

Facilities Master Plan Implementation

# CRICKET STRATEGY

## Stakeholder Group Meeting

June 24, 2020



# Land Acknowledgement

I'd like to begin by honouring the land that I'm on. If you're not currently in Toronto, I encourage you to learn about the lands you're on.

Tkaronto now known as Toronto, is under Treaty #13 and is home to many Indigenous Nations from across Turtle Island, including the Inuit and the Metis. It is the traditional territories of the Huron-Wendat, the Anishinabek, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and most recently, the Mississaugas of the Credit River First Nations.

We are all Treaty people. Many of us of have come here as settlers, immigrants, new comers in this generation or generations past.

I'd like to also acknowledge those who came here involuntarily, particularly as a result of the Trans-Atlantic Slave trade. And so, I honour and pay tribute to the ancestors of African Origin and Descent.



# Agenda



Introductions, Meeting Goals & Webex tips



Cricket Strategy

1. Facilities Master Plan, Council Directions, and Timelines
2. Pitch Classifications and Locations



Discussion



Cricket Reference Group



Discussion



Next Steps & Next Meeting

thank  
you!

Adjourn



# Rules of Engagement for a Successful Virtual Meeting



**Mute** your microphone when not speaking.



**Stay focused.** Avoid multi-tasking, be respectful, and keep an open mind.



**Use the chat feature to ask questions.** Or click the hand icon, beside your name from the participants list on the right.



**Turn on your camera, if comfortable.** Be mindful of your surroundings from a security and privacy standpoint.



**One voice at a time.** Be direct and frame questions to specific speakers.



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## Parks Forestry & Recreation Staff

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# Introductions – Cricket Stakeholders

## Cricket Stakeholders Participating

Bangladeshi Canadian Cricket Association - Rizuan Rahman  
Brampton-Etobicoke and District Cricket League - Prait Persaud  
Canadian College Cricket – Hassan Mirza  
Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA)- Ranil Mendis  
Cricket Ontario – Shah Saleem Zafar  
Go Green Youth Centre – Abeir Liton  
Ontario Masters Softball Cricket Clubs – Azeem Khan  
Scarborough Cricket Association – Shiv Persaud  
Toronto & District Cricket Association - Mohammed Shaik  
Toronto Police Cricket Club – Constable Amir Butt  
Toronto Sports Council – Kevin Arnsdorf



# Meeting Goals and Outputs

## GOAL

**Seek input from the cricket community to inform the development of the cricket strategy.**

- **Share the City's goals and scope of work for the Cricket Strategy.**
- **Review and discuss field typologies.**
- **Review and discuss the need for supporting park amenities.**
- **Discuss the establishment of the Cricket Reference Group.**

Feedback can also be provided through email until July 1.

## OUTPUT

**Ideas & suggestions to:**

- **Inform design standards and cricket pitch typologies.**
- **Inform the City's understanding of permitting demands and trends.**
- **Inform the City's understanding of amenity needs of the cricket community.**
- **Inform the Cricket Reference Group Terms of Reference.**

The presentation and meeting summaries will be posted to a Cricket Strategy website.



# Parks & Recreation Facilities Master Plan 2019-2038



- Adopted by City Council in 2019
- Plan for new and enhanced recreation facilities to meet the needs of our changing city over 20 years
- Identified significant and growing participation in cricket
- Currently there are 27 stand alone and shared cricket pitches





GTA

## Toronto needs cricket pitches, basketball courts, as demographics change and ice rinks go cold

By **Francine Kopun** City Hall Bureau  
**May Warren** Staff Reporter  
Thu., Oct. 17, 2019 | 4 min. read



The biggest city in a country crazy for hockey doesn't need more indoor ice rinks; it needs more cricket pitches, basketball courts and skate parks, thanks to changing demographics.

The plan also calls for five more cricket pitches and upgrading roughly three by 2038.

Andrew Boda, 30, who's played at pitches across the city, says that's not enough.

"It's not going to work," he said. "There needs to be an overhaul."

Boda has been playing the game for most of his life, and continued when he came to Canada from India as a teenager.

"It's not only a passion; it's in your blood," he said.

He thinks Toronto is far behind GTA municipalities such as Brampton and Mississauga when it comes to cricket.

One of the problems is that Toronto has limited green space.

"We don't have much more land," said Romoff. "The trick is figuring out where the most demand is. For example, a cricket field takes out two soccer fields. It's balancing all those needs, which we try very hard to do."

