

City of Toronto Cricket Reference Group

Meeting 1 - April 21, 2021



Land Acknowledgement

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

We acknowledge the land we are meeting on is the traditional territory of many nations including the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples and is now home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. We also acknowledge that Toronto is covered by Treaty 13 with the Mississaugas of the Credit.



Thank you for being here! 🎉

Agenda



Welcome, Introductions, and Webex Tips



Presentation

- Cricket Reference Group Purpose & Goals
- Cricket Strategy Background & Council Investment Priorities



Discussion

- Cricket Field Typologies & Design Standards
- Field Classifications, sizes, pitch surface materials



Next Steps

thank
you!

Adjourn at 8:30 pm



Introductions – City Staff

Parks Forestry & Recreation Staff

Alex Lavasidis – Sr. Public Consultation Coordinator

Kathleen Stevens – Landscape Technologist

Kelly Murphy – Manager, Policy & System Planning

Matt Bentley - Facilities Master Plan Project Manager

Susan Fall – Supervisor, System Planning

Teresa Liu - Planner



Introductions – CRG Members

Cricket Organizations

Bangla Warriors Cricket Club – Abu Rubaid Alam
Brampton-Etobicoke and District Cricket League – Praim Persaud
CIMA – Ranil Mendis
Cricket Canada – Keith Deonaraine
Cricket Canada Masters Council – Akshay Pandya
Cricket Ontario – Shah Saleem Zafar
Global T20 Canada - Wendy Kane
Greater Toronto Cricket Club – Qhinathullah Mohammed
Ontario Softball Cricket League – Kumar Jaipersaud
Ontario Twilight Softball Cricket League – Azeem Khan
Scarborough Cricket Association – Shiv Persaud
Superstar Colts Coach – Abdool Mudassar Samad
Toronto & District Cricket Association – Mohammed Shaikh
Toronto Police Cricket Club – PC Amir Butt
Toronto Sports Council – Heather Mitchell

