

# Ctk to get new field, lights

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By **TIM FORAN**  
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All eight of Halton's Catholic high schools—including Christ the King—will have artificial turf playing fields, but school board officials remain in the dark on whether Oakville will allow three of them to be lit.

Catholic school board trustees voted at a recent meeting to spend an estimated \$2.6 million to replace existing natural grass fields with all-weather turf at Georgetown's Christ the King and Oakville's Holy Trinity secondary schools. The two schools, which both opened in 2002 with rubberized tracks, should have the new fields in place by August.

The board had previously approved installing all-weather turf at its other six high schools, with some already now in place.

Board staff told trustees Christ the King will also be getting six 70-foot lights for its field at no cost. That's because the board will be using the lighting it had previously purchased and planned to install at Oakville's St. Ignatius of Loyola high school until it ran into an obstacle.

The Town of Oakville didn't permit the board to install the lighting at the board to install the lighting at Loyola and its council voted early last summer to undertake a study examining policies governing lighting at both public facilities and commercial and institutional properties used by the public such as schools and shopping malls. That study is ongoing.

The Town of Oakville has heard concerns about light pollution, increased traffic due to longer hours at sports fields and decreased property

values, according to the presentation. It has also heard there are benefits to community organizations looking for greater availability of such sports fields and tracks.

Giacomo Corbacio, the board's facilities supervisor, said the board prefers to work with the Town and hopes council approves lights at the Oakville schools in future.

Not being able to have lights, as was envisioned in a 2007 all-weather turf business plan, will have a "very significant" impact on the board's ability to stay within its planned timeline to repay the loans it has taken out to pay for the turf fields, said Corbacio.

Some of the cost for the turf fields is paid for through the board's facilities operations budget and renewal reserve funds. The board's business plan estimated it could pay off the remaining loans it needed in 10 years partially through an increase in revenues generated by renting the fields to community groups.

In Halton, the public and Catholic school boards, along with the four municipalities, have a reciprocal sharing agreement in place, overseen by the Community Schools Consultation Committee (CSCC).

Under the agreement, the municipality's parks and recreation departments take care of booking school board facilities such as fields to local groups.

However, that competition might not drive down rental rates. The CSCC is currently in discussions to harmonize closely the hourly rate charged for facilities offered by the boards and the municipalities, the report states.



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