# Council Directions will structure the Cricket Strategy:

## New Pitches

Provide access to **up to five new cricket pitches** within the next twenty years. New pitches should be regulation size and may be shared with other uses (e.g., across two full size soccer fields). A variety of strategies such as partnerships with large landholders (e.g., schools, industrial areas, etc.), land acquisition and/or park redevelopment may be required to achieve this goal.

## Improve Existing Pitches

To **upgrade 10% of all cricket pitches** within the next twenty years (**approximately 3 pitches**) to increase usage potential. These upgrades, such as converting fields to higher classes through improvements to field quality and supporting amenities, will enhance capacity.

## Cricket Reference Group

City Council direct the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to establish a **Cricket Reference Group** with membership inclusive of community cricket organizations and City staff, with the work plan focused on **building organizational capacity**, and **increasing access to community cricket programs and facilities\***.



# Taking Stock

# Identifying Opportunities and Establishing Guidelines

# Finalizing the Strategy

April – June 2020

June – September 2020

September 2020 – February/March 2021

Tasks and Deliverables

Background Review & Analysis

Cricket Needs Assessment

Identified Sites Prioritized

Design Guidelines

Supporting the Growth of Cricket: Action Plan

Final Strategy & Report to City Council

Stakeholder Engagement

Kickoff Meeting with Stakeholder Groups

Town Hall Meeting with players and stakeholders

Stakeholder Reference Group Meeting

Sport Summit – Nov 2020



WEB LAUNCH

Social Media / Communications

CONSULTATION PROGRAM

## Do you have any questions of clarification?

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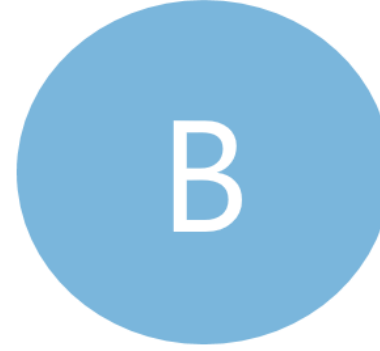
# CURRENT Field Classifications Based on Maintenance Standards



Adult Sized Field  
Irrigated  
Dedicated Staff  
Lining  
Synthetic Turf Surface



Adult Sized Field  
Irrigated



Irrigated



Not Irrigated



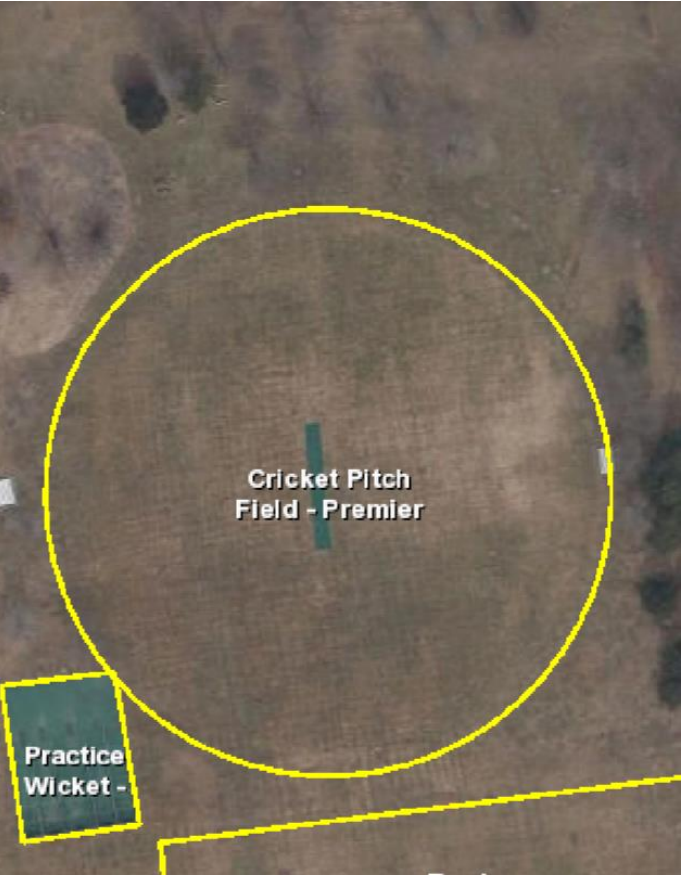
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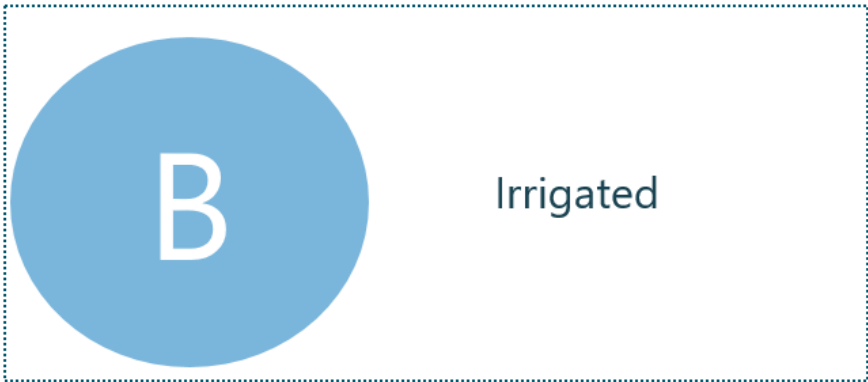
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North York	G Ross Lord Park x2 Sunnybrook Park x3
Toronto East York	None
Scarborough	None
Etobicoke York	Fergy Brown Park x2

