

# **Softball News Letter Info Sheet**

## **City of Kamloops Projects**

### **Softball City & Slo-Pitch Fields Updates**



#### **Ballfields March 2009 Updates**

Mac Park Island Fields / Softball City Updates: Field #7 & #8 on the Island are already gone, and the City will also be removing the rest of the slo-pitch diamonds after July 27 as per Director, Parks, Recreation Byron McCorkell and Mayor Peter Milobar stated at the Kamloops slo-pitch meeting held on Feb 25th 2009. The usage of Mac Park Island fields will be for youth and adult soccer fields and baseball diamonds, as there is no room to facilitate for slo-pitch diamonds on the Island anymore. Ball field fee's are to remain frozen for this year to offset the loss of the slo-pitch fields at Mac Island. The City has also stated that the Rayleigh Softball City Project is a go. City Council has approx 3 million set aside 1/3 for slo-pitch, and is waiting for Federal Funding (Grant) for the rest of the project. When funds become available, the City will start breaking ground this spring/summer. The total project is price tagged at 9.7 million dollars.

**The Plan** is to have under Phase 1 of the project the completion of at least 6-8 diamonds by spring/summer 2010, with concessions, washrooms, access road, and infrastructure being built as well. Out of the 10 total diamonds at the facility 4 will have lights put up. Completion dates of the entire project have not been determined as of yet, and should still be a few years out. The Camp Grounds (exhibition grounds), and Rv Park (20 acres) will be built later, and will be run by the KIB. Under Phase 2 of the project the slo-pitch building facility will be built, as well as the rest of the ball diamonds, 2 rugby fields and a possible trade show building. More updates to come so stay tuned, as we are on top of this story.....see City of Kamloops diagram plans below!



#### **Softball City Project July 2008 Update!**

The Softball City Project at the old Prison Site Grounds just north of Rayleigh is supposed to start breaking ground by sometime this fall! Sports Reporter Kelly Row of CFJC TV reported on this story early this month asking all the hard questions in an interview with Byron McCorkell, (Director of Parks Recreation & Cultural Services) was told that this project is still a go and is going to start sometime by this fall. "It's just a matter of time now" say's Brian McCorkell, with site layouts and politics' holding this project up so far. A little piece of information for the city of Kamloops to know, if they don't already know - Vernon's Funtastic & Revelstoke's Kokanee Glacier Challenge Slo-Pitch Tournaments draw an estimated Revenue of 14.3 Million dollars into there respected cities each year, "not bad Revenue I'd say generated by the slo-pitch community". Kamloopssoftball.com will be on top of this story, so stay tuned for more updates -



#### **Softball City Project 2007 Update!**

Latest news tells us that, if all goes as planned by KCH and the KIB, they are going to use a 330-acre property just north of Rayleigh that the city hopes to develop recreational facilities and exhibition grounds (New KXA Site), with an athletic complex (Softball City) 10 new ball diamonds as the project's anchor. We will keep you posted on all progress of this project throughout the year... Hey and don't get your hopes up too quick on this one, it is after all up to City Hall and it's priority level!!!