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ONTARIO SCHOOLS CRICKET ASSOCIATION

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Subject: Letter of Support – MM40.9 Celebrating Cricket Day in the City of Toronto

Dear Members of Toronto City Council,

On behalf of the Ontario Schools Cricket Association (OSCA), I am writing to express our strong support for Motion MM40.9, brought forward by Councillor Neethan Shan and seconded by Mayor Olivia Chow.

Through our partnership with Toronto Parks, Forestry and Recreation (PFR), OSCA has been delivering cricket programming in schools and communities across Toronto as part of physical education and recreational initiatives. We are seeing strong and growing demand among young Torontonians — particularly in communities where cricket is culturally relevant and highly engaging. As one example, OSCA is currently delivering programming in the Malvern school community, supported by the Toronto Foundation, demonstrating strong student interest and the effectiveness of locally driven partnerships.

This motion is both timely and important. Proclaiming September 24, 2026, as “Celebrating Cricket Day in the City of Toronto” sends a strong signal recognizing cricket’s cultural heritage, historical significance, and ongoing contributions to Toronto’s diverse communities. It also provides an opportunity to further embed cricket within the City’s approach to inclusive sport and community development. Through OSCA’s longstanding partnership with PFR, OSCA has supported the delivery of the Mayor’s School Cricket program by covering program-related costs, while PFR has generously facilitated access to park permits. Building on this strong foundation, further improvements to access and booking processes will help extend these opportunities to even more young Torontonians.

We are also encouraged by the motion’s direction to engage with international and local cricket organizations, leagues, and other stakeholders. OSCA would welcome the opportunity to contribute to these discussions and support efforts to grow cricket programming and participation at both the school and community levels. This builds on the City’s prior leadership in supporting youth cricket. In 2022, [Toronto City Council acknowledged](#) the collaboration between PFR and OSCA, recognizing its impact in delivering youth cricket initiatives and expanding access to the sport across Toronto. Motion MM40.9 represents a natural and important next step in strengthening this commitment and expanding access to high-quality cricket infrastructure and programming.

We commend Councillor Shan and Mayor Chow for their leadership and respectfully urge City Council to support Motion MM40.9. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ken Jeffers
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