Sunnybrook Park South Field



# CURRENT Field Classifications - B



North York	None
Toronto East York	Riverdale Park West
Scarborough	Ellesmere Reservoir x2 L'Amoreaux Hydro Corridor
Etobicoke York	None

Ellesmere Reservoir - N



Riverdale Park West





# CURRENT Field Classifications - C



Not Irrigated

## North York

Caledonia x2  
Keele Reservoir x2  
Roberto Navia Sportsfields

## Toronto East York

Cedarvale Park  
Dentonia Park  
Flemingdon Park

## Scarborough

Ashtonbee Hydro Corridor  
x2  
Terry Fox Park  
Wexford Hydro Corridor

## Etobicoke York

Centennial Park x2  
Summerlea Park  
Thackery Park

## Ashtonbee Hydro Corridor



## Dentonia Park





# CURRENT Practice Pitches

Park	Number of Practice Pitches	Associated Cricket Pitches
Caledonia Park	1	X
Centennial Park	2	X
G Ross Lord Park	5	X
Gracedale Park	2	
L'Amoreaux Hydro	4	X
Richview Park	2	
Sunnybrook Park	5	X
Thackery Park	1	X
Wexford Hydro Field	4	X



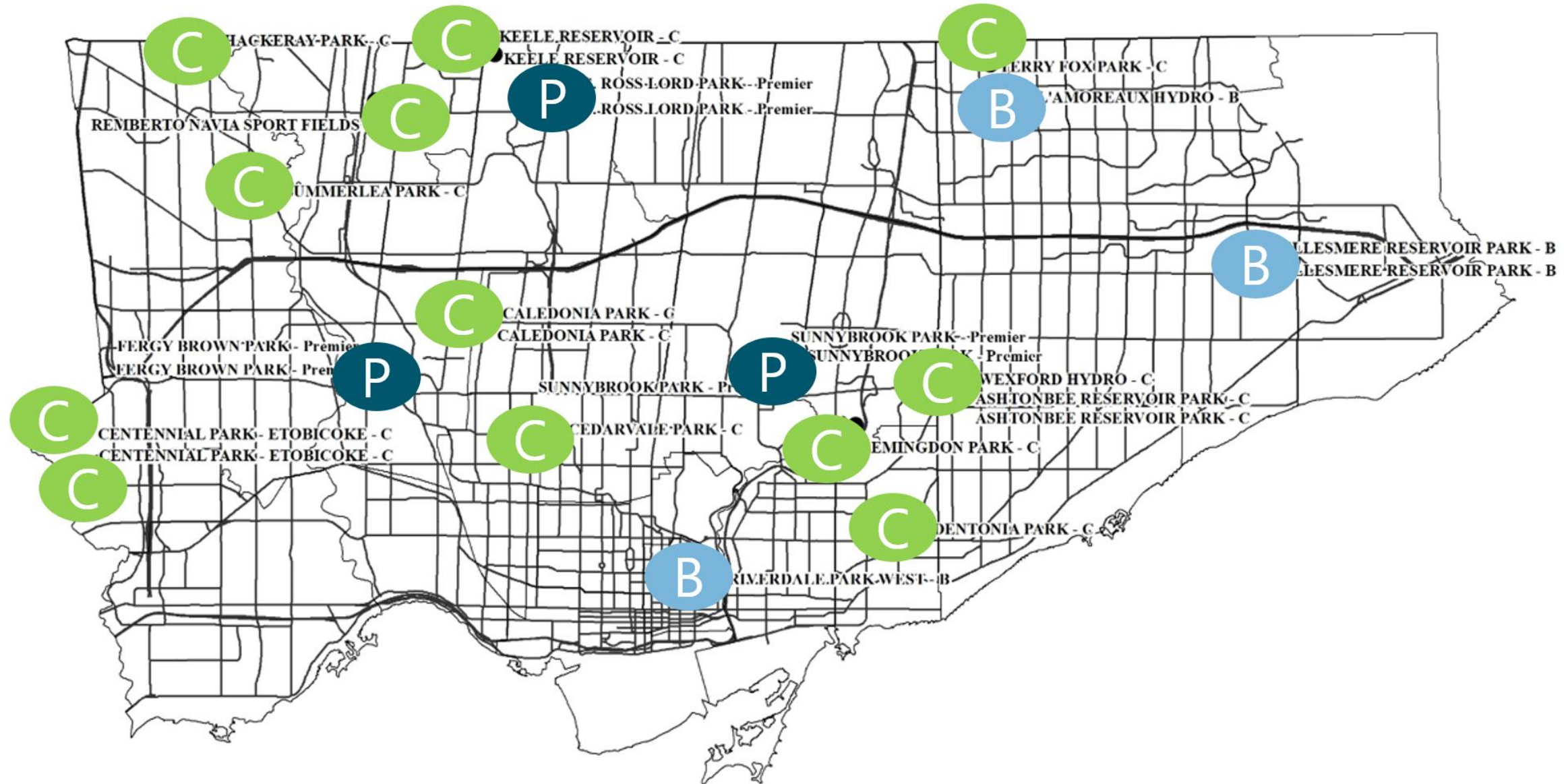
Sunnybrook Park



Wexford Hydro Field



# Cricket Pitch Locations with Classification



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# Discussion: Field Classifications

Field Use	Premier	Community	Practice	Other	Field Use
Size (generally current pitches range from 100 -140m wide)	Minimum:  Ideal:	Minimum:  Ideal:	Minimum:  Ideal:	Minimum:  Ideal:	Size (generally current pitches range from 100 -140m wide)
Field Features (e.g. Pitch surface material)	Minimum:  Ideal:	Minimum:  Ideal:	Minimum:  Ideal:	Minimum:  Ideal:	Field Features (e.g. Pitch surface material)
Care of Field (e.g. Irrigated/ Staffed/Mowed)	Minimum:  Ideal:	Minimum:  Ideal:	Minimum:  Ideal:	Minimum:  Ideal:	Care of Field (e.g. Irrigated/ Staffed/Mowed)
Stand Alone or Shared Field	Stand Alone / Shared / Either	Stand Alone / Shared / Either	Stand Alone / Shared / Either	Stand Alone / Shared / Either	Stand Alone or Shared Field
