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## DSBN Proposed development of Soccer Field in Cherry Ridge Park

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Concept: How Might We determine whether the District School Board of Niagara (DSBN) should develop a Soccer Field in a portion of Cherry Ridge Park

### Background:

In June of 2016 Council entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the DSBN to investigate the possibility of developing a Soccer Field in a portion of Cherry Ridge Park, which abuts Wellington Heights Elementary School.

With the renovation of Wellington Heights School (formerly E.W.Farr ) a large addition is being added to the existing structure which eliminates the existing small soccer field. In order to leave the natural topography and existing toboggan area of the school property, the DSBN proposed to develop a soccer field that would also encroached a portion of Cherry Ridge Park. The original E.W.Farr School serviced children JK to Grade 3. The new Wellington Heights School incorporated E.W.Farr School and Pelham Centre School servicing now JK to grade 8, resulting in the need for a larger soccer field.

At the time of the Memorandum of Understanding being approved, Council requested the Board to have public consultation with the residents of Cherry Ridge Subdivision. The Board sent a survey to the residents of Cherry Ridge subdivision by way of mail. Also they sent the same survey out to the Wellington Heights school community. As a result, the survey results included comments from both groups making it difficult to determine the comments from the residents of Cherry Ridge. A letter addressed to staff and the survey results are attached.

Staff met and corresponded with the DSBN to determine how they would address maintenance; complaints; buffering abutting neighbours; etc. After much deliberation, and as per the attached letter, Staff is recommending it would be best the Town not proceed with the proposed partnership and the DSBN construct the soccer field solely on school property.

### The Challenge:

HMW make the best decision for the Cherry Ridge Neighbourhood and the Wellington Heights School Community.

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Our Recommended Solution:

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the issue report entitled: “DSBN Proposed development of Soccer Field in Cherry Ridge Park” and;**

**THAT Council does not proceed with a partnership with the District School Board of Niagara for development of a shared soccer field facility at this site; and**

**THAT Staff advise the School Board of this decision and recommend that construction of a soccer field be fully contained on School Board property.**

Rationale:

The DSBN are able to build the soccer field solely on the school property.

Measure of Success:

The completion of the development of a soccer field on the school property

Milestones:

Students able to play soccer on their own school property.