

As part of the 2018 Civic Elections, Poco Soccer wanted to ensure our voice was heard as we continue to pursue a third turf field. A “sports friendly” council is needed to achieve this goal. We asked 7 questions of all candidates for Mayor and Council. Most have responded and their answers are below. We urge you to Vote on October 20 for a council that will us achieve our goals of “Growing our Game”

\* indicated incumbent councillors

Responses were not received from the following Candidates:

Mayor: Patrick Alambets, Eric Hirvonen & Robin Smith

Council: David Blaber, Erhan Demirkaya, Michael Forrest\* & Dean Washington\*

**Q1 - In your opinion, what role does sport play in our Poco Community?**

<b>Mayor:</b>	
Brad West	I believe sports are foundational to our community. I grew up playing hockey, soccer and baseball in our community and the lessons I learned during that time have played a significant role in shaping the type of person I am today so I know firsthand how sports play a positive role in the physical, emotional and social development of all people, especially young people.
<b>Council:</b>	
Dawn Becker	Sport is an important facet of a community as sports promotes teamwork, activity and participation, understanding, among many other positives.
Steve Darling	I believe sports plays a major roll in helping to bring a community together. Sports, Arts and other community based programs make up a very diverse community. It is good for all Poco residents to have different influences.
Robert Delagiroday	Sports in PoCo help provide our youth some very valuable life skills - teamwork, collaboration, socializing, and the concept of working toward a goal greater than oneself. Sports also bring families and friends together, and create new friendships.
Vince Donnelly	Sports play a massive role in a child/teenagers life. It teaches teamwork, commitment, hard work and social skills.
Laura Dupont*	Sports play an extremely important role in our community. Sports promote healthy, active living and social engagement. They provide opportunities for youth and contribute economic opportunities (for example when we host tournaments) and bring people into our city to show them all that we have to offer.

Shakeel Gaya	Sports in any community would play a tremendous on the healthy physical and mental development of all specially the youth .
Nancy Mccurrach	Sports plays a very significant role in our PoCo Community, including all disciplines because sports brings the PoCo community together. Sports have social and cultural impacts such as developing friendships that last a lifetime, reducing crime and anti-social behaviour. Team and individual sports are both excellent ways to improve mental health, wellness and overall physical health. The Port Coquitlam Sports Alliance has been a great asset in connecting all the groups so that there is a coordinated effort between sport clubs, city programs, policies, and the school district, but there is always room for improvement. Personally, our family has been very involved in sports for several decades in soccer, baseball, hockey and lacrosse. My daughter Katrina McCurrach has been actively involved as a Tri-City Ref assigner for hockey and lacrosse as well as a coach.
Darin Nielsen	Sports has played a tremendous role in PoCo by bringing our community together, having a social and cultural impact, and creating bonds of friendship.
Priscilla Omulo	I believe that sport is very important to many PoCo residence and with the active community of a variety of sports related programs we have been able to support our athletes to thrive in their chosen fields.
Darrell Penner*	It builds community, teaches youth and adults life skills and promotes fitness
Glenn Pollock*	Sport in Port Coquitlam brings us together as a community and is a great source of community pride. I think in Poco and in general though the affect that sport has on youth is massive. Properly coached, officiated and administered sport will increase a childs health and fitness, their confidence, personal pride, self respect and the ability to respect others...including opponents. It gives them the ability to function as part of a team that may have changing dynamics and membership. It teaches them how to take direction and stick to a schedule and above all teaches them how to work as part of a team and hopefully the ability to put team ahead of self. All of these attributes turn these kids into good people and functioning members of society.
Tommy Raguero	Sports plays a huge role in not only our community but our youths development. I'm not talking about producing the next Ronaldo, Crosby or Justin Morneau. But in the world of sports, even if you are a star in the making, you still need a great team around you. This is where you learn to work together as a team. It is where you learn that hard work pays off and if you aren't working as hard as your