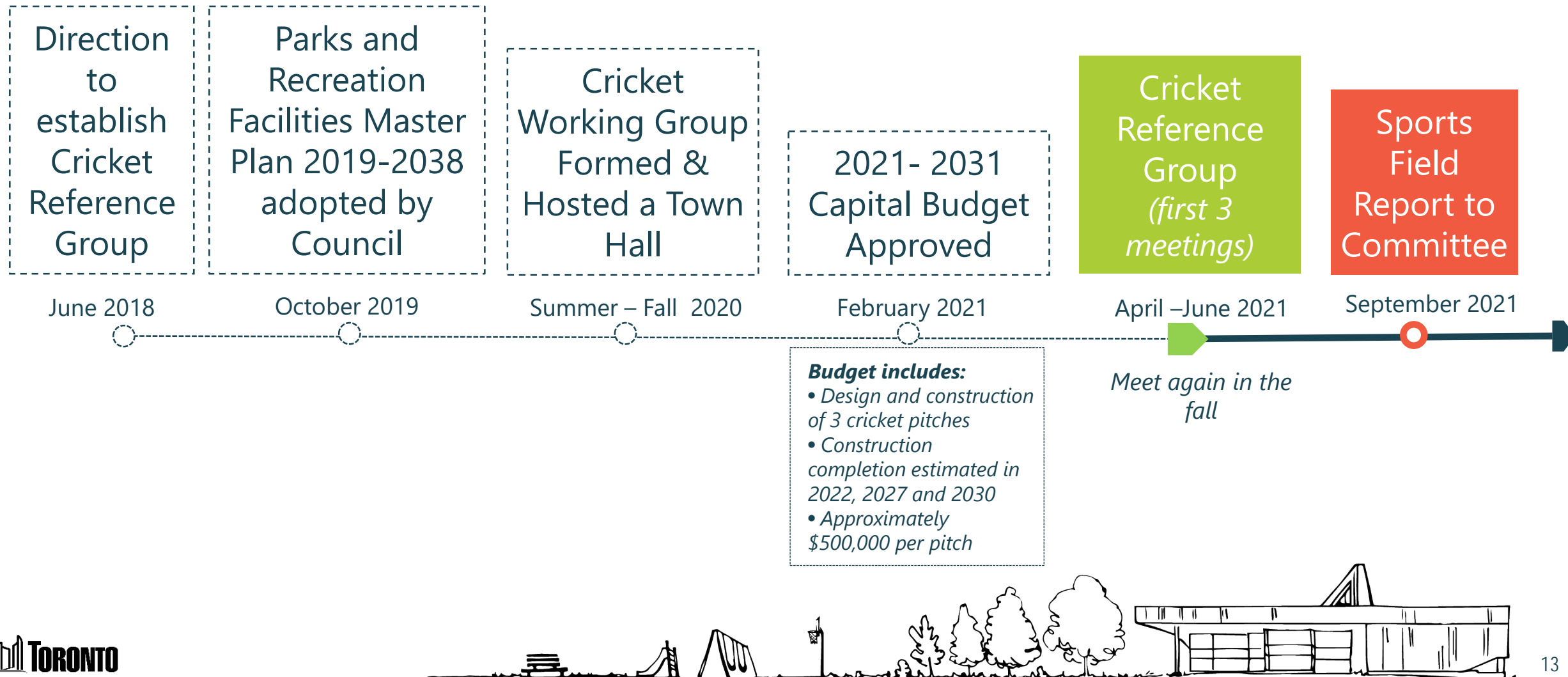


Cricket Reference Group Mandate and Roles

- The CRG is a **non-political advisory body** that will provide a forum for feedback, guidance and advice to the City of Toronto to inform the development of the City's new [Cricket Strategy](#).
- CRG members will provide advice and feedback on meeting topics, share meeting outcomes, and share opportunities for wider community input within their networks.
- Staff will circulate a short Terms of Reference following this meeting that outlines the mandate and roles of CRG members in more detail. Please provide prior to the next meeting.

The Cricket Strategy Background & Project Timeline

Cricket Strategy and Engagement Timeline



Council Directions Structures the Cricket Strategy

New Pitches

- **up to 5 new cricket pitches** within the next 20 years.
- regulation size
- may be shared with other uses (e.g., across two full size soccer fields)
- Park redevelopment and or partnerships with large landholders (e.g., schools, industrial areas, etc.)

