

City of Toronto Cricket Reference Group

Meeting 2 – May 12, 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
with us!**



Agenda



Welcome, Introductions, and Webex Tips



Presentation



Discussion

- New Field Location Opportunities
- Improving Existing Pitches



Next Steps

thank
you!

Adjourn at 8:30 pm



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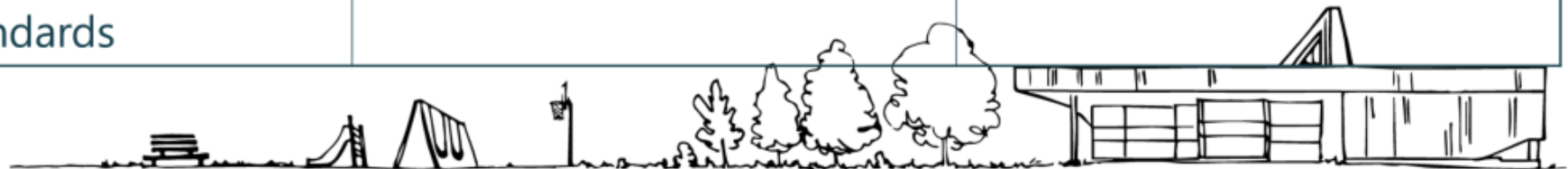
Cricket Organizations

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

Meeting 1 Feedback

Cricket Reference Group Meetings Goals & Outcomes

	Wednesday April 21st	Wednesday May 12th	Wednesday June 1st
Meeting Focus	Field Typologies	New Field Locations & Upgrades	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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
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April 21st Meeting Notes & CRG Terms of Reference

City of Toronto – Parks Development & Capital Projects
**Cricket Reference Group
(CRG)**
Meeting 1 Summary

April 22, 2021

Susan Fall – Supervisor, System Planning
Matt Bentley - Facilities Master Plan Project Manager
Alex Lavasidis, Senior Public Consultation Coordinator



**Any suggested edits
to the April 21
meeting notes or
Draft Terms of
Reference ?**

*Suggested edits
accepted by email until
May 19*

City of Toronto Cricket Reference Group

DRAFT Terms of Reference

Cricket Reference Group - Terms of Reference May 5, 2021 DRAFT

The purpose of these Terms of Reference (TOR) is to define the Cricket Reference Group's role and responsibilities, its authority, its membership and meeting procedures.

1. Mandate

The Cricket Reference Group (CRG) will aim to provide perspective, guidance and expert advice to the City of Toronto Parks, Forestry & Recreation (PFR) Division on building organizational capacity and increasing access to community cricket programs and facilities¹ across the city. This non-political advisory body will inform the development of the City's [Cricket Strategy](#).

The CRG is accountable to represent and serve the needs of cricket players and organizations in Toronto.

Reporting Structure

The City staff will compile a written summary of each CRG meeting. CRG members will have one week to provide suggested edits to the draft summary, after which the summary will be published on the Cricket Strategy webpage.

The Cricket Reference Group will report annually, via the City of Toronto Cricket website on accomplishments of the year. Further updates of their work may be included in the capital process where applicable.

Membership

Members represent a broad range of community organizations or groups within the cricket community, and reflect the diversity of the types of cricket play and players, women and youth.

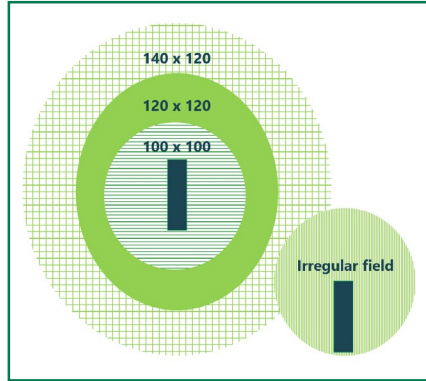
Representation on the CRG will be represented by one member at meetings. The CRG will be limited to 20 members to enable every member to participate during meetings everyone the opportunity to share ideas. The City of Toronto may propose expansion of the CRG to include more community members as required to encourage equitable community representation.

Participation is voluntary and no compensation is provided. By participating as members, members are not expected to waive their rights to participate in the democratic process. Members may continue to participate through other channels.

Minutes of meetings and other documents will be posted to the project webpage and circulated to the community.

Design Standards Discussion

Typology – Size



- 4 typologies are useful
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Two Pitches



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- **Single, stand alone pitches** are preferred to allow multiple games can occur at once, without interference.
- For existing dual pitches, one wicket is usually worn down much more quickly than the other.

