

## Mayor Marolyn Morrison ? Town continues to invest in its recreational assets like Johnston Park

In Caledon we support many sports groups ? soccer, baseball, hockey, lacrosse, figure skating, ball hockey, etc.

As a Town and a council, we try to provide the facilities and fields that are needed so the community can participate in their favourite activities. We do this by providing important recreational infrastructure such as playing fields and buildings.

Take soccer for example. We have three extraordinary soccer clubs within the Town of Caledon, one in Bolton, one in Caledon East and one in Mayfield West. All of these clubs ? mostly through the incomparable commitment of their volunteers ? work tirelessly to deliver soccer programs promoting their sport within our community and beyond.

The Town has been working hard to provide additional fields for soccer and Phase One of the Johnston Sports Park is substantially complete and opened for play this Monday (July 8). This initial stage of development includes three junior soccer fields, parking facilities, storm water management facilities and a widening of King Street along the park frontage. The park, when completed, will include five full-size, lit sports fields, five junior sports fields and four mini sports fields. Timing of the phases and the amenities of each phase will be determined as council approves its annual budget.

Staff continues to work with all the clubs to meet the community's needs while looking ahead so we can bring needed resources on stream. That is why the Johnston Park facility is so important in the overall parks planning program at the Town.

Council has many things to consider, but we are always mindful of how our decisions can most effectively meet the needs of our community, particularly the young people of our town. Programs and recreational infrastructure investments, such as Johnston Park, are vital in delivering an accessible range of leisure opportunities for our residents. These investments are essential in maintaining Caledon's overall quality of life and are an important addition to the unparalleled natural recreational assets we enjoy

