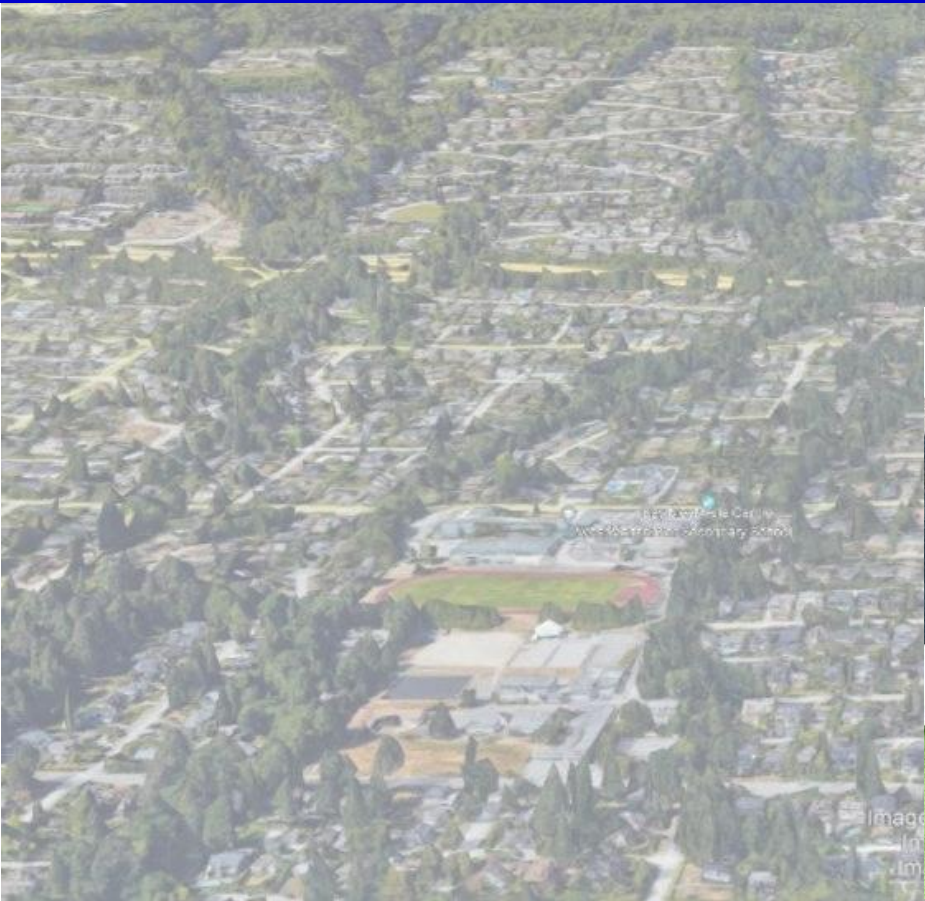




West Van FC: The Paul Myers Athletic Centre





The PMAC Mission Statement

The West Van FC "bubble" will be the only truly weatherproof field in the municipality, greatly increasing recreational opportunities for West Vancouverites. This unique space will be enjoyed by sports clubs, schools, community groups and individuals for decades to come.



Main Benefits of the Paul Myers Athletic Centre Bubble

1. Attract and retain young players (and parents) that can be easily deterred by inclement weather
2. Supports West Van FC's commitment to being a club for all young people, including those with neurodiversities
3. Additional field space for practices, games and academies for schools and a diversity of clubs and sporting activities
4. Winter facility for summer sports
5. Reduced risk of cancelling games for snow or flooded fields. Parents and players won't become frustrated over lost program time.
6. Field space for games and practices during inclement weather
7. Shade and variety for players during the summer



Support for the Bubble

WVFC has already received support through Letters of Intent (LOI's) from the following organizations:

1. Field hockey
2. Track & Field
3. Floorball
4. Football
5. Rugby
6. Baseball
7. Lacrosse
8. Other North Shore soccer organizations
9. Autism BC



Letter of Support from Autism BC



April 6, 2022

Ruth Burr, President, West Vancouver Football Club
1066 Marine Dr, West Vancouver, BC V7V 3N3

Dear Ruth,

I am writing this letter to express AutismBC's support of your proposed project to build a Sports Bubble in West Vancouver.

AutismBC has long advocated for community sports clubs to create safe and supportive environments for neurodivergent to play sports. We are pleased that West Van FC has made that commitment, both in its Adaptive Soccer weekly academy programme and its youth soccer teams.

We share your concern that some neurodivergent children (and those with sensory processing challenges) struggle with winter weather conditions. Wind, rain, and cold can often be a barrier preventing neurodivergent children from participating. And it frequently turns those children off outdoor sports (like soccer) altogether.

An indoor turfed multi-sports bubble would be an excellent step towards making community sports in West Vancouver more accessible for all, including neurodivergent kids. We would be excited to see West Vancouver take this progressive step.

If you have any questions about the benefits of this initiative for neurodivergent children in your community, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Julia Boyle (she/her)

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julia Boyle".

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Thank You