Improve Existing Pitches

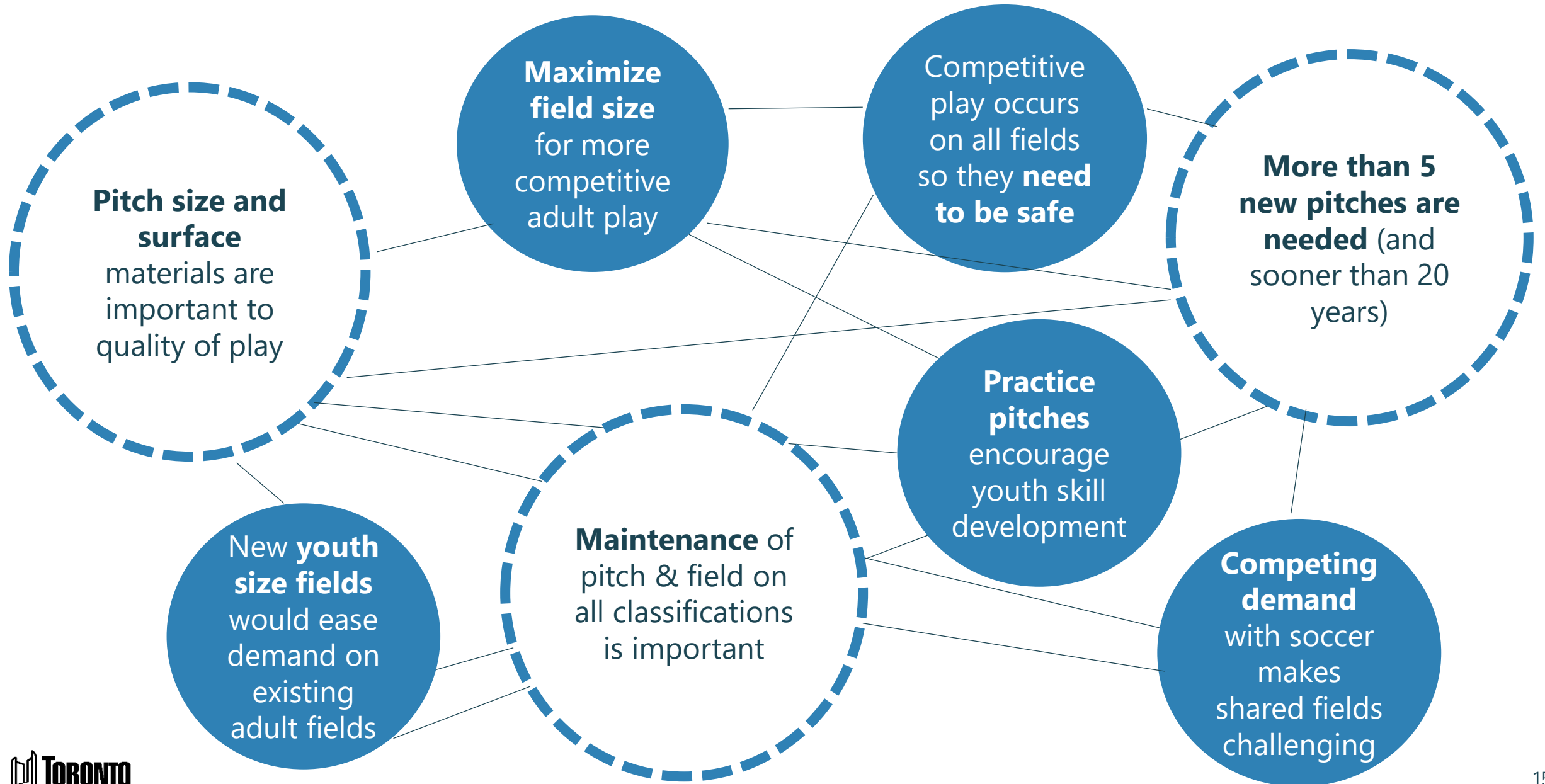
- **upgrade 10% of all existing cricket pitches (approximately 3 pitches)** within the next 20 years to enhance capacity
- Upgrades include converting fields to higher classes through improvements to field quality and supporting amenities

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**



Stakeholder Working Group Feedback



Town Hall – October 26, 2020

- 100+ attended Town Hall
- Questions and comments:
 - Maintenance
 - Youth and newcomer access and outreach
 - Partnership opportunities and programs
 - Lit fields, indoor play, school field and gym access
- 📍 171 suggestions for new field locations
- 100+ suggestions for improvement to the existing cricket fields



Cricket Strategy

Virtual Public Meeting & Online Feedback Tool

The City of Toronto is developing a Cricket Strategy to support the growth of cricket. Join us on October 26 to learn more about the Strategy, ask the project team questions, and share your ideas for growing the sport. During the virtual meeting, staff will:

- Present an overview of the Cricket Strategy and the work completed to date.
- Answer questions from participants.
- Present an overview of how to provide feedback using the online mapping tool.



Share Your Feedback Before the Meeting



Visit the [Cricket Strategy website](#) between October 12 and November 2 to share your input & help inform the Strategy using our new mapping tool.

Meeting Details



Monday, October 26, 2020
7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

[Register for the meeting.](#)

Please log in 5 minutes early to ensure your connection is working.



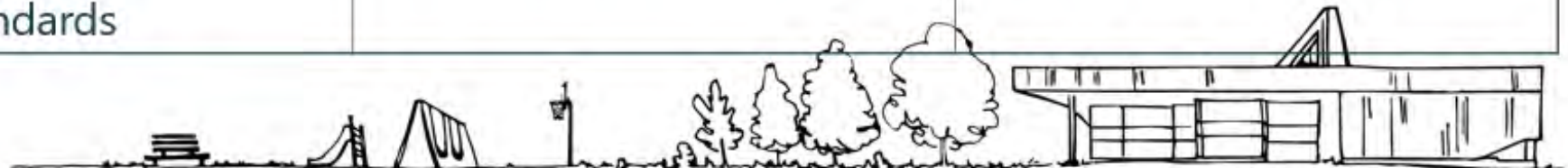
If you cannot join online:
Join by phone 1-416-915-6530
Access code: 133 988 4612



