

Dear Council and Parks and recreation staff,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the current condition of the baseball facilities at Tara community center and to request urgent improvements to enhance the experience for players, spectators, and visitors. As a dedicated member of the local baseball community, I have observed several areas that require immediate attention to ensure our facilities remain safe, accessible, and enjoyable for all.

The following upgrades would significantly benefit the baseball diamonds and facilities:

1. Washroom Upgrades– The current washroom facilities require renovations to improve cleanliness, accessibility, and functionality. Ensuring adequate maintenance and modernizing the facilities will greatly enhance user experience.
2. Covered Dugouts for Diamond B Diamond B currently lacks covered dugouts, which expose players to harsh weather conditions. Installing covered dugouts will provide essential shelter and improve comfort for teams.
3. Lighting for Diamond B – Currently, Diamond B does not have lighting, limiting evening play. Adding field lights will extend playing hours and allow for more flexibility in scheduling games and tournaments.
4. Replacement of Halogen Lights with LED at Diamond A– Upgrading Diamond A's lighting system from halogen to LED will offer better illumination while significantly reducing energy costs in the long term. This transition is a cost-effective solution that benefits both the environment and municipal expenses.

Additionally, I request a reevaluation of staffing levels for facility upkeep and washroom cleaning during tournaments. Ensuring sufficient personnel for regular maintenance will promote hygiene, safety, and an overall positive experience for participants and visitors. Regular maintenance of the road by the place pad is required as potholes are a regular occurrence. Reevaluation of safety concerns at the entrance should be noted with the new addition of the splash pad.

These improvements are crucial for supporting local sports and fostering community engagement. I sincerely urge the municipality to prioritize these enhancements and explore funding options for their implementation. Please let me know if further discussion or collaboration is needed to address these concerns.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to your response and hope to see meaningful improvements in our baseball facilities in the near future.

Sincerely,

Jaclynn Gowan