



January 16, 2018

To: Mayor Rick Goldring and Burlington City Council

The Burlington Youth Soccer Club supports the business case put forth by Sport Services for \$320,000 in additional funding to continue the investment in improving sport field standards. Over the past year, as the largest renter of these fields in the City, BYSC has seen a marked improvement in the quality of the pitches as staff took the initial steps in bringing the grass fields up to industry standards. This, as we were told, would be a long process. It requires more support.

We feel that the field reclassification will present a more accurate reflection of the fields we utilize and will result in a small savings to the BYSC of approximately \$5,000. As well, the addition of on-call staff after hours to visit fields when difficulties with the lights or a conflict over permits happen is absolutely needed. We would also encourage the City to consider taking back the field lining and provision of nets as part of its care of the fields. The BYSC continues to incur significant costs around these two areas that are provided by most other municipalities.

We believe that City staff have taken the initial steps to getting the grass fields back to a standard that Burlington's sport groups deserve. They require additional resources and it is crucial that they receive them.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Stephanie J. Geosits".

Stephanie J. Geosits
Executive Director