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New pathway lights to be installed as part of Robron Park project

With the all-weather field project at Robron Park expected to be constructed under budget, funds are available to install new lights that will make the park safer and extend park use.

At the Sept. 14 meeting, Council endorsed a plan to use cost savings from the current work to install new pathway lighting that has been on the Robron Park master plan to-do list.

The underground wiring and light standards will be installed during the excavation and paving that's underway now at Robron Park.

"There's an obvious advantage to combining this work. We're getting more bang for our buck on money that's already been allocated for the all-weather field project, and doing the pathway lighting now minimizes the cost, too. Installing the wiring and light standards after the fact would cost up to 30 per cent more," says Mayor Andy Adams.

"The additional lighting will extend field use time when the days get dark earlier and provide a safe route for field users getting to and from parking areas. This is a safety issue worth addressing now rather than later," Mayor Adams adds.

"Even with adding the pathway lighting, the project is expected to come in under budget," he says.

The Robron Park upgrade project was approved by Council in the City's 2015 Capital Plan at a value of \$2,620,873 to install a new all-weather field with sport lighting and improved site access.

The project is approximately 25 per cent complete, and a revised cost estimate for the original scope of work is \$2,369,092.

The project will be entirely funded by the Community Works Fund (through the Federal Gas Tax) and previously accumulated City Parks Parcel Tax funding.

Unless wet weather causes construction delays, the project is scheduled to be complete by the end of November.

Highlights to note for Robron Park visitors:

- Construction is underway Monday to Saturday from approximately 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- The playground, lacrosse box and tennis courts are open.
- Drop-in activity can take place on the adjacent field.
- The trail that runs along the South Birch Street side of the park is open.
- Local traffic can access the parking lots off Merecroft Rd and South Birch St. Flaggers are in place to assist motorists, cyclists and pedestrians around the work site.
- Signs and temporary fencing have been installed for the construction and work areas.
- To book fields and other sporting facilities in Campbell River, please call the Sportsplex at 250-923-7911.

For more information, including an extensive question and answer document with more details about this project, visit: www.campbellriver.ca/allweatherfield or email:

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