

City of Pitt Meadows 12027 Harris Road Pitt Meadows, BC V3Y 0B9

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Re: RCMP Building at Harris Park

Ridge Meadows Minor Baseball Association (RMMBA) is looking forward to working with the City of Pitt Meadows Parks, Recreation and Culture department on the upcoming changes to Harris Road Park for the development of a new RCMP building. We understand that this building is going to have an impact on Diamond 1, which is home to our premier Peewee (13U) teams in the Spring, Summer and Fall. It is our understanding that we will not be losing any ball diamonds, and that there could possibly be opportunities to consolidate fields at Pitt Meadows Athletic Park (PMAP) and maybe gain a field as part of the amenity land at PMAP (depending on what the Parks, Recreation and Culture Advisory Committee recommends).

In a growing community and a growing baseball association (968 current players and anticipated growth to 1400 players over the next five years) we are hoping for additional field space and will need to maximize the existing fields. Access to the artificial turf at PMSS for all weather opportunities and lights for extended hours of use (at PMAP) are both things that would create more opportunities for play.

Harris 1 field is a valuable asset to our association and we welcome the opportunity to provide recommendations and feedback on the proposed changes in order to work towards maintaining and improving the field space. I have been granted a spot on the newly formed Parks Recreation and Culture Advisory Committee, which shows that City staff is involving RMMBA in the decision making process. I am looking forward to providing my feedback and sharing my sports knowledge with the committee as we work towards recommendations regarding the new Master Plan.

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