	teammates, your competitors, you will start to fall behind. This is where you learn to pick up your teammates, build those relationships that turn into lifelong relationships. Sports can mold you into the type of person we need more of outside of sport.
Carolyn Stewart	It's important for family health and brings community together for healthy competition and support
Justin Traviss	Sports are extremely important in connecting a community, both by playing them and watching. For kids, sports help fosters team building skills and friendships. Without good support for sporting teams, Port Coquitlam would be lacking a vital feature that connects people.
Jami Watson	As a mother of the keeper on Mark Slater's and Ken Thomas's team, this is the question that makes me the most emotional. When a child has a passion along with incredible mentors/coaches, it plays a huge role in their success as a person. I could talk about this for hours but will strive to keep my answers short.

**Q2 - Do you think that city run sports programs are adequately funded on a per capita basis, efficiently run and serving the needs of Port Coquitlam residents first and foremost?**

<b>Mayor:</b>	
Brad West	There always competing demands for city resources, but as our city grows I believe we need to appropriately fund opportunities for our residents to be involved in sports. I believe our minor sports organizations are in the best place to provide these opportunities. They bring passion, experience and expertise to their respective sports and the city should be supporting them as leaders in those areas. I see the city's role as one of being a supportive partner and major funder of sports opportunities in Port Coquitlam.
<b>Council:</b>	
Dawn Becker	I do not have enough information, nor any comparative data, to respond to this question.
Steve Darling	I would love for the city to have unlimited funds so every worthwhile program can be enjoyed by all residents but unfortunately that doesn't happen. Tax payers are stretched to the max and finding new sources of revenue is a logical step. Having local partnerships, bulk buying and grant programs are a few good resources to keep community activities reasonably priced so that more residents are able to enjoy these activities. The organizations that I deal with directly Soccer, Hockey

	and Lacrosse do a great job with the funds they have, but with rising costs all around, new revenue sources need to be found.
Robert Delagiroday	I think that, as PoCo continues to grow, we need to constantly ensure that our investment in community sport grows with it. As an Accountant and an Economist, I would have to see the exact numbers before making a determination; however, I have always found that finding more efficient service delivery can increase the amount of useable funds without impacting the budget.
Vince Donnelly	I think they can always be better, i think the city run after school programs are run well.
Laura Dupont*	I think the city does a lot to support minor sports and sports in general, in our city. I believe City Council puts a high priority on the needs of the sports community when they build our city and I think Port Coquitlam does a pretty good job of funding sports programs and facilities. Our \$132 million Community Recreation Centre is a good example of the commitment of the city. I think we could always do more but I think we do a good job making sports a priority.
Shakeel Gaya	I am not sure what the current funding levels are so cannot comment
Nancy Mcurrach	City run sports can always use more funding. The programs would need to be reviewed yearly to prioritize where improvements can be made. In regards to being efficiently run I have heard on the doorstep some citizen's saying that their sports groups are not getting equal treatment for times and fields and this needs to be reviewed more closely. I also heard that the softball association would like a better storage centre for equipment and issues with assignment of what division gets what time and field preference. I have heard other residents on the doorsteps say that we need a covered lacrosse box, and a better track for outdoor sports. I have heard from residents around the Hyde Creek swimming pool that PoCo residents are not getting the programs they are looking for because the Coquitlam people are displacing them (for example; enrolling in swimming lessons for their children). I have also heard from those that do martial arts that they would like to see more mirrored rooms in satellite smaller gyms. People have also expressed an interest in outdoor licensing for sports events that draw large crowds. Kidsport has been invaluable non-profit group that has assisted families that can't afford registration costs. I have been a volunteer for several years now at these bi-annual events. I work in the telecommunications industry in the Loyalty and Retention department where I constantly work on complicated situations and for the most of it turn them into positive solutions. I

