
City Council

Notice of Motion

MM29.15	ACTION			Ward:All
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Support for Youth Cricket Initiatives - by Councillor Neethan Shan, seconded by Mayor John Tory

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Community Development and Recreation Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor Neethan Shan, seconded by Mayor John Tory, recommends that:

1. City Council endorse the CGMA Mayors' School Cricket Tournament and congratulate York Memorial Collegiate Institute and Woburn Collegiate Institute, the 2016 champions.
2. City Council endorse the objectives of the Cricket Across the Pond scholarships and initiatives to strengthen international relations and youth development through cricket.
3. City Council express its appreciation to CIMA Canada, Canadian Tire, the Trillium Foundation, SportChek, the Toronto District School Board and the Toronto Catholic District School Board and other partners for working successfully with the City to provide these initiatives at no cost to the City of Toronto.

Summary

Since 2005, the City of Toronto has addressed the growing interest in youth cricket programs and facilities through innovative partnerships. As one of the fastest-growing sports in Toronto, cricket has been used as a vehicle to engage youth across the city. Cricket Across the Pond and the CGMA Mayors' School Cricket Championships are two examples of such initiatives.

The CGMA Mayors' School Cricket Tournament was piloted during the summer of 2011 to support the development of cricket programs in Toronto schools. This year's tournament kicked off on May 15, 2017 and the finals for the Greater Toronto Region will be held on June 3, 2017.

The Cricket Across the Pond program provides young Torontonians with an opportunity to represent Toronto internationally and learn life skills as youth cricket ambassadors. The program is offered at no cost to the City and over 25 Cricket Across the Pond participants have advanced their cricket careers, joining the National Cricket Team and finding employment with the City as counsellors in summer cricket camps.

Through in-kind support, access to fields for games and use of City facilities for award, media and volunteer recognition events, the City continues to partner with the organizers of these initiatives to advance our priorities of youth engagement, employment and skill development through cricket.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM29.15