

REVISED

NOTICE OF MOTION

Cricket Day

Moved by: Councillor Neethan Shan _____

Seconded by: Mayor Oliva Chow _____

SUMMARY:

Cricket is one of the fastest-growing sports in the City of Toronto, with participation, demand, and a passionate fan base continuing to expand across the City. While its popularity is rising today, cricket has deep historical roots in Canada. The first international cricket match in the sport's history was played between Canada and the United States from September 24 to 26, 1844, with Canada claiming victory in the competition hosted at the St. George's Cricket Club in New York. Reflecting its early significance, cricket was officially declared Canada's first national sport in 1867. Proclaiming September 24th 2026, as *Cricket Day* highlights cricket's cultural heritage, historical importance, and ongoing contributions to Toronto's diverse communities.

In addition, *Cricket Day* provides an opportunity to reaffirm the City's commitment to incorporating cricket into the City, focusing on how to expand access to cricket facilities and programming to provide more equitable, high-quality infrastructure and programming.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

In recognition of cricket's legacy and its growing significance across our City, I recommend:

1. City Council proclaim September 24th 2026, as *Cricket Day* in the City of Toronto.
2. City Council request the General Manager, Economic Development and Culture to engage with international and local cricket organizations, leagues, and other relevant stakeholders to initiate discussions on the potential of hosting cricket events and activities in Toronto.
3. City Council request the General Manager, Parks and Recreation in consultation with other relevant divisions to review and identify how the booking processes for park facilities used by cricket leagues and organizations can be improved to support and promote local cricket communities across Toronto.

Date: April 21, 2026