	<p>have a good mind for critical thinking. There is definitely room for improvements as our community continues to grow in size</p>
Darin Nielsen	<p>I have not looked into the details on the per capita basis, thus I cannot provide an educated answer. I would be interested in comparing the funding on a per capita basis with other cities to see how we rate. If there is a substantial difference to the negative, then I would be prepared to address that issue to see how our community could benefit from increased funding.</p>
Priscilla Omulo	<p>I have heard many positive experiences from residence that the city is supportive of sports programs. Of course with growing families and residence interest there is always more to be done to show their support effectively financially.</p>
Darrell Penner*	<p>I supported the idea and the funding of the Port Coquitlam Sports Alliance. I believe that this is the organization that would be best to advise council as to what sport are or are not adequately funded</p>
Glenn Pollock*	<p>I do believe the City runs sports programs are properly funded when looking at the big picture of the whole City budget. When I first ran for Council in 2008 Greg Moore was running for Mayor and part of his platform was to eliminate user fees. I supported that proposal but, when we both were elected and took office we found it was just going to be to big a hit on the budget and wasn't feasible. Having said that though, I do believe we can work towards increasing our infrastructure specifically building a third synthetic field. If I'm fortunate enough to get elected to a fourth term, this will be top of the list to get done. I was the catalyst on Council that got the second synthetic built and was actually part of the committee, along with the Poco Soccer president of the day Dennis MacDonald, that got the first synthetic built...so I think my record speaks for itself.</p>
Tommy Raguero	<p>I do not know how clubs/organizations are currently funded, that said, I do feel we have what we need for our organizations to be great. I will use PoCo Minor baseball as my example of where I feel where we are falling short. I know we lose a good amount of PoCo kids to Coquitlam LL. I am told PoCo has about 300 kids and Coquitlam has 800 and 25-30% of the registrants are PoCo kids (please correct me if I'm wrong in the stats) Either way, there is a reason why this is happening. We need to figure out the why and retain our kids. Is it the fact PoCo is BC Minor and Coquitlam is Little League? Is it due to how each organization is run? These things need to be discussed and some change is needed in order to make some shifts.</p>

Carolyn Stewart	Unfortunately, I'm not aware of the current funding. What I do believe is Poco residents should be given priority access to programs offered by the city. My children have participated in various activities, and we have always enjoyed how they've been led.
Justin Traviss	There can always be improvements to the programs needed to run sporting events, though there must be a balance between this infrastructure and available funds. Port Coquitlam does an adequate job at funding their sporting teams and events, with a focus on serving the needs of the residents.
Jami Watson	I don't know the answers to this. It is something I look forward to learning and seeing where the flaws are if any. so I will share what I have personally experienced.

**Q3 - Do you agree with the statement "Youth sports promotes a safe, healthy, liveable community?"**

<b>Mayor:</b>	
Brad West	Yes
<b>Council:</b>	
Dawn Becker	Youth sports is one component of a safe, healthy, liveable community.
Steve Darling	Absolutely sports, arts and other community based programs do everything they can to promote a safe and healthy lifestyle. These activities teach youth teamwork, accountability and sense of accomplishment. Physical activity is great for kids whether it be organized sports or just going for a bike ride or playing at the playground. Families playing sports and using parks together is the kind of community we have and that's why I am proud to call Port Coquitlam my home.
Robert Delagiroday	I do agree with that statement.
Vince Donnelly	Absolutely, it has done wonders for my boys they have a much larger circle of friends and mentors.
Laura Dupont*	Absolutely I agree with this.
Shakeel Gaya	I am in total agreement with this statement. I would apply it to all residents not just the youth . I am a frequent visitor to the area and come for a walk regularly .
Nancy Mcurrach	Yes absolutely. While out door knocking I met a paramedic on the door step, he has twin teenage boys and sees a lot of what can happen