Who uses this type of field? (e.g. Adults, Youth, Competitive, Recreation)	Post – Meeting Note: Feedback informing future field classifications is summarised in the meeting summary document, rather than in this chart.				Who uses this type of field? (e.g. Adults, Youth, Competitive, Recreation)

# Discussion: Amenities

*Are these amenities critical, nice to have, or not applicable for each type of use?*

Amenity	Adult Competitive	Community	Practice	Children and Youth
Washrooms				
Lighting				
Parking				
Shade Structures				
Picnic Tables				
Bleachers	<b>Post – Meeting Note:</b> Participants did not have time to discuss amenities. This feedback was collected through a follow-up survey.			
Player Benches				
Water Fountains				
BBQs				
Other: _____				

**C**= Critical

**N**= Nice to Have

**NA**= Not Applicable

## Cricket Reference Group:

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# Discussion: Cricket Reference Group

The Cricket Reference Group is being established to help the City and community cricket organizations respond to the growth of cricket in Toronto and will:

- Help engage the cricketing community directly including the sharing of information
- Identify gaps in provision of new facilities and opportunities to improve existing spaces
- Increase access to community cricket programs and facilities

## Discussion Questions:

1. Who should be included in the Cricket Reference Group?
2. How can your organisation help achieve the goals listed above?

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# Next Steps

- Provide any additional ideas and feedback to [susan.fall@toronto.ca](mailto:susan.fall@toronto.ca) by Wednesday July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Next Meeting: Town Hall in September 2020 (date TBD).
  - We will share an online survey later this summer to gather input on the meeting date, time, and format.
- This presentation will be updated based on your feedback and posted on a new City of Toronto Cricket webpage, along with meeting notes.



**HAVE A NICE DAY**

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