

NOTICE OF MOTION

Re-opening and Amending Item 2025. MM30.8 Accepting a Donation from Tennis Canada to Enhance the Tennis Courts at Malvern Park (Ward 25 – Scarborough-Rouge Park)

Moved by: Councillor Shan

Seconded by: Councillor Myers

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Councillor Shan, seconded by Councillor Myers, recommends that:

1. City Council amend its previous decision on Item 2025.MM30.8 by:

- a. deleting recommendation 1 and replacing it with the revised recommendation below.

City Council authorize the General Manager, Parks and Recreation, to negotiate and execute a contribution agreement with the National Bank of Canada and/or the Canadian Tennis Association (operating as “Tennis Canada”), under the National Bank Play Your Court Program, to secure a grant of \$100,000, applied for by the City, funded by the National Bank of Canada, and administered by Tennis Canada for the purposes of improving tennis courts at Malvern Park, municipally known as 36 Sewells Rd., Toronto, including program requirements such as branded signage on the court nets and entrances, a grand opening event, and up to two days of annual no-charge access for Tennis Canada to host programming or events for a term of ten (10) years, provided that the terms and conditions are acceptable to the General Manager, Parks and Recreation, and the agreement is in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

SUMMARY:

Parks and Recreation staff applied for a grant from the National Bank Play Your Court Program to obtain funding to contribute to the cost of improvements at the Malvern Park tennis courts. Initially it was thought that this funding would fall under the City’s Donation Policy and item [2025.MM30.8](#) was moved to authorize the General Manager, Parks and Recreation, to accept a \$100,000 donation from Tennis Canada for refurbishment of the tennis courts at Malvern Park. Subsequent to the adoption of the motion, Tennis Canada advised that the grant is conditional upon the City providing certain benefits such as National Bank and Tennis Canada branded signage on nets and entrance of courts, a grand opening event, and access to the Malvern tennis courts up to two days per calendar year at no charge to host programming or an event. Upon review, it was determined that the contribution was incorrectly categorized as a donation due to the conditions associated with the grant.

The parties to the agreement have also been updated to accurately reflect the program name, and the funders and administrators of the program. The financial contribution to the City remains

\$100,000, the same as the original motion.

National Bank Play Your Court Program aims to revitalize over 100 community tennis courts across Canada by 2030. Municipalities own the largest inventory of outdoor court infrastructure across the country. There is a growing demand for tennis at the community level and a need to update outdoor community tennis courts.

In 2025 and 2026, the City of Toronto is improving tennis courts across the City, including improvements to lighting, fencing and court surfaces through its Back on Track program. This grant would provide additional funding to enhance the tennis courts at Malvern Park, creating a high-quality public tennis facility with colour-coated courts for the Malvern community.

This motion is urgent as the contribution agreement needs to be negotiated and executed prior to the City completing the capital improvements at the Malvern Park tennis courts.

REQUIRES RE-OPENING:

Item 2025.MM30.8 (May 21 and 22, 2025, City Council meeting) only as it pertains to Part 1.

March 17, 2025