	on the streets with the opioid crisis. He stressed how as a city if we have better sports fields to keep our youth busy they won't look sideways at drugs. I have also heard that there needs to be more netting at Gates Park for balls that are being hit out of bounds. It is these first-hand conversations that hold a lot of impact.
Darin Nielsen	Yes
Priscilla Omulo	I believe that youth sport contributes to a safe, healthy and livable community for sure.
Darrell Penner*	Absolutely my answer to question 1 confirms this statement
Glenn Pollock*	I absolutely agree with that statement and believe that my response to question one speaks to that. Having coached for over 30 years in the community I often get asked by young people that I coached to serve as a reference. Invariably they turn out to be valuable employees who works well as part of a team, stick to a schedule, all the things you need to be a functioning member of a safe, livable community.
Tommy Raguero	I do. I played organized sports my whole youth, with baseball being my number one sport. I have friends to date, I played with in Little League all the way up to the College level. Nothing beats being out with your friends, playing a sport you love. Sport creates a bond like no other, you may be competitors but it always ends up being very respectful. Yes, there are exceptions to this rule, but in sport, there are no genders, no races, with the ultimate goal, no hate.
Carolyn Stewart	Yes!
Justin Traviss	I 100% support this statement. Sports are a fantastic way for youth to be involved with others in their community, while also building on other key skills, like teamwork, that are used throughout life.
Jami Watson	ABSOLUTELY. I would like to sure some of what I have personally seen and experienced. I have seen children slip through the cracks that wanted to play sports but parents who don't have the mental or financial capacity to support them. I have even tried a few years ago to help a child get signed up for soccer through a financial assistant program that Poco soccer offers. The single mother with serious learning disabilities, would not sign her up. 6 years later this child is in and out of jail and a high school dropout. If teens are bored and 'nothing to do' they will get into trouble. It's that simple. I, myself, was a somewhat trouble teen, kept myself busy and out of serious trouble, by spending hours every night by playing 'street sports' under

	tennis court lights and dry undercover sat elementary school. ‘Pro hacky sacker’ right here
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**Q4 - In comparison to other Metro Vancouver municipalities do you believe Poco has above, below, or approximately average quantity and quality of facilities per capita for sport?**

<b>Mayor:</b>	
Brad West	I believe we have room for improvement in a number of areas and have made good investments in others. The construction of the new recreation complex is a very significant investment in sports facilities that I am very proud to have supported. But by no means is our job done. Other sports, particularly soccer and baseball are not having their needs met and it pains me to see us lose participants to other cities. I am committed to making this a high priority.
<b>Council:</b>	
Dawn Becker	Again, I don't have enough information to provide a knowledgeable response.
Steve Darling	There is no doubt we have some amazing facilities in Port Coquitlam but we also have some areas that really need work. The new recreation center will be a showcase for Port Coquitlam but we need to turn our attention to other areas. An outdoor covered Lacrosse box would be an amazing addition for our community.
Robert Delagiroday	I would rate our community as above average for sport resources, but I think there is also room for improvement.
Vince Donnelly	I believe with the building of a 3rd ice rink and a 2nd swimming pool we have enough indoor facility. But with only 2 lit turf fields we fall way short on outdoor facility.
Laura Dupont*	I would say Port Coquitlam currently is in the “middle of the pack”, comparatively in Metro Vancouver. I think when our new facility is finished we will rise to the high end of the spectrum and I look forward to celebrating a beautiful new facility and increased opportunities for our sports community.
Shakeel Gaya	The only facility that I know of in PoCo is Lions Park -Gates Park ; other cities have much more options . I am a strong believer and supporter of town planning with high rise apartments in designated areas to spare land for green spaces .