Pitch Length



- All CRG members **agree that pitches should be lengthened.**
- Consider increasing bowling run-ups on each end of the pitch, by up to 20 metres at each end to reduce maintenance and safety concerns
- Consider using the City of Brampton's pitch length standard (51.7m)

Surface Material



- **Natural turf** for highest / national / international play
- **Artificial turf** for all other pitches which is durable, long lasting, and requires less maintenance. **No spikes.**
- **Jute matting** not preferred as it does not wear well and requires high maintenance
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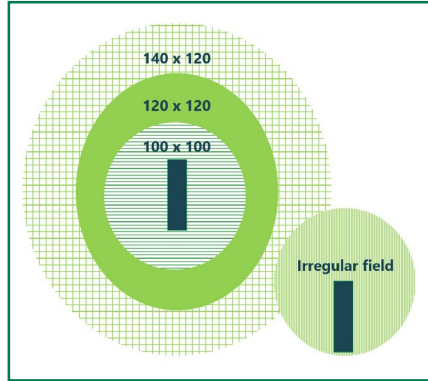
Field Edge



- Edge the field to **increase park user awareness** that the big field is in use where appropriate.
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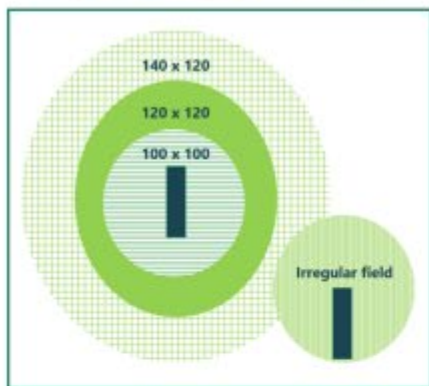


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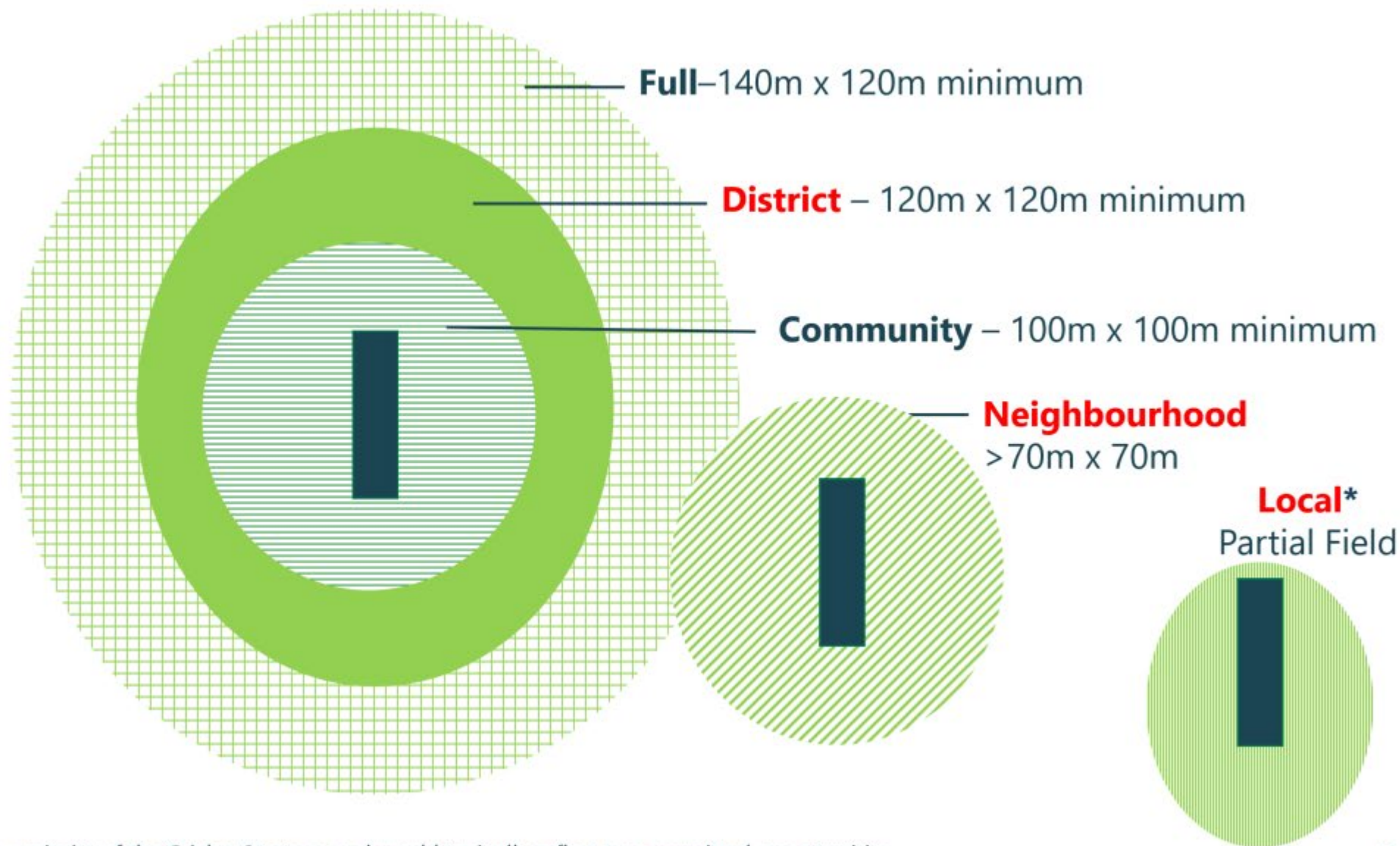
Additional thoughts?

