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(Councillor Neethan Shan)  
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Re: Support for MM 40.9 — Celebrating Cricket and Strengthening Access to Cricket in Toronto (Councillor Neethan Shan)

Dear Members of Council,

WI Sports Toronto writes to express strong support for Councillor Neethan Shan's motion MM 40.9 to celebrate cricket and scale up cricket programming across Toronto.

Cricket is one of the fastest-growing sports in Canada and in Toronto's diverse communities. Investing in cricket programming and removing barriers to fields and facilities will:

- Expand equitable access to sport for newcomers, racialized communities, youth, women and girls.
- Support health, physical activity and positive youth development through structured coaching, leagues and mentorship.
- Maximize use of public parks and recreation assets through low-cost, high-participation programming.
- Strengthen community cohesion and volunteer engagement while creating opportunities for local economic activity around events and leagues.
- Leverage partnerships with community organizations, schools and provincial sport bodies to deliver cost-effective, inclusive programs.

WI Sports Toronto stands ready to partner with the City to help deliver expanded cricket programming, field access solutions, and Celebrate Cricket Day initiatives that reflect Toronto's multicultural identity and promote active, connected neighbourhoods.

We urge Council to approve MM 40.9 and commit the necessary resources and policy changes to ensure cricket is accessible, safe, and sustainable across the city.

Sincerely,

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