<p>Nancy Mccurrach</p>	<p>Below to average. It is a hard to fulfill everyone's wish list while keeping taxes affordable. PoCo doesn't have the Casino to generate revenue from that could go back into enhancing the sports fields. Once the new Rec Centre is built we will see an improvement with more indoor sports.</p>
<p>Darin Nielsen</p>	<p>I have not travelled to other municipalities in the past 12 years with my kids playing sports in their facilities. I have no first hand experience recently. My two older children played hockey, baseball and soccer in PoCo in the 1990' &amp; 1980's. Our facilities were poor then compared to other municipalities. Today, I am raising a 4, 5, &amp; 6 year old who have played soccer, lacrosse, and baseball. They have only played in Poco, thus cannot compare other facilities. Nevertheless, I do not in the past that we lost kids to Coquitlam due to our poor soccer fields, our baseball field at Thompson has been terrible since my older kids played in the 1990's, no covered lacrosse box, and from seeing the condition of the artifical turf fields in PoCo, there needs to be improvement.</p>
<p>Priscilla Omulo</p>	<p>I believe with the upcoming completion of the Rec Centre and continuous maintenances of the turfs and fields, PoCo is doing its' best to maintain quality space for the sports community.</p>
<p>Darrell Penner*</p>	<p>I believe we have reasonable quality facilities. As you are aware we are building a 135 million dollar recreation facility. Can we improve? Of coarse it always comes down to money.</p>
<p>Glenn Pollock*</p>	<p>I'm not willing to do a comparison as it would be an apples and oranges comparison. Every City has a different budget and different cost drivers. Coquitlam for example has a casino that provides them with 9 million dollars a year in funding. New West has both a casino and a hydro authority. Comparisons for this reason don't work. What I will say si that we need a third synthetic immediately (and I'm working on that), we need to replace Thompson Park in very short order and I'd also like to see a covered lacrosse box in the City. So I would think it's safe to say that I think we need more recreational infrastructure.</p>
<p>Tommy Raguero</p>	<p>Gates is wonderful facility, but I do believe it needs work in terms of additional fields and few changes on the current baseball fields. The new community center will be amazing. I do believe we have pockets around the city where we can do more or better. In our current state i think we are average, but we have the opportunity to be the best.</p>
<p>Carolyn Stewart</p>	<p>I think it is average. My children pursued activities outside of Poco, such as BMX, football. If we can't offer the sport within our</p>

	communities, it would be good to work together with other organizations to promote sport in general.
Justin Traviss	Whenever one compares Port Coquitlam to other municipalities, the amount of funds available to each city needs to be considered. With the new rec-center being built, Port Coquitlam's quality and quantity of infrastructure for ice-related activities would be above that of a similar sized municipality. Field activities are average quality when considering other municipalities.
Jami Watson	As a soccer mom, from what I have seen I think we are in the middle. I think we could be better but I am proud of Gates Park and have certainly seen worse.

**Q5 - Many fields in Poco are in need of attention due to issues such as poor drainage, or the Chaeffer Beatle among others. Staff do a wonderful job with limited resources. How would you support a comprehensive plan to both improve field maintenance and upgrade our playing surfaces?**

<b>Mayor:</b>	
Brad West	I would ensure that adequate funding is in place to ensure our fields and playing surfaces do not deteriorate to a point of a limited use. Further, I would seek to bring our sports organizations to the table where these decisions are made so we can collectively benefit from their expertise and experience gained from actually using the fields.
<b>Council:</b>	
Dawn Becker	Look for create solutions to maintenance issues, funding and demand factors.
Steve Darling	I have mentioned before, fields need work and drainage is a key issue. I think it's time we stop thinking what can we do for next year and come up with a comprehensive plan for the next 10-20 years and beyond. I think we need all stake holders to come together and work with each other to move the plan forward.
Robert Delagiroday	Maintenance and improvements inevitably comes down to budget. If we can create a more efficient city government, and make more financially beneficial decisions for the community, then we will free up greater resources for things like maintenance and enhanced athletic resources.

