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Councillor James Pasternak
Ward 6, York Centre

Dear Councillor Pasternak,

This letter is intended to provide a response to your inquiry (dated September 29, 2025) regarding the City's unsuccessful application for the Downsview Community Recreation Centre (CRC) to the Province's Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund (**CSRIF**) – Stream 2 New Builds / Signature New Builds. Below is a table showing the sequence of events.

Dates	Actions	Notes
2024 - 2025	Meetings between City staff and Ministry of Sport staff	Staff met on several occasions with the local CSRIF Regional Development Advisor to discuss application requirements
May 2, 2025	Application submitted to the CSRIF for the Downsview CRC	Funding request amounting to \$20 million
July 11, 2025	Unsuccessful notification from CSRIF to the City	Letter received from Tyler Currie, Assistant Deputy Minister indicating that the City's application was not selected for funding in the first application intake.
August 15	Application feedback meeting between City and Ministry staff	Feedback received from federal officials: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Downsview CRC application was very strong and did not contain any shortfalls.• CSRIF was a highly competitive program, receiving over 485 applications, requesting more than \$1.15 billion in funding. With only \$200 million of funding available, not all applications could be supported.• All decisions are final and there is no appeal process for unsuccessful applicants.

The City also applied to the CSRIF Stream 1 (Repair and Rehabilitation) for the Jack Goodlad Park Basketball Court Rehabilitation Project amounting to \$245,676 located in Scarborough Centre (Ward 21). The Ministry awarded funding for this project in May 2025, and teams are currently working to finalize the Contribution Agreement.

The Ministry of Sport have indicated that they anticipate future rounds of CSRIF funding to become available at a later date. City staff will continue to monitor for updates as well as other grant opportunities that may become available for the Downsview CRC.

Although Downsview CRC project funding was not secured through the first round of CSRIF, the project application was successful for the Federal Government's Green and Inclusive Community Buildings Fund up to \$20,000,000 in August 2024. Following the approval, federal officials have required additional information related to project details and these discussions are targeted to be completed and result in an executed Contribution Agreement with the City by the end of 2025.

Thank you for raising this matter to us for attention. Our team will be sure to keep you updated should we receive any new information related to the CSRIF. For further information or questions, please contact Jeff Cantos, Senior Manager, Intergovernmental and Agency Relations (jeffrey.cantos@toronto.ca).

Regards,



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