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Dear Members of Toronto City Council,

On behalf of the Etobicoke & District Cricket League (EDCL), I am writing to express our strong and unequivocal support for Motion MM 40.9, brought forward by Neethan Shan, aimed at celebrating cricket and strengthening access to the sport across Toronto.

Cricket is widely recognized as one of the fastest-growing sports in Toronto and the Greater Toronto Area. This growth reflects the city's rich diversity and the increasing demand for inclusive, community-based recreational opportunities. Every season, leagues such as ours experience rising participation numbers across youth, amateur, and competitive levels. However, this growth has significantly outpaced the availability of adequate facilities, programming, and infrastructure.

Motion MM 40.9 represents a timely and necessary step toward addressing these challenges. By improving access to cricket fields and programming, and by formally recognizing the sport through initiatives such as Celebrate Cricket Day, the City has an opportunity to remove long-standing barriers and create a more equitable sporting landscape.

Toronto has long prided itself on being a global city. Supporting cricket is not just about sport—it is about investing in youth development, fostering community engagement, and embracing cultural inclusion. Cricket provides a structured, positive environment for young people, promoting discipline, teamwork, and healthy lifestyles. With the right support, Toronto can position itself as a leader in cricket development in North America and showcase its world-class ability to deliver accessible, high-quality sports programming.

We strongly urge Council to support Motion MM 40.9 without hesitation. The benefits of this initiative will be far-reaching, impacting not only the cricketing community but the broader social fabric of our city.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Dave Simpson

Executive Director  
Etobicoke & District Cricket League (EDCL)