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Cambridge Indoor Soccer Dome in final stage of construction

CAMBRIDGE — Kicking into the final stage of construction, the City of Cambridge's COM DEV Indoor Soccer Park is now in the final construction phase that will include facilities for an administration clubhouse with washrooms, an outdoor mini-field and an expansion of the parking area.

"We are excited to see the final elements of this project come together," says Jim King, Commissioner of Community Services. "As with any construction project that is happening around an operational facility, there will be some temporary inconveniences for the public and we hope that everyone will bear with us until we can unveil the finished soccer facility."

Phase 1 construction of the "COM DEV Indoor Soccer Park," a year round air-supported structure, began at the Fountain Street location in Cambridge in late 2007. The initial investment of approximately \$1.8 million delivered the outside membrane and a soccer field with artificial turf, which included an area for drills and skills training. This initial facility phase was completed on time and on budget.

The City of Cambridge, Cambridge Youth Soccer, and COM DEV International are now mobilizing the troops for the final phase of the project, an overall investment of some \$2.8 million.

Phase 2 will include an extended parking area with approximately 163 parking spaces, a 57 percent increase over the original estimate of 104 spaces, all paved with amenities like improved lighting throughout the lot. A walkway will traverse from the middle of the parking area down to the new clubhouse for the administrative offices of Cambridge Youth Soccer and will provide new washroom facilities for the soccer park. Within the clubhouse, a large boardroom will accommodate business meetings and recreational events like birthday parties for parents and kids looking for an energy filled soccer experience. The field turf will be spruced up and ready for excellent game play over the upcoming season. Landscaping and a new mini-field in the front of the facility will cap off the final phase of the park.

"Definitely, a bustle of activity will be seen over the summer as we ready the facility for another successful indoor season," remarks Glenn Gedge, Manager of Customer and Administrative Services. The project is slated to be complete by end of 2008.