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### CARIBOO COLLEGE PLAYING FIELDS

At a meeting on October 22, the Cariboo College Board endorsed a comprehensive, long-range plan for the Playing Fields Project. The plan was developed by College staff and consultants, with the input of a Technical Advisory Committee comprising representatives of the major groups in the community who may make use of the new facility. The plan will be passed on to the Cariboo College Foundation, the body responsible for fund-raising for the project. The Foundation has already obtained \$500,000 of support from the British Columbia Expo '86 Legacy Fund.

The Playing Fields will be located on a 10-acre site donated by Cariboo College, on the southern edge of the Kamloops campus adjacent to McGill Road. Since May 1986, a major earthmoving project has been completed on site, largely through initiatives of the Operating Engineers Joint Apprenticeship and Training Plan, and the College. The work done to date would have cost at least \$400,000 on the open market, but the actual expenditure was only a fraction of that amount due to the generous donations of time, energy and equipment by many community organizations, companies and individuals.

The development plan finalized last week - if actioned in its entirety - will see the site transformed into a first-class facility of quality sufficient to host national-level events in athletics and a wide variety of other sports. Highlights of the facility include:

1. A premier playing field for soccer (68m x 110m), American rules football (48.7m x 110m) and field events - discus, hammer throw and javelin. The field will be lighted for night-time use.

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2. A practise playing field for soccer (68m x 110m), football and rugby (68m x 137m).
3. A 400 meter, 8-lane synthetic surfaced track with steeplechase lane, a synthetic surface end zone area for high jump, and synthetic surfaced run-ups and pits for long and triple jump and pole vault. The track will be lighted for night-time use.
4. A 5000-seat grandstand, including public washrooms, concessions, change rooms, storage, offices and media facilities. Additional informal seating will be provided by the contoured viewing hill to the east.
5. Pedestrian access from the existing parking areas on the College campus to the east, by means of a hard surfaced, landscaped and lighted path, terminating at a public plaza at the east end of the grandstand.
6. Vehicle access to the grandstand and on-site parking (limited to staff, officials and teams). Access will be off McGill Road.
7. Site landscaping: Cut banks will be stabilized and hydroseeded with native grasses; areas between fields will be grassed and irrigated; plaza and access areas will be planted with shrubs and trees. The fields will be fenced, and security lighting will be in place. A fitness track circuit will be incorporated into the development, returning to this site one of its original uses.

Remaining construction of the entire facility is estimated to cost around \$2.3 million on the open market. Through the continued use of training programs and donations from the community, however, it is hoped that the real cost will be much less.

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The work on site will be carried out in phases, as funding is obtained. The present Expo Legacy Funds will hopefully allow for the installation of underground services, additional minor earthmoving, the construction of a service road and parking area, and the preparation of the two grassed playing fields. The "premier" field - which will eventually be served by a grandstand - will be surrounded by an asphalt running track. Later work will see this upgraded to the synthetic surfaced, all weather track. Construction will begin in March 1987, and the fields and track should be ready for use in the Spring of 1988.

Recommendations in the development plan request that the Cariboo College Foundation continue fund-raising to enable further phases of the project to be implemented. Goals include the hosting of the B.C. Summer Games, as well as national events. Even in the interim, however, the Playing Fields will provide a much-needed athletic resource for a wide variety of groups in the Kamloops community.

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Attachments: Summary of Activities to October 1986  
The Earthmoving Project  
Contributors List  
Technical Advisory Committee List

THE EARTH MOVING PROJECT  
OPERATING ENGINEERS (LOCAL 115) JOINT APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINING  
PLAN

During a 10-week period beginning April 28th 1986, 190,000 cubic meters of material was set up, moved and compacted through a training program organized by the Operating Engineers Joint Apprenticeship and Training Plan. The cost of this work on the open market would have been roughly \$400,000.

Three crawler dozers, three scrapers and one grader were transported from the Operating Engineers Haney Training Centre, and supplemented by equipment donated locally by Finning Tractor and Dawson Construction. These machines were operated by local members of the Operating Engineers, who took part in a course to upgrade and polish their skills under the direction of instructor Pete Zanatta. The students were supported by the Canada Employment and Immigration Commission during the training program.

On site liaison and coordination was provided by Gordon Patterson, the Operating Engineers Local Training Plan Coordinator, and Frank Stevens of Cariboo College. During the project support and services for the equipment was provided through the generous volunteer work of many local companies and individuals, including several vocational departments at Cariboo College.

This training project made a major and unique contribution to the Playing Fields Development. Had it not been for the extensive donations and volunteer work, and the initiatives of many individuals, we would probably still be awaiting funding to begin the development of the playing fields.

As work on site progresses, it may be possible to include other training courses such as final grading, irrigation installation, turfing, and fencing. This will reduce costs and provide



learning experiences for local students, as well as emphasise the true community nature of the project.

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## CONTRIBUTORS TO THE PLAYING FIELD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Alltrans Express  
Aubrey Leitch Owen & House, Architects  
Borrett Engineering  
Cariboo College Board  
Cariboo College Foundation  
Cariboo College Sports Task Force  
Cariboo College Staff and Students  
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PLAYING FIELD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

List of those invited to participate:

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
Chairperson:	Neville Flanagan	Cariboo College and Kamloops Ridge Runners
Regular Members:	Brenda Barbieri	Kamloops Track and Field
	Bob Francis	Rugby
	Dennis Kujat	City of Kamloops
	Grant McKinnon	School District #24
	Pat O'Brien	Cariboo College and Senior Men's Soccer
	Brian Olthius	Minor Football
	Jim Totten	Cariboo College & Minor Soccer
	Alwilda van Ryswyk	Kamloops Track and Field
Ex-Officio:	Chuck Kane	Plant Manager, Cariboo College
	Harry Harker	on behalf of Stanley and Associates Engineering Ltd. Project Advisor
	Ken House	on behalf of Aubrey Leitch Owen and House, Prime Design Consultants
	Frank Stevens	Program Coordinator Cariboo College

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PLAYING FIELD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT  
SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES TO OCTOBER 1986

<u>Item</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Major Donor (see list of contributors attached)</u>	<u>Estimated Total Value of Activity Including Gifts In Kind, Volun- teer Labour and Equip- ment, etc.</u> \$
1		10 acres of land donated	Cariboo College	600,000
2		preliminary site layout and engineering	Cariboo College Sports Task Force	5,000
3		preliminary site drawing/ surveying	Cariboo College Drafting Department	10,000
4	May/July 1986	removal of earth moving equipment, Vancouver to Kamloops, and return	Cariboo College	44,000
5	June/July 1986	earth moving and compacting training program (see separate detail)	Operating Engineers Joint Apprenticeship and Training Plan	400,000
6	June/July 1986	miscellaneous expenditures and activities in support of item 5, and coordination of on-site activities	Cariboo College  Cariboo College Foundation	10,000 10,000
7	Sept/Oct 1986	preparation of phased project development plan and engineering drawings in consultation with volunteer Technical Advisory Committee	Cariboo College Foundation	18,000
				<u>1,097,000</u>