CITY OF KELOWNA

MEMORANDUM

Date: July 6, 2005 **File No.:** 6130-11

To: Ron Born, City Manager

From: Joe Creron, Parks Manager

Subject: Naming of a Sportsfield after Bob Harrison

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the all weather field (P72) at Mission Recreation Park be named Harrison Field.

BACKGROUND:

The Okanagan Sun Alumni Association has requested that the all weather field (P72) at Mission Recreation Park be named after Bob Harrison.

Bob Harrison was one of the co-founders of the Okanagan Sun and he spent many hours offering youth the experience of sport and is most well known for his contribution to football. Mr. Harrison was a Director of the B.C. Football Conference 1991-1996 and his devotion and contribution was instrumental in the development of junior football in B.C. and Canada. Bob Harrison was presented with the Bob Giordana Memorial Award for his contribution to organized athletics and in 1978 awarded the Football B.C. Builders Award for his contribution to amateur football in B.C.

The community supports the naming of a field after Bob Harrison including the B.C. Lions Football Club, B.C. Football Conference, the Commissioner of the Canadian Football Club, Canadian Junior Football League Alumni and Okanagan Sun Alumni. On June 22, 2005 the Parks and Facilities Committee supported the naming of the all weather field at the Mission Recreation Park Harrison Field and recommended that it be forwarded to City Council for consideration. The naming of a sport field after a Kelowna resident who significantly contributed to the community is in keeping with City Policy.

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Joe Creron Parks Manager

Cc David Graham, Director Parks and Leisure Services