TORONTO Member Motion

City Council

Motion without Notice

MM22.18	ACTION			Ward:All

Review of City-owned properties under the Control of Toronto Water - by Councillor Mark Grimes, seconded by Councillor Janet Davis

**** 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 Mark Grimes, seconded by Councillor Janet Davis, recommends that:

1. City Council request the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation to consult with the General Manager, Toronto Water to identify sites under the control of Toronto Water that could be appropriate for sports and recreational purposes and report the findings to Executive Committee and City Council by July 2012.

2. City Council direct that the report in Part 1 above be submitted to the same meeting when the report requested by City Council on fees for sports fields in 2013 and how the concerns raised by sports groups and other affected individuals can be addressed for 2013, is considered.

Summary

Toronto Parks, Forestry and Recreation offers baseball, soccer, cricket, lacrosse, football, and many other sports fields and stadiums to suit teams at a variety of skill levels. Application deadlines for seasonal bookings begin in the month of November for the following year. Field permits are allocated according to group categories but the demand always exceeds the availability.

City Council has worked with sports groups to review the permit fields, and demonstrated overwhelming support for the youth of our city ensuring that sports fields would be available this year for all. At local community meetings on sport field fees held in the city other concerns were also raised.

Toronto Water operates many City-owned properties that are existing green spaces in various communities across the City of Toronto. These sites may be appropriate to be used to reduce the shortage of playing fields etc for sports and recreational purposes.

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