



## REFERRAL OF MEMBER MOTION BY CITY COUNCIL

### Water Connection Funding for the Thackeray Park Cricket Pitch (Ward 1, Etobicoke North)

<b>Date:</b>	August 7, 2009
<b>To:</b>	Executive Committee
<b>From:</b>	City Council
<b>Wards:</b>	Ward 1 – Etobicoke North

#### City Council Decision

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City Council on August 5 and 6, 2009, referred Motion MM38.19 to the Executive Committee.

#### Recommendations

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Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor De Baeremaeker, recommends that:

1. City Council approve an allocation of \$350,000 for water and sewer hook-up for Thackeray Park cricket ground.
2. The Thackeray Park water supply and sewer hook up project be added to the appropriate 2009 capital budget program with an offset coming from the Toronto Water & Wastewater Reserve Fund for a net-zero impact on the City's budget.

#### Summary

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Thackeray Park is located at the north-east corner of Steeles Avenue West and Kipling Avenue. This under-utilized public space was donated to the City of Toronto by the Toronto Region and Conservation Area to facilitate the construction of a modern cricket ground. The project will ultimately include a regulation field, seating areas, lighting, parking and washroom facilities.

Community stakeholders and city partners realized that the park would be a fantastic location to host the growing sport of cricket. The Greater Toronto Area is home to cricket fans from all over the world, especially the United Kingdom, South Asia and the Caribbean. The cricket ground was recently covered in various media outlets from the Asian Television Network to Metro News.

The \$500,000 toward Phase 1 of the cost-shared project between the City of Toronto and community partners has quickly gained momentum. Last month, the Toronto Police Services Board voted to provide \$50,000 in recognition of the positive benefits that this cricket field will have on the health of the community. The cricket ground will provide a unique recreational opportunity for at-risk youth as well organized cricket teams.

The proposed site requires connection to the City of Toronto's water and wastewater system. Funding from the Water Reserve Account would enable the water hookup to take place.

(Submitted to City Council on August 5, 2009 as MM38.19)

**Background Information (City Council)**

Financial Impact Statement (August 6, 2009) from the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer