

## **Advantages and Benefits of the Project:**

- 1. The field facility addresses a need in the community.**
  - Georgetown needs more sports fields. The Georgetown Soccer Club has 2800 children enrolled; Halton Hills Football has almost 300 children, and both are growing as Georgetown grows.
  - Natural grass fields are not fit for play until late May, making it difficult for children to be prepared for their seasons.
  - The addition of an Artificial Turf field at GDHS is a very efficient means to add field capacity that will build on GDHS's long standing role as a community hub.
- 2. An Artificial Turf is a more effective and safer solution.**
  - The City of Mississauga data indicates that a Turf field with lights is the equivalent of 3.5 natural grass fields, providing 2-3 months longer use than grass, with greater intensity.
  - Turf is more environmentally friendly requiring no water or pesticides.
  - The playing surface is safer with consistently high quality
  - It will promote community fitness and healthier lifestyles.
- 3. This project represents a model that can be reapplied elsewhere in Halton.**
  - GDHS provides the land, the Halton Board borrows the needed debt, the Community Soccer and Football clubs guarantee the rental income, and the Town operates the facility and manages community rental after school hours.
- 4. Financially the project is attractive – the project generates positive cash flow that makes the project virtually self funding.**
  - The Georgetown Soccer Club and Halton Hills Football Association are prepared to guarantee the 1100 rental hours at \$150/hour which will cover debt servicing over a 20 year project life, depreciation, maintenance costs.