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State-of-the-art irrigation system improves outdoor facilities – Leduc’s athletic community to benefit with increased field quality

A new, state-of-the-art irrigation system at Leduc’s Wm. F. Lede Park has been installed and is now operational.

“The overall goal is to significantly enhance the quality of field facilities for local users along with an increasing number of visitors to Leduc using the park for tournament play,” says Darrell Melvie, director of community development and service planning with the City of Leduc. “This project is based on extensive consultation with local user groups.”

The City of Leduc committed \$770,000 to help raise Leduc’s competitive level in attracting regional, provincial and national athletic events to Lede Park. The system incorporates about six-km of pipe to irrigate around 18 acres of sport fields, including four ball diamonds, a rugby field, soccer field and three new soccer fields.

The new system features:

- An irrigation controller to monitor and manage irrigation zones.
- Links to an onsite weather monitoring system to ensure water is only applied to fields when needed.
- Capacity to potentially draw on non-potable water from Telford Lake or an adjacent storm water retention pond if needed in future.

“It has capacity to water all current fields and to accommodate the addition of several fields as they are constructed in future; upwards of 38 acres,” says Melvie.

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