

## City Council

### Notice of Motion

MM6.24	ACTION			Ward: All
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### **Expanding Opportunities for Recreational Sports in Toronto - by Councillor Jaye Robinson, seconded by Councillor Paula Fletcher**

*\* 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 Jaye Robinson, seconded by Councillor Paula, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, in consultation with stakeholders, to explore immediate and long-term opportunities to expand Toronto's public sports facilities, with particular emphasis on beach volleyball courts and soccer fields that can be used year-round, and report back to the appropriate Committee as opportunities arise.

### **Summary**

For many people of all ages, organized sports are critical to living a healthy lifestyle in a city – they offer a valuable opportunity to be active, enjoy the fresh air, and socialize. Over the last few years, we have learned just how important these activities are for physical and mental health.

Two of the most popular sports in Toronto are volleyball and soccer. In fact, the Canadian Volleyball Association estimates that there are approximately 1.7 million Canadians who play volleyball, and Canada Soccer estimates that there are over one million registered soccer players.

Despite popular interest, there are limited public spaces in Toronto to play these sports year-round. Further, a number of sports facilities in Toronto have been or will be impacted by upcoming construction, including 23 beach volleyball courts and two turf soccer fields at Polson Pier.

### **Background Information (City Council)**

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