For accessibility accommodations:
Please contact Alex Lavasidis
416-318-1887 / Alex.Lavasidis@toronto.ca

Cricket Reference Group Meetings Goals & Outcomes

	Wednesday April 21st	Wednesday May 12th	Wednesday June 1st
Meeting Focus	Field Typologies	New Field Locations & Upgrades	Growing the Sport
Goal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft design standards based on: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Field sizes/typologies Pitch surface Dual pitches Pitch length Field delineation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review new field location options based on Field Typology (size) Discuss options for improving existing pitches 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify opportunities to increase access to cricket programs and facilities
Outcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Priority field size identified for staff to pursue new location options to discuss in May Draft standards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PFR staff pursue capital project to develop new field in 2021-2022 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PFR staff to research opportunities and options to discuss in Fall 2021



Field Classifications & Types of Play

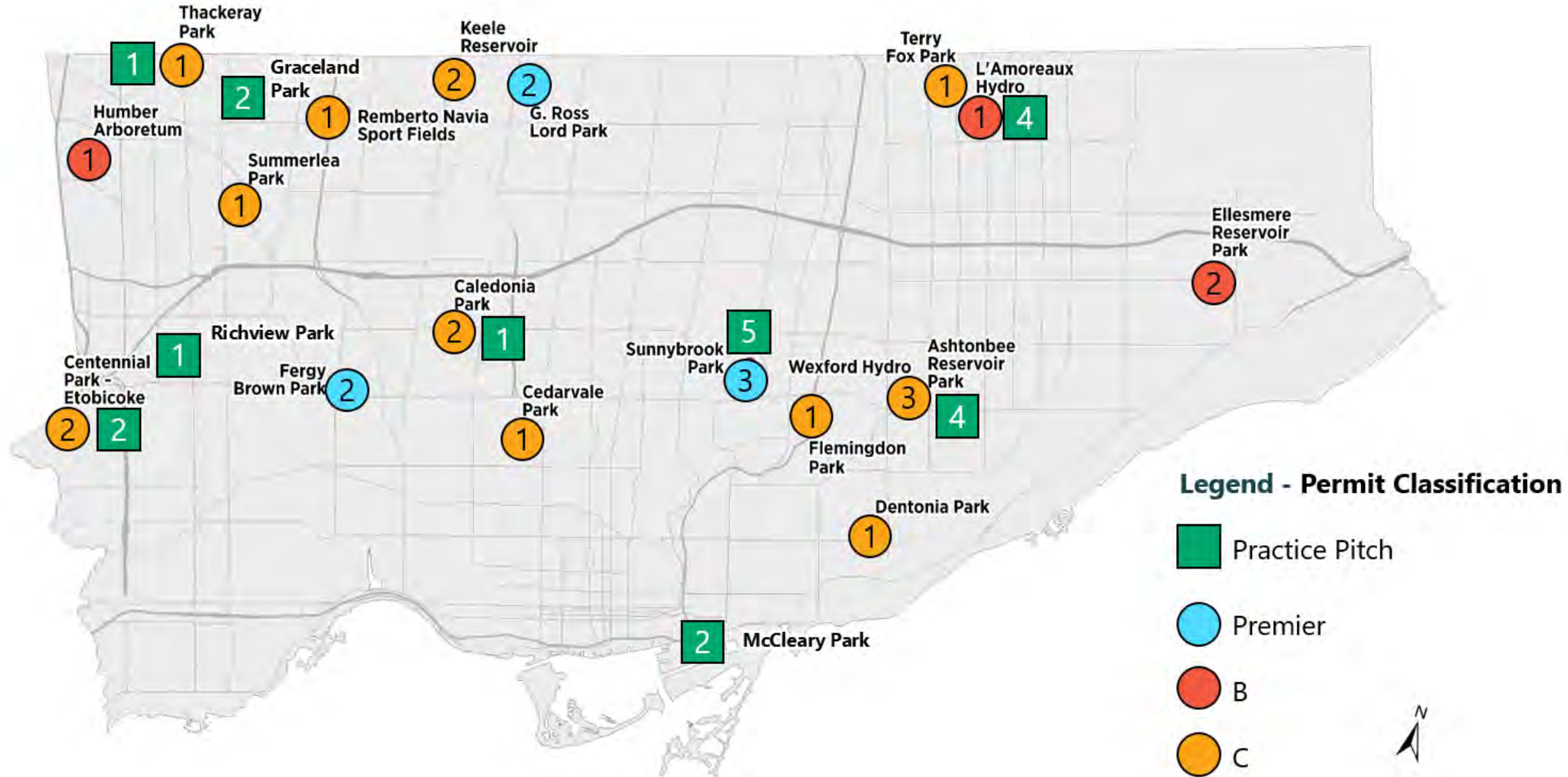
Field Classifications & Types of Play

Introducing standard field size *typology* to:

- Reflect player expectation
- Establish design standards
- Assess sites for new cricket fields



Existing Cricket Pitches



Classification currently does not reflect size of field ...