Vince Donnelly	I would look to the community to get some good advice and expertise. We have beautiful community gardens in the city. I'm sure they're a few community members who have valuable experience on drainage and the chaeffer beetle problem.
Laura Dupont*	Our sports fields and facilities are huge assets in our community and carefully maintaining them and upgrading them when required is a high priority. For the last four years Council has put a very high priority on budget spending for sports. I would support a comprehensive plan by starting the discussion with whoever is elected on Oct 20th.
Shakeel Gaya	I would consult the people who understand the situation better than me and look for a solution that would be practical , sustainable , safe and cost effective.
Nancy Mccurrach	I would like to see a 10-year vision where we as a community can continuously upgrade. At the end of each year it would be obvious if there have been changes. While door knocking I had the pleasure of talking to a young lady around the age of 12. She plays soccer and commented on how soggy a couple of the fields are at Gates Park to run in, and that they have dirt clumps that aren't the best either. Her mother commented on how many games are cancelled do to the rain too. It was clear that they prefer the turf fields like they have in Coquitlam.
Darin Nielsen	We need to have hear from all users to discuss the issues of the fields; compare the conditions of other cities and determine why we are not as good as them. Determine what can be done to keep our fields maintained properly and make it a priority. It is unacceptable to have terrible fields. Council needs to have pride in our amenities, and to not drag their heels.
Priscilla Omulo	I would work with the city staff to explore any further resources required and request some consultations from both staff and the community around long term planning and best practices when looking at maintenance and/ or upgrading options.
Darrell Penner*	Without a doubt replacing (where it make sense) the surfaces with artificial playing surfaces.
Glenn Pollock*	Our property taxes in my opinion are in very good shape. For that reason I think we can increase them marginally to provide capital for both new infrastructure (see above) and upgrade those fields that need it. If re-elected I plan on encouraging the Mayor and Council to move more quickly on the field upgrade plan that is part of the 2019 budget.

Tommy Raguero	I am all for upgrading and improving field conditions. I know there were talks about fixing up Thompson Park. I hear the ground is not the greatest and even if money is spent on the fields, it would eventually end up being in the same condition in terms of what the current issue is. I also heard that there were talks to put a band-aid, which would still eat up valuable dollars. If it is not a long term solution, I do not think we should invest our dollars in a temporary fix. As mentioned above, I do believe there are other areas in the city we can use to develop amazing parks/facilities for our local sports. At the end of the day, council and all organizations involved, need come together and plan together on the needs. Outside of the new Community Center and what Gates Park can be, the other facilities do not have to be state of the art, but they have to be functional and safe.
Carolyn Stewart	a) I'd like to see an upfront solution to a recurring problem rather than a "bandaid fix." If there are drainage issues, they should be addressed, otherwise we will just have more issues. b) I would put the fields on a rotational year to year upgrade plan, as to not restrict field availability. This depends on the maintenance needed.
Justin Traviss	Balance between city resources and maintenance should be re-evaluated given the amount of damage the Chafer beetle has done. Priority should be given to highly used fields, planting of more trees on the edge of fields would help with drainage.
Jami Watson	I don't know the answer but if given the opportunity, I look forward to learning and working with Port Coquitlam Euro-Rite, about what a comprehensive plan would look like.

**Q6 - Would you consider allowing clubs to sell advertising space at our home venues as a way to offset rental fees?**

<b>Mayor:</b>	
Brad West	Yes
<b>Council:</b>	
Dawn Becker	That could be a creative win-win; would be interesting to see the proposals on revenue and type of advertising proposed.
Steve Darling	It is a very slippery slope when we talk about corporate advertising. It is a good way to offset costs but I feel we need to involve all stakeholders

	including citizens and get some serious discussions going. That said it has crept in already. Tim Bits anyone.
Robert Delagiroday	I would support the idea that clubs be able to sell advertising to offset facility costs.
Vince Donnelly	Yes I would, any way we can keep the costs down the better. It could be a way of raising funds for a much needed clubhouse.
Laura Dupont*	I would certainly be open to discussing various ways the city can continue to supports sports in our community and explore new ideas to keep our community active and healthy. I think there are communications opportunities our city could explore to support sports groups further.
Shakeel Gaya	Sure
Nancy Mcurrach	I am always open for ways to offset rental fees. Might there be opportunities for hosting more Provincial and National events and the revenue raised from these possibility ticketed events can go back into the clubs to offset rental fees.
Darin Nielsen	Sorry, but I have not had time to look into this issue. I see the benefit to clubs, but I do not know how this would work. Again, not disagreeing, just need to look deeper into why other cities allow or disallow it. I have an open-mind to this issue.
Priscilla Omulo	I would consider this option in hopes to help reduce youth sports rental fees but would like to see the discussion at length about who advertises and that the greater sports community is comfortable with that decision and guidelines in place.
Darrell Penner*	I believe that we are already moving forward with this
Glenn Pollock*	Yes, I would consider this and have had conversations with Ryan Clarke of the Sports Alliance on this subject. I agree with some that it needs to be part of a bigger plan but, I feel the bulk of the funds should go to the sport/team that acquired the advertiser.
Tommy Raguero	Yes! One this promotes our small businesses around town. Two, not only would this offset any rental fees, but would create a funds for other projects. Whether it be promoting our sports organizations, running additional clinics at schools to gain more interest and help fund support/clinics for volunteer coaches.

