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Date: June 25, 2026

To: Economic Development Committee Members

Re: Basketball Nets at City of Toronto Parks and City Owned and Operated Facilities

Recommendation:

1. City Council request General Manager, Parks and Recreation to equip all basketball backboards in City of Toronto-owned and operated facilities and parks with appropriate nets, and to implement a regular inspection and maintenance program to replace missing or damaged nets in a timely manner.

Background

Access to fully maintained basketball courts supports recreation, community engagement, and youth activity across Toronto neighbourhoods. Many City courts currently have missing or damaged nets, reducing playability and user experience.

The practice of removing basketball nets from city parks and facilities was to be discontinued in 2019, to support and encourage recreational play across the city. Yet today many courts remain without proper nets, indicating a need for a formal request supported by City Council, with a more consistent and proactive maintenance approach.

Ensuring that all hoops are equipped with proper nets, and maintained on a consistent schedule, will improve recreational infrastructure and promote safer and more enjoyable use of public facilities.

We need to have our residents enjoying City Facilities and encourage play.

Sincerely,

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