

MEDIA RELEASE

Preservation of Garry Oak Trees at Somenos Sports Fields

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North Cowichan - The Municipality of North Cowichan is pleased to announce that two Garry oak trees, scheduled to be removed as part of the construction of the new Somenos Sports Fields, will now be preserved. The Duncan Junior Baseball Association has worked with staff to reduce the length of three of the softball diamonds to save the trees.

After concerns raised by the public late last week regarding the proposed removal of two Garry oak trees, staff was directed to look at various options that would not only preserve the trees, but also ensure that reduced field specifications did not compromise the ability to host Zone, Provincial, Western Canadian and National competitions.

“The option of reducing the length of three of the ball fields not only protects these trees, but also ensures the integrity of the ball fields,” stated North Cowichan Mayor Tom Walker. “I would like to thank Rosemary Horgan, the Duncan Junior Baseball Executive, and staff for working together over the weekend to resolve this issue.”

The Somenos Sports Fields, scheduled for completion next Spring, will feature seven baseball/softball fields and two full-size multi-purpose sports fields for sports such as soccer, field lacrosse, and field hockey. A full clubhouse, change rooms, washroom and parking lot will also be constructed at the site on Somenos Road adjacent to the Sherman Road Soccer park and Mount Prevost Middle School.

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