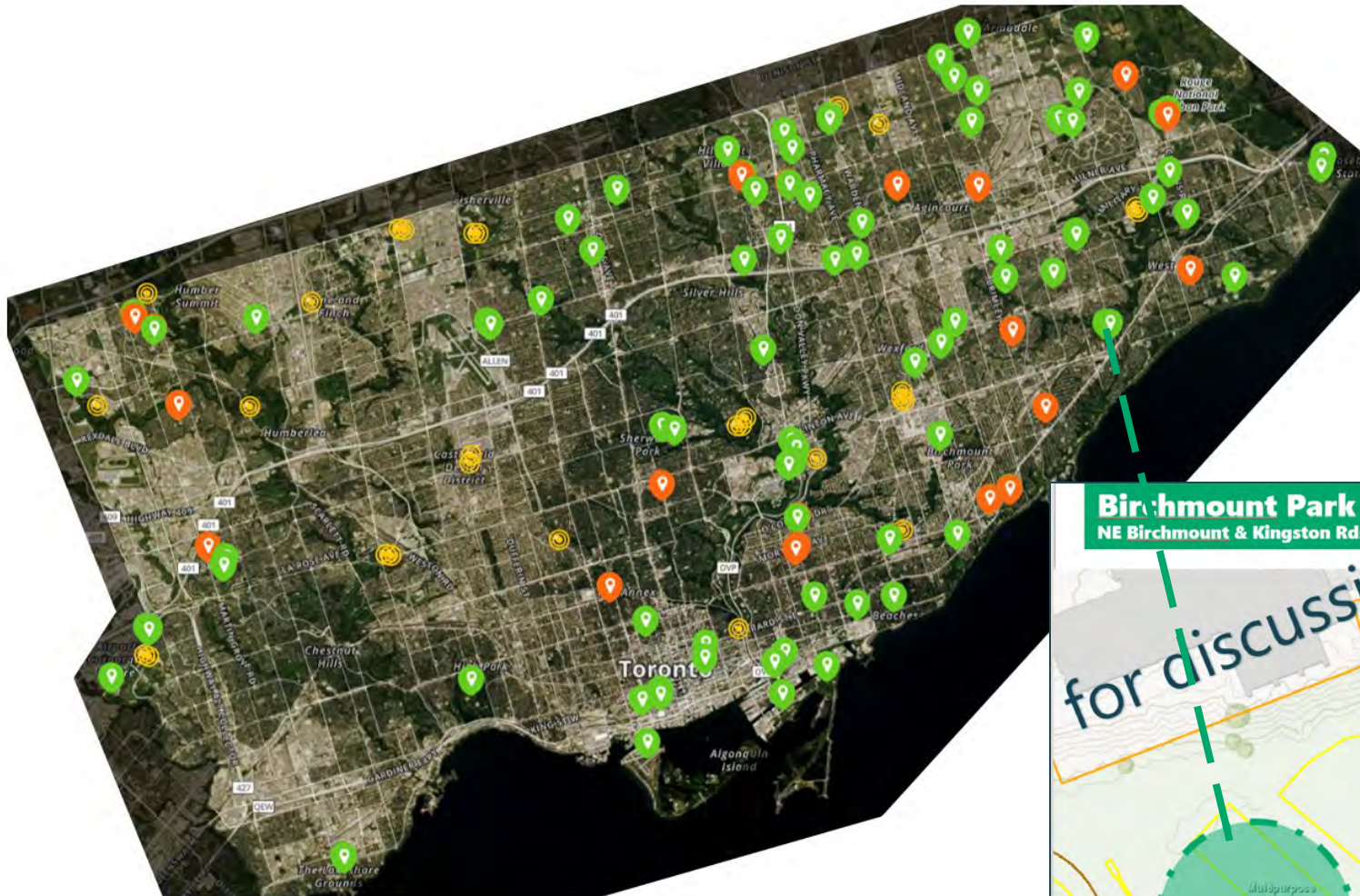
Ashtonbee Hydro Corridor



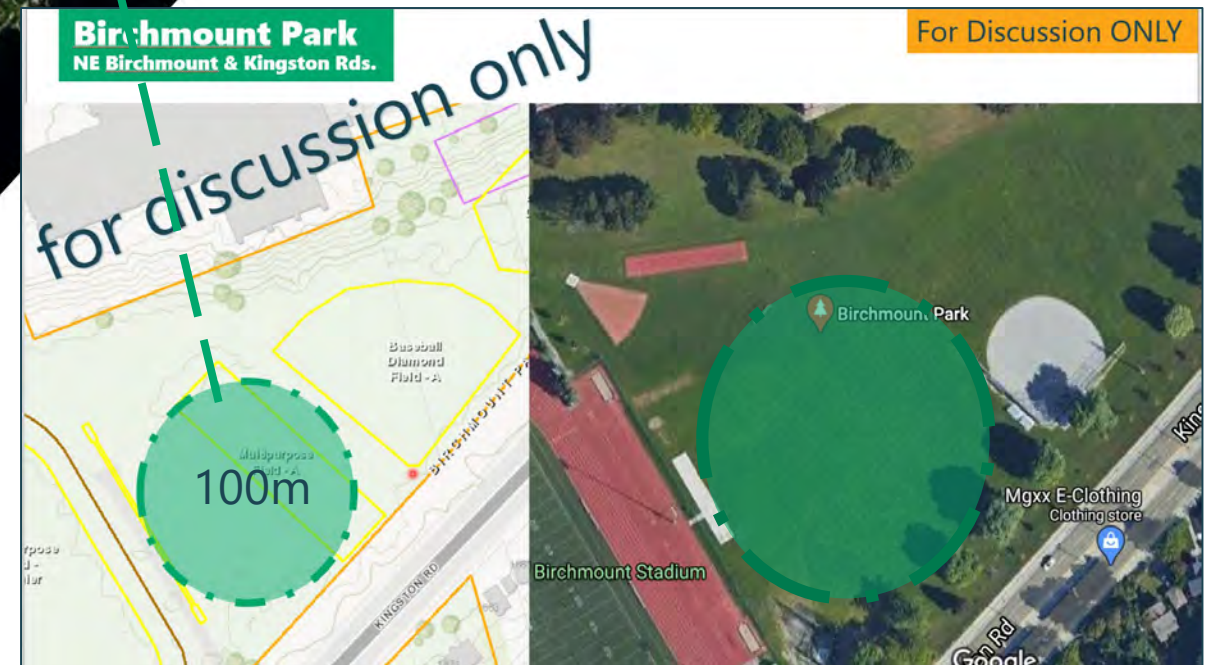
Dentonia Park



Potential New Field Locations



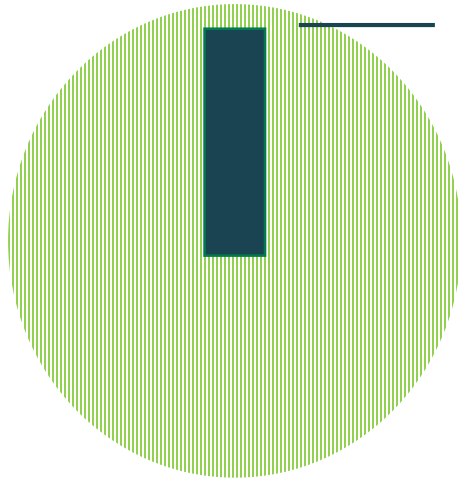
Priority is for a Full Field ... but finding the location is tough



