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**Project: Ottawa Internationals Soccer Club Soccer / Football Fields**

Hello, Paul.

What can we say – except THANKS!

That single word seems so inadequate compared to the enormity of the task that you and your crews accomplished and did so in far less than ideal weather conditions – but it will have to suffice for now to sum up all of what is included below.

On behalf of the Ottawa Internationals Soccer Club's Executive Board and as Chairman of our Club's Artificial Turf Committee and all of the Club's 2,500 members, I wish to thank you and your crews, Tony, Luc and the crew from NMP Golf Construction for all of the tremendous and timely work that you did to get these two fields' surfaces ready for laying and then for doing all of the work to shave and lay the two fields at Hillcrest High School and at École Secondaire Franco Cité.

Had it not been for the dedicated, hard-working, pleasant, positive and persevering attitudes of all of Carpell's and NMP's workers we would be looking at snow-covered stone fields and would be facing a winter and springtime of uncertainty and a dreaded delayed 2011 season start-up.

Instead, we are looking at snow-covered but carpeted fields that allow us to pleasedly look forward to the 2011 season with the knowledge that we have the two best artificial turfs in Ottawa waiting to be used by our Club' members first thing in the spring!

Barrie Ellis, Dave Dolan, Dennis Warren (of Taplen Construction) and I would especially like to send our thanks to Marco, Stephane and Yves (at NMP) for their always cheerful, friendly and efficient approach to whatever difficulty they faced. This positive approach was greatly appreciated and aided greatly with instilling the necessary confidence and positive attitude in all of the crews – and in us - that the work could be completed.

There were times when things looked bleak and that failure was imminent or even inevitable – but you promised Barrie that you would get the two fields done before the snow was here to stay - and you and your crews were good to your word and you did it!!! Your confidence in meeting the deadline never wavered and that confident and positive mind-set succeeded.

The fields look great and we receive impressed “Wows” daily from various people in the soccer community and the public-at-large. Both school boards - and especially the schools themselves - are very pleased with their appearance and are very excited with the opportunities and advantages that these fields present.

Moreover, the Committee organizing the Hillcrest High School 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and Reunion is very excited at having their football field as the centre-piece or focal point of school pride for their week-end long celebrations next May.

From what we have seen, you have admirably succeeded in creating the two showcase fields that you told us you wanted to install in this market. Well done!

These are – without a doubt – the two finest fields in this area and will be the envy of all of the Clubs (soccer, football, rugby and ultimate) in the entire region as these fields will play a vitally important role in promoting and improving involvement and skills in various field-sports in the communities bordering the two schools and hopefully the existence of these fields will be the impetus to encourage other Clubs and School Boards to co-operate to develop such facilities elsewhere in Ottawa in the near future.

And we know that with the deep maintenance that will be performed on a regular basis on these two surfaces for the next decade or so, these venues will remain at the top of the list of quality fields in Ottawa for years to come.

We noticed that you have already hosted two tours of the fields. I trust that the visitors were as impressed with them and your attention to details as we and so many others in this area are.

Naturally, we will be glad to provide you with positive testimonials regarding both your workmanship, your co-operation and timeliness as well as to the quality of the final product.

Our players can hardly wait to get out on them and to start improving their skills.

Plans for a grand opening or ribbon-cutting ceremony are being made and we will definitely invite you and whomever from your crews who can attend to join us in these celebrations next Spring.

Yours sincerely,

**George Bennett**

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