

**City Council****Notice of Motion**

MM32.7	ACTION			Ward: All
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**#BuzzerBeater: A clear plan to safely restart sports and community recreation - by Councillor Brad Bradford, seconded by Councillor Frances Nunziata**

*\* Notice of this Motion has been given.  
\* This Motion is subject to referral to the Economic and Community Development Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

**Recommendations**

Councillor Brad Bradford, seconded by Councillor Frances Nunziata, recommends that:

1. City Council request the Province of Ontario to establish a reopening plan for outdoor sports and recreational activities, which includes opportunities for input from local leagues and associations.

**Summary**

From informal street teams to official neighbourhood leagues, Toronto is home to a varied and vibrant sports culture. Teams and communities across the City are looking forward to staying physically and mentally healthy through safe approaches to community sports and recreation this summer.

We thank the Province for their efforts to ensure the health and safety of Ontarians through the COVID-19 pandemic and recognize the importance of increased measures to control the virus and keep our communities safe. As we look to the brighter days around the corner, clear information and consultation with local sports clubs and leagues will be crucial to supporting local organizers and all who are looking forward to participating in recreation again.

The Province's reopening framework from 2020 offers guidance on how outdoor sports and recreational activities can operate safely. However, since its initial publication, there have now been many lessons learned from last summer. Toronto's sport leaders have also shared helpful feedback and input on how to manage the 2021 summer season.

The City of Toronto would like our local sports leaders to have the opportunity to provide input on how we can plan to get back outside, when it's safe, to enjoy outdoor physical activities like baseball, slo-pitch, softball, lacrosse, basketball, cycling, volleyball and soccer. The clarity from a reopening plan is urgently needed from the Province given the length of time required in planning and organizing these types of activities.

Many Torontonians live for the summer months, this year more than ever. After all of the important sacrifices we've been making to keep each other safe, a sensible, measured plan to resume sports and recreation is critical for the mental and physical health of our communities.

**Background Information (City Council)**

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(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2021/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-166332.pdf>)