

## City Sports Fields to be Treated for Weeds

In June, integrated pest management field assessments were conducted on the City's four sports fields which determined all four fields, three at Springwood Park and one in the Parksville Community Park, have surpassed the weed threshold by a considerable margin.

Based on these assessments, a contractor has been scheduled to complete weed treatment on the fields. Similar treatments have previously been conducted on the fields.

### Springwood Park - August 17

Signage will be posted near the fields in advance of treatment and washrooms, tennis courts and off field areas will remain accessible to staff and the public. The fields will be closed to use by the public on August 17 and 18.

### Parksville Community Park - September 21

Information about treatment and closure of sports fields will be advised in September.



Treatment of the weeds on sports fields is necessary because turfgrass provides the best surface coverage, it is durable, provides stable footing, and a more predictable ball roll and bounce. When weeds encroach on a playing surface, traction is compromised because weeds crowd out preferred turfgrass species, wear and tear of the field is compromised, and there is no longer stable footing for athletes which can lead to injuries and other safety concerns.

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