CVBA Proposal

The CVBA is extremely excited about the local support led by private donors and the City of Courtenay to initiate our long-term vision of providing a local option for our high caliber U15 and U18 Comox Valley born and raised baseball players to compete at home.

In many sports, local players as young as 13 years of age are forced to leave home to try and achieve their athletic dreams. This has also been true for baseball, but due to tremendous support, the Comox Valley has an opportunity to provide a local option for the top caliber level of amateur baseball in Canada.

The British Columbia Premier League (PBL) is the top level of amateur baseball in Canada with 13 teams throughout BC competing in a 15U and 18U league. Over 100 players from the PBL have been drafted and played professionally with a Major League team, including 20 players that have reached the pinnacle and played in the Major Leagues. Additionally, a significant percentage, upward of 70% of the players for some organizations, receive scholarships and play for a college or University program.



Contingent on significant facility upgrades to Bill Moore Park, a team in the BC Premier League has agreed to multiple organizational changes regarding game and practice scheduling, as well as organizational name and branding changes that create a partnership with the CVBA and a home for the team in the Comox Valley.

The potential benefit of providing a local option for our high caliber Comox Valley players is enormous, but the benefits extend much beyond only the players and families that have a roster spot on the team.

The CVBA launched a "Saturday Night Lights" program which provided free pizza and juice boxes to any player, as young as 4 years of age, that is registered in the CVBA who attended a 15U or 18U game at Bill Moore Park last year. The first evening brought in 15-20 families (pictured right) in support. By the final Saturday Night Lights event there was over 100 people comprised of kids, adults, and supporters at the park.

With the significant field upgrades planned at Bill Moore Park to provide more of a stadium like feel, combined with the quality of baseball taking place on the field, it should allow this program to thrive.



The improvements will provide a significant positive impact on the future of not only local baseball families, but the enjoyment of all families in the Comox Valley who want to come out to the yard and eat a hot dog while watching future college baseball players and potentially future major leaguers compete at Bill Moore Park.

This is just the first step of the CVBA's long term vision. Members of the CVBA have a passion for our vision and with community and the City of Courtenay's support, we will continue to invest in our local facilities and programs for future generations of Comox Valley families to enjoy. The City of Courtenay representatives have been extremely supportive, creative, and helpful throughout this process and the CVBA is extremely thankful for their support.

Below are the following fencing and scoreboard requests that would be fully funded by the CVBA.

Item 1 & 2

The most important items in the fencing project are labeled below as #1 and #2. The yellow line represents fencing. The fencing would provide a perimeter and create main entry points on the current stairways. The stairways would then become the "entry ways" into the ballpark which helps create the atmosphere of a real baseball field. There would also be an entry way on the 3B side of the ballpark that does not include stairs.

Additionally, the same perimeter fencing would create a separate bullpen area for the home and away team's players to warm-up pitching before entering the game. This is needed for the caliber of teams that will be playing at Bill Moore. Without a bullpen, the league would likely not allow them to play.





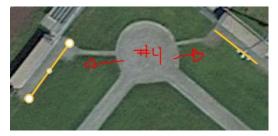
Item 3:

#3 is a minor change to the fencing for fan viewing. Ideally, if we are able to move the fence 10 feet towards the playing surface, the area on the ground is flat enough to add bleachers for seating. Currently, the fence is situated on a slope which is likely the reason why there are no bleachers along that side. Additional seating areas was one of the main feedback items we received from hosting our Saturday Night Lights program last year.



Item 4:

#4 is considered a high priority. The yellow lines in front of both dugouts would create essentially a much-needed dugout extension. The dugouts are too small for the size of current teams and by adding a railing in front of the enclosed dugout allows for more room for the players to move around. This is very common in high school and college fields around Canada and the USA.



Item 5: Scoreboard

The showpiece. Comox Valley Baseball scoreboard which would be located either on the 3B, 1B side inside the perimeter fencing. A scoreboard is a necessity in order to offer the highest level of amateur high school baseball. This scoreboard will bring life and excitement to the park that will go along way to providing the stadium type effect.



