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Soccer Field – Project Description

A regulation size soccer field was an integral part of the master plan for the overall development of the Centre's Site on Wilkes Avenue. However, due to lack of funds and priority considerations, the soccer field was temporarily dropped from the project and tabled for future consideration. At that time, back in 1997, the total cost of the field was estimated at approximately $100,000.

As site development began for the Centre's building, the General Contractor/Project Manager seized the opportunity to use available equipment to trace the soccer field boundaries and perform some preliminary base preparation for the field. In the Spring of 2002, with the World Cup Soccer Championship approaching, the idea to build the soccer field, rekindled by the Italian Sports Committee, was fully endorsed by the Board of Directors and financially supported by the General Contractor/Project Manager.

In light of these motivating circumstances and the prospect of revenue generating opportunities, a concerted effort began in Septemeber 2002 to bring the project to fruition. Base preparation (clearing, grading, hawling, drainage) and installation of underground irrigation system were done during September and October. Top soil and sod were installed during the month of November. Bills for these two items, significantly larger than anticipated, are still outstanding.
The entire area to be devoted to the field measures approximately 65m x 102m. Regulation sizes for soccer fields range from 50m to 100m in width and 100m to 130m in length.

Once operational, the soccer field will become an integral and vibrant component of the Centre's operations and it will help in the pursuit of our long term goal of self sufficiency.
Beyond the intrinsic enhancement and beautification of the general landscape surrounding the Centre, the facility will provide excellent training and practice opportunities for all citizens of Winnipeg. Given the ever increasing popularity of soccer as one of the most inexpensive and physically therapeutic sports, it is expected that demand from children and youth groups, as well as amateur and semiprofessional teams will be quite high. In fact, we have already received inquiries from the Manitoba Soccer Association and the Manitoba Major Soccer League about the availability of the field.

It is hoped that the development and operation of the Soccer Field will stimulate the interest and participation of the youth sector in other Centre-based activities and programs; thus, they would acquire a sense of belonging, pride and identity. Furthermore, the soccer facility, as it is now the case for all other activities and programs at the Centre, will be available and accessible to all people of all ages and cultures regardless of where in the city they happen to reside.

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Soccer Field Project - Budget

Expenses

- Site Preparation (clearing, grading and drainage, base materials)	$50,000
- Top soil (material only)	15,900
- Sod (material only)	10,300
- Labour to spread top soil and lay sod	4,000
- Underground irrigation system	3,500
-Connection of irrigation system to main water source	4,000
- Goal posts, cross bars and goal nets (supply & installation)	3,300
TOTAL	**$91,000**

Revenues

- Man-Shield Construction (in-kind contribution for site preparation)	$50,000
- Cash donation from Man-Shield Construction	1,835
- Italian Sports Committee: Cash donation & in-kind contribution)	10,400
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- (Future fundraising & in-kind contributions)	6,000
- Italian Canadian Centre of Manitoba Inc.	7,765
- City of Winnipeg (CIG Program)	15,000
TOTAL	**$91,000**

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