

FIFA World Cup 2026 Subcommittee

Meeting No.: 7

Meeting Date: Tuesday, October 14, 2025

Start Time: 2:00 PM

Location: Committee Room 2, City Hall/Video Conference

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FWC7.2 - FIFA World Cup 2026 Toronto: Legacy Update

Decision Type: ACTION

Status: Adopted

Wards: All

Subcommittee Recommendations

The FIFA World Cup 2026 Subcommittee recommends that:

1. City Council increase the 2025 Operating Budget for Parks and Recreation by \$37,500 gross and \$0 net, funded by a transfer from FIFA World Cup 2026 legacy initiatives within the 2025 Operating Budget for the City Manager's Office.
2. City Council increase the 2025 Operating Budget for Social Development by \$120,000 gross and \$0 net, funded by a transfer from FIFA World Cup 2026 legacy initiatives within the 2025 Operating Budget for the City Manager's Office.
3. City Council direct the Executive Director, FIFA World Cup 2026, Toronto Secretariat to work with other Divisions as required to include additional transfers as part of the 2026 budget process, within the \$5 million designated for legacy initiatives.

Origin

(October 9, 2025) Report from the Executive Director, FIFA World Cup 2026, Toronto Secretariat

Summary

At its meeting on October 14, 2025, the FIFA World Cup 2026 Subcommittee considered Item [FWC7.2](#) and made recommendations to City Council.

Summary from the report (October 9, 2025) from the Executive Director, FIFA World Cup 2026, Toronto Secretariat

The FIFA World Cup 2026™ (FWC26) represents an unprecedented opportunity for the City of Toronto to showcase its global reputation as a diverse, inclusive, and vibrant city.

This report provides an update specific to legacy initiatives and reflects the City's commitment to ensuring that the benefits of hosting the FWC26 are felt widely across communities, support local economic growth, enhance civic engagement, and strengthen Toronto's position as a world-class destination for major international events. This report seeks Council approval for in-year budget adjustments to advance initiatives in 2025. Development and review of FWC26 legacy initiatives is ongoing and subsequent initiatives will be brought forward in future reports.

This report is a coordinated response, providing updates and addressing directives from City Council, led by the FIFA World Cup 2026 (FWC26) Toronto Secretariat, in collaboration with various Divisions including Parks and Recreation, Toronto Water, Social Development, Economic Development and Culture, Environment, Climate and Forestry, Purchasing and Materials Management, People and Equity, and Corporate Real Estate Management.

Legacy elements are central to the planning of the FWC26 in Toronto. The infrastructure projects at both Toronto Stadium and Centennial Park represent the largest legacy investments that will benefit Torontonians long after the tournament ends. This report specifically focuses on five legacy themes and the first phase of work being done by the Program Advisory Bodies. Engagement of community leaders and organizations has been essential to this work and ensures that equity, economic inclusion, and community vibrancy remain at the core of preparations and legacy planning for 2026 and beyond.

Background Information

(October 9, 2025) Report from the Executive Director, FIFA World Cup 2026 Toronto Secretariat on FIFA World Cup 2026 Toronto: Legacy Update

(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2025/fwc/bgrd/backgroundfile-259345.pdf>)

Communications

(October 12, 2025) E-mail from Mike Widdowson (FWC.New)

Speakers

Councillor Michael Thompson

2a FIFA World Cup 2026 Toronto: Legacy Initiatives Update

Origin

(September 29, 2025) Report from the Executive Director, FIFA World Cup 2026, Toronto Secretariat

Summary

The Executive Director, FIFA World Cup 2026 Toronto Secretariat (FWC26 Toronto Secretariat) will be submitting a supplementary report to the FIFA World Cup 2026 Subcommittee before its meeting on October 14, 2025 that provides information on planned legacy projects.

Staff are in the process of finalizing details around a first tranche of legacy initiatives.

Background Information

(September 29, 2025) Report from the Executive Director, FIFA World Cup 2026, Toronto Secretariat on FIFA World Cup 2026 Toronto: Legacy Initiatives Update

(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2025/fwc/bgrd/backgroundfile-258842.pdf>)