Proposed Typology by Field Size



Pick Up – Irregular Fields



Pick Up –
Irregular field



Eglinton Park, March 27, 2021, 8:30 am



Dentonia Park June 26, 2020



Gracedale Park

Proposed Typology by Field Size

140 x 120
minimum

Full *(Cricket Canada)*

Centennial Park (2)
Ellesmere Reservoir
Flemingdon Park
Humber Arboretum
Sunnybrook Park

120 x 120
minimum

League

Ashtonbee (2)
Caledonia Park
Ellesmere Reservoir
Fergy Brown Park (2)
G. Ross Lord Park (2)
Keele Reservoir (2)
L'Amoreaux Cricket Centre
Sunnybrook Park (2)

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Community

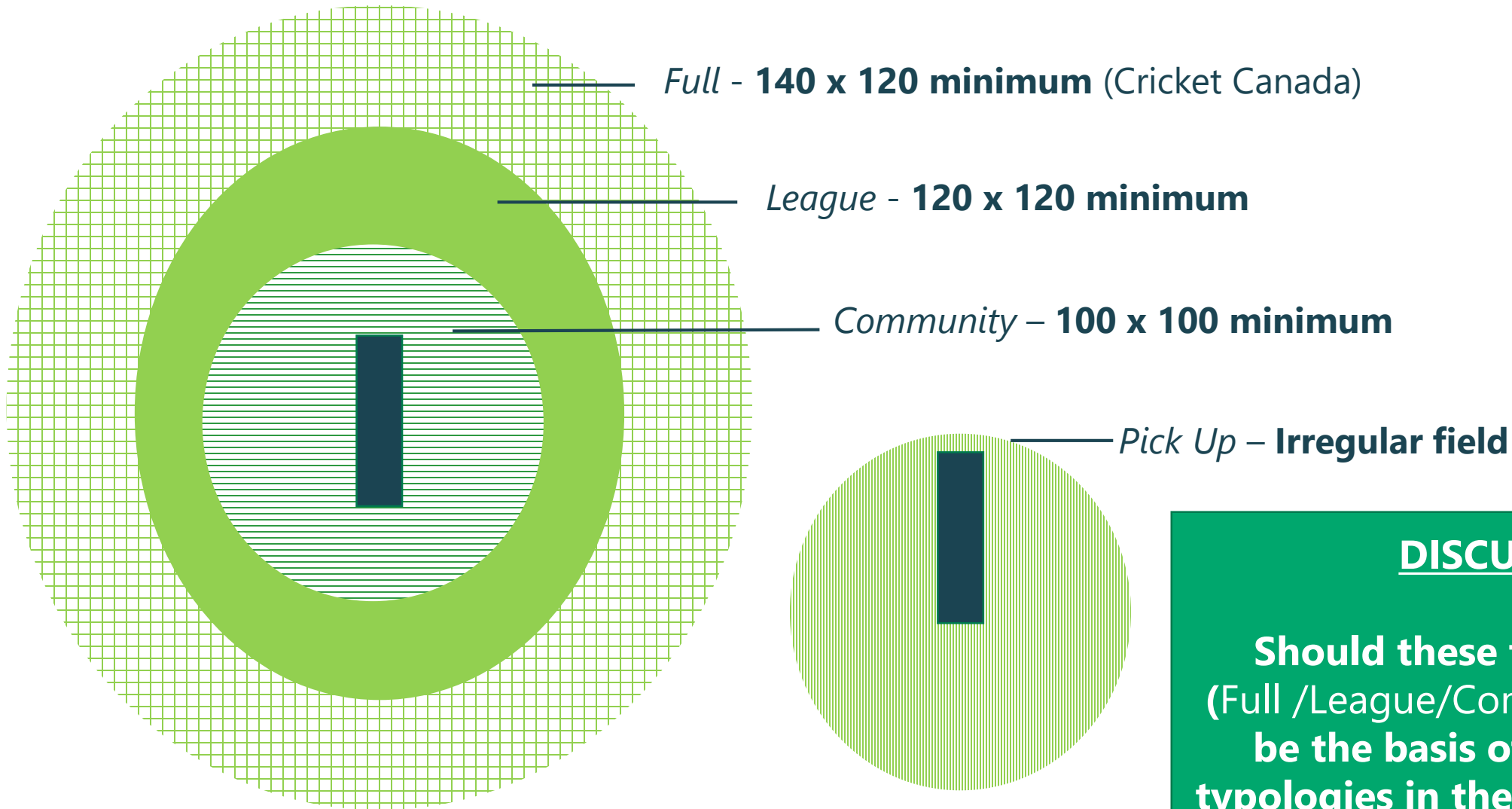
Caledonia Park
Cedarvale Park
Remberto Navix Sports Fields
Summerlea Park
Terry Fox Park
Thackery Park
Wexford Hydro

