

City Council

Motion Without Notice

MM16.16	ACTION			Ward:All
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2014 Golden Oldies Tournament - by Councillor Adam Vaughan, seconded by Councillor Michael Thompson

- * *This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*
- * *This Motion is not subject to a vote to waive referral.*
- * *This Motion has been added to the agenda and is before Council for debate.*

Recommendations

Councillor Adam Vaughan, seconded by Councillor Michael Thompson, recommends that:

1. City Council formally endorse the bid for the 2014 Golden Oldies Tournament by the Toronto City Cricket League.
2. City Council direct staff from the Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division to work with Bid Organizers to facilitate the tournament and opening ceremonies hosting the tournament and opening ceremonies at Parks, Forestry, and Recreation facilities.

Summary

In 2014, close to 5000 cricketers from across the globe will gather to play in a Golden Oldies Tournament. Toronto has made the shortlist of cities bidding to host the tournament. Cricket is not only this city's fastest growing sport, it is also one of this city's oldest athletic pastimes. Hosting the tournament will provide a great opportunity to celebrate our city's older athletes, while attracting tourism and boosting Toronto's profile internationally.

The tournament bid is being coordinated by the Toronto Lumberjacks Cricket Club who play in the Etobicoke-based Toronto City Cricket League. Organizers have approached the city for support to both stage the tournament and host opening ceremonies and festivities. The Tournament would be held in August and at this time is not seeking financial support beyond City permission to use existing public fields.

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