Carolyn Stewart	if you are referring to advertising during game times or rented times - absolutely!
Justin Traviss	Clubs should be able to sell advertising space at home venues.
Jami Watson	Yes, I would support selling advertising space. It makes complete sense and think we need to think out of the box for innovative solutions.

**Q7 - Will you support the priority installation of a 3rd Synthetic Turf field at Gates Park?**

<b>Mayor:</b>	
Brad West	Yes
<b>Council:</b>	
Dawn Becker	My decision making process includes the consideration of the views, concerns and interests of all groups affected by a decision's outcomes and uses data and research as a foundation. I don't have enough information to make that decision at this time.
Steve Darling	Yes, I believe a 3rd turf is needed and a 4th one down the road. If Port Coquitlam wants to host a major national championship Gates Park needs to be upgraded. We live in BC and it rains here and having to close fields because of too much rain is not acceptable.
Robert Delagiroday	Honestly, I would need more information before I could make a decision on this, but I am open to the idea. Metrics like amount of usage, comparative maintenance costs, and upfront costs would have to factor in. I think that we need to get the city's financial house in order, so that we can expand on facilities like a third astroturf field. We should also approach the provincial government about sport development in the community. We pay taxes to the government of BC for resources like that, so some advocacy by our city government to the BC government could lead to improved facilities without further taxation.
Vince Donnelly	It's one of the main reasons I decided to run for city council. I've coached for PoCo soccer club for 12 years and in those years. I've seen Coquitlam add 9 lit turf fields and host many tournaments, while we get passed over and neglected.
Laura Dupont*	I am receptive to learning more, and discussing the option of a 3rd synthetic turf field at Gates Park. Because so much of the last four years has been focused on building our new recreation centre I haven't yet had

	the opportunity to explore the details of what building another synthetic field would involve. I'm open to learning more and communicating regularly with our various minor sports groups so that I can better understand their needs.
Shakeel Gaya	If the demand justifies it certainly .
Nancy Mccurrach	Yes – After visiting over 4200 doorsteps since May I have heard many residents indicate that they want a 3 <sup>rd</sup> synthetic turf field at Gates Park. It is the voice of the people that speak volumes. The 3 <sup>rd</sup> synthetic turf field at Gate Park is absolutely a priority!
Darin Nielsen	Yes. I have included it in my campaign brochure and in my ads in our local newspaper.
Priscilla Omulo	I am in support of getting as many youth and community out there utilizing what we can. If it is fiscally available then I would be in support of a third turf absolutely.
Darrell Penner*	Absolutely we just need to get the money
Glenn Pollock*	Yes
Tommy Raguero	Gates is already a great facility, but it can be one of the best in the province. I would support a 3 <sup>rd</sup> synthetic field, but I would also want to upgrade the ability to add a few more baseball diamonds and expand the fence of the current diamond to major league specs. Center field is currently only 300 feet from home plate.
Carolyn Stewart	I would if it is good for the environment and most of all safe for children and adults. <a href="http://theconversation.com/why-artificial-turf-may-truly-be-bad-for-kids-72044">http://theconversation.com/why-artificial-turf-may-truly-be-bad-for-kids-72044</a>
Justin Traviss	Yes, with many of the other fields in Port Coquitlam being ruined by the Chafer beetle, I would support a 3 <sup>rd</sup> synthetic turf.
Jami Watson	I would support a 3 <sup>rd</sup> turf field.