



STA Facility Profile

Steve Brown Sport's Complex/Lion's Park Auditorium • City of Brantford

1. Name, location of facility.

Steve Brown Sport's Complex/Lion's Park Auditorium, 12 Edge Street, Brantford

2. General info regarding the facility.

The Lion's Park Recreational Complex was officially opened on December 28, 1971. It was built with the financial assistance of the Lion's Club to replace the former outdoor skating rink on Market Street South, which had to be vacated for the first stage of the Brantford Expressway. Steve Brown Sport's Complex is part of/adjacent to Lion's Park. The arena is a single pad with an auditorium. The site also has a seven lane (recently re-surfaced) certified track. In 2002, the sports field areas of the park were re-named in honour of local volunteer Steve Brown. Steve was very active with Brantford Bisons Football and many other sports groups.

3. What types of sports fields are on site?

- 1 signature soccer field
- 1 Class A soccer field
- 1 Class B soccer field
- 1 Class A Baseball Diamond
- 2 Class B Baseball Diamonds
- 1 outside ball hockey (privately owned)

4. How many employees are involved with turf care at this facility?

For day-to-day mowing operations, we have 3 staff cutting this area as part of their regular rotation. This includes a trimmer, a striper for playing surfaces, and another mower for the perimeter cutting. We don't have any staff dedicated to this facility exclusively. We also have other staff who are involved in irrigation management and performing cultural practices such as fertilizing, aerating, seeding, etc.

5. How many acres of turf are maintained at this facility? How many acres of sports turf?

The facility is 40 acres, approximately 30 in turf and 15 in sports turf.

6. What percentage of this acreage is irrigated? Of the 6 fields, 3 are irrigated.

7. What is the primary type of turfgrass? Name of varieties.

As this is a well-established facility, the turfgrass is older mixed varieties. We do



use an overseed mix of perennial ryegrass as part of our overseeding program. The soil and turfgrass at this facility is exceptional so the need for overseeding is minimal.

8. Is yearly overseeding part of your sports turf maintenance program?

As mentioned above, the soil quality at this site is exceptional so the only need for overseeding is to repair worn areas on the soccer fields. The goalmouths are sodded every fall.

9. How many times do you fertilize?

The facility is fertilized completely once per season. The playing surfaces are fertilized 3 times per season.

the municipality. However, we have accepted the fact that traditional pesticides are not available to us and have started looking to the future and viewing this challenge as a chance for us to be creative and move forward with some new ideas and procedures.

12. Are community user groups involved or have they been involved in the construction/maintenance of this facility? In what manner?

We have had groups involved in supporting the construction and upgrades at many of our facilities. At Steve Brown, we have had a score clock on one of the ball diamonds and lighting on one of the soccer fields donated by user groups.

We were and still are firm supporters of the IPM Program. Although we now have one less tool in the toolbox, we accept the fact that traditional pesticides are no longer available to us and accept the challenge!

10. Do you aerate? Topdress?

The facility is aerated once per season completely and the play surfaces are aerated 3 times per season. Topdressing is done as part of the repair/renovation process.

11. Prior to the Cosmetic Pesticides Ban Act had your municipality banned the use of pesticides?

Prior to the Cosmetic Pesticides Ban Act, we did not have a local ban on pesticide use. We were and still are firm supporters of the IPM Program. We now have one less tool in the toolbox and have concerns with the impact that this ban will have on

13. How many hours per year are the fields permitted? Who permits them? Are the fields ever closed during the season to give them a rest? How much input do you have in the amount and timing of use?

We don't have a limit on the hours these fields are permitted. They are available May 1 to October 1 and beyond this date with special permission. The Manager of Arenas and Fields issues the permits. We have very good relationships with our user groups, which allows us to be able to close fields to allow for proper renovation. For example, the 'A' soccer field at this facility is very heavily used. We have delayed

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the opening in spring or closed it early in the season or early in September to allow for proper regeneration. The teams understand and are good with moving to other fields short-term. Beyond that, we work around the scheduled games during the season for any additional maintenance on the field. All staff involved with our sports fields meet on a regular basis to discuss field allocations and field closures. ♦

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