victoria.ca](https://engage.victoria.ca).

The next phase of improvements to Topaz Park planned for 2023 will include new pickleball courts, ball diamond upgrades and an improved dog off-leash area.