Irregular

Pick Up

Dentonia Park

Proposed Typology by Field Size



DISCUSSION

**Should these four field sizes
(Full /League/Community /Pick Up)
be the basis of the new field
typologies in the Cricket Strategy?**

Moving to a Design Standard

Dual Pitch

DISCUSSION

What are the benefits and challenges of **dual pitches**?

Where are dual pitches suitable?

What are the **key issues** to consider?

Centennial
Park (C)



Keele Reservoir
Park (C)



Summerlea
Park (C)



Pitch Design Standards

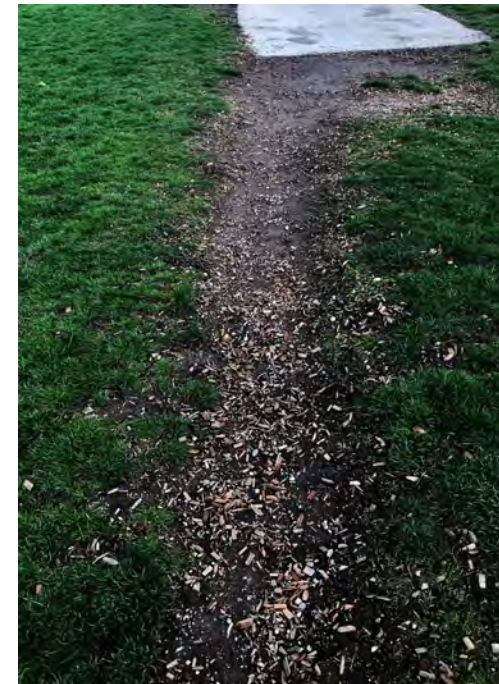
DISCUSSION

Should pitch design standards be **lengthened** by a few metres (beyond the 20.12m standard)?

Should pitch design standards be adjusted in any other ways?



Summerlea Park April 2021



Dentonia Park 2021



Flemingdon Park, 2020

Pitch surface

DISCUSSION

What type of surfacing is best for each size of field?

- Full
(140 x 120)
- League
(120 x 120)
- Community
(100 x 100)
- Pick Up
(Irregular field)



Artificial Turf (Caledonia Park West)



Jute Mat (G Ross Lord Park East)



Asphalt/Concrete (Dentonia Park)



Natural Grass

Field Delineation



DISCUSSION

What are the benefits of delineating the field?

Which size of field (Full /League/Community /Pick Up)
should be edged?

Next Steps

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- Provide any additional feedback through email by Wednesday April 28.
- Staff will circulate a short Terms of Reference following this meeting that outlines the mandate and roles of CRG members in more detail. Please provide prior to the next meeting.
- Staff will circulate a meeting summary after April 28. Please review and provide any edits within 1 week of receiving the summary.



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