The remote Norway House Community wanted to quickly get two baseball fields ready for action, neither of which had any grass and only one of which was irrigated. Project organizers wanted to utilize sod so the fields could be playable as soon as possible. However, a soil test indicated the fields had very poor soil conditions. While sodding would provide an expedited solution, the poor soil made its long-term sustainability very questionable.

The team applied ProGanics to the irrigated baseball field and then laid the sod. Despite concerns that the roots wouldn’t develop past the ProGanics, one year later, the baseball diamond had strong root development. The town is more than eight hours from any major city, and it was determined that trucking in topsoil would have been very costly. Profile® stepped in with a new solution that had never been tried before: applying ProGanics® Biotic Soil Media™ (BSM™) under the sod. ProGanics is an Engineered Soil Media™ (ESM™) that provides organic matter and soil-building components to modify the soil chemistry and initiate growth and vegetation establishment. After meeting with Profile, Norway House agreed to this unique approach.

“I would most certainly put sod over ProGanics again,” said Damon Sump, Regional Sales Manager, Profile Products. “It proved its worth.”