Design Standards Discussion – Field Typology (size)

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Proposed Typology by Field Size



140 x 120
minimum



120 x 120
minimum



100 x 100
minimum



70 x 70
minimum



Partial
Cricket
Field



Full <i>(Cricket Canada standard)</i>	District League	Community	Neighbourhood	Local	Practice Pitch
Centennial Park (2) Ellesmere Reservoir <u>Flemingdon Park</u> Humber Arboretum Sunnybrook Park	<u>Ashtonbee</u> (2) Caledonia Park Ellesmere Reservoir <u>Fergy Brown Park</u> (2) G. Ross Lord Park (2) <u>Keele Reservoir</u> (2) L'Amoreaux Cricket Centre Sunnybrook Park (2)	Caledonia Park <u>Cedarvale Park</u> <u>Remberto Navia</u> Sports Fields <u>Summerlea Park</u> Terry Fox Park <u>Thackery Park</u> Wexford Hydro		<u>Dentonia Park</u> Riverdale Park	<u>Ashtonbee Reservoir</u> Caledonia Park Centennial <u>Pakr</u> G. Ross Lord Park <u>Gracedale Park</u> <u>L'Amoreaux Hydro</u> <u>McCleary Park</u> <u>Richview Park</u> Sunnybrook Park <u>Thackery Park</u>

Any additional thoughts on the typology sizing and naming?

- All field sizes to be confirmed
- Local Fields are not a priority of the Cricket Strategy

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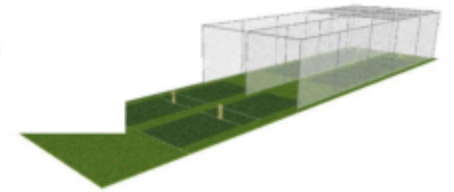
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70 x 70
minimum



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Full <i>(Cricket Canada standard)</i>	District League	Community	Neighbourhood	Local	Practice Pitch
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet Cricket Canada Standard size of 140m x 120m at a minimum • Quality of play ranges with the field maintenance and allows for skill development on the largest field 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Field meets a minimum of 120m x 120m • Play opportunity for all skill level • Field may be shared with other sports fields 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Field meets a minimum of 100m x 100m • Field size is constrained by park size or other park uses • Field may be shared with other sports fields 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Field meets a minimum of 70m x 70m • Beginner field providing children and youth focused play • Field may be shared with other sports fields 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Informal pitch with a partial field for play • Partial field is constrained by park size and other uses and users • Offer local opportunity for more casual pick up children and youth play and those learning the game. • Focus on fun and skill development • Not a priority of the Cricket Strategy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skill development opportunity • May be stand alone or associated with cricket field

Any suggestions for additions to the field type descriptions?

New Cricket Field Locations

Council Directions Structures the Cricket Strategy



Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan, adopted in 2019

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

Opportunities for New Cricket Fields

	New in Existing Park	Shared Use Field in Existing Park	Conversion	Lease or Partnership	New Park Dedication	Purchase
Pros	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City owned Any size Increase use of parkland 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City owned Any size Increase usability of parkland 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City owned Any size Increase usability of parkland 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Large site Location Underused land Good interim use 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public engagement in early park design 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City owned Site selected for ideal design
Cons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Size of open field required (1.7+ ha for full field) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High demand Permit conflicts Maintenance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remaining permit players moved to other parks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cost Lease limits including time of agreement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Size required Typical dedications could not accommodate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cost Market competition for suitable sites
Examples	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Park Master Plans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In outfield of ball diamonds Between soccer fields 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Underused ball diamonds or other large park amenities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Board Hydro Corridor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Through development 	None identified at this time

Assessment Process for each Facility Type



Shortlist Evaluation Criteria

Category	Criteria
Site Characteristics	Siting within Park
	Complementary facility
	Environmental & archaeological impacts
	Transit accessibility
	Parking
Equity	Equity Score
	Gap in provision
Other	Historical & planned investment in park
	Other nearby diamonds
	Alignment with other strategies, initiatives or projects

Example *(for discussion only)*

New Field in Existing Park through a Master Plan

Centennial Park Master Plan

256 Centennial Park Road



Pros:

- Parking, practice wickets, 2 existing fields
- Potential 120 x 116 stand alone field

Further investigation:

- Centennial Park Master Plan process – Public Open House May 25th
- Parking relocation

Example *(for discussion only)*

Conversion or Shared Use of Ball Diamonds

Jack Goodlad Park

929 Kennedy Road, Scarborough



Pros:

- Parking, washrooms, indoor event space, park amenities
- Potential 140 x 140 stand alone Full field

Further investigation:

- Accommodating ball diamond permit demand

Example *(for