



Dear City Council,

YWCA Toronto is the largest multi-service nonprofit organization serving women, girls, and gender diverse individuals in Toronto. As a frontline service provider, we have a deep understanding of the risks that the FIFA World Cup held for women, girls, and gender diverse individuals in Toronto. Alongside other community organizations, we have been raising the alarm around the increased risks of gender-based and intimate partner violence posed by the FIFA World Cup's presence in Toronto. Following the tournament's end, we continue to call on the City of Toronto to acknowledge these risks and reflect on the failures to address them.

As part of the FWC26 Toronto Secretariat's reporting to City Council on the outcomes of hosting the FIFA World Cup 2026, YWCA Toronto urges the Secretariat and the City to:

- Provide timely, transparent, and comprehensive access to all data related to gender-based violence, intimate partner violence, sexual harassment, and sexual violence throughout the 2026 World Cup. This disclosure must encompass Toronto Police Services' incident reports alongside all municipal tracking, public transit incident logs, and data from the emergency shelter and respite spaces activated during the tournament. We urge City Council to provide a timeline for the disclosure of this data by Q1 2027.

We also urge the City to recommit to the creation of a Gender Equity Strategy, including providing an updated timeline on the creation and implementation of the Gender Equity Strategy, working with community stakeholders to ensure the Strategy reflects the realities of women and gender diverse people in Toronto, and developing a monitoring and reporting framework for the Strategy.

To strengthen accountability and ensure timely action, we urge Council to report back by Q1 2027 with implementation options and timelines for the development and rollout of the Gender Equity Strategy.

YWCA Toronto is committed to supporting City Council in these calls, and we are available to meet to share our expertise and work collaboratively in pursuit of gender equity and the end of gender-based and intimate partner violence in Toronto.

Please reach us at executiveoffice@ywcatoronto.org to arrange a meeting.

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These comments are being submitted for distribution to City Council ahead of City Council Meeting 43, on July 29, 30, and 31, 2026.

RE: Item - 2026.CC43.6 FIFA World Cup 2026 Toronto: Early Outcomes from the Hosting of the FIFA World Cup 2026 <https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2026.CC43.6>.