

NOTICE OF MOTION

Improving Cricket Facilities, Maintenance, and Enforcement Across Toronto

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SUMMARY:

Cricket is one of the fastest-growing sports in Toronto, with thousands of residents participating annually in leagues, youth programs, and community activities. Organizations such as the Scarborough Cricket Association provide significant volunteer support to sustain this growth.

Despite increasing demand, many City-owned cricket facilities lack basic infrastructure and maintenance. Ongoing concerns include insufficient seating, inadequate washroom access, poor field conditions, and damage to cricket pitches caused by unauthorized use of permitted grounds.

Unauthorized use of cricket facilities continues to create operational challenges and financial burdens for organized leagues by damaging prepared playing surfaces. There is also limited monitoring and enforcement to protect permitted users.

As the City prepares for the 2026 cricket season, there is a clear need to improve infrastructure, strengthen enforcement, and support equitable access to quality cricket facilities across Toronto.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. City Council requests the General Manager, Parks and Recreation, to conduct a comprehensive review of all City-operated cricket facilities to identify gaps in infrastructure, including seating, washrooms, and field conditions.
2. City Council requests the General Manager, Parks and Recreation, to report to the appropriate committee by the first quarter of 2027 with a prioritized action plan, including cost estimates, to address identified gaps.
3. City Council requests the General Manager, Parks and Recreation, in collaboration with Municipal Licensing and Standards and Toronto Police Service, to implement enhanced monitoring and enforcement measures to prevent unauthorized use of cricket facilities.
4. City Council requests the General Manager, Parks and Recreation, to develop and implement measures to protect cricket pitches and wickets, including physical safeguards and controlled access protocols.
5. City Council requests the General Manager, Parks and Recreation, to engage with cricket organizations, including the Scarborough Cricket Association, to identify priorities and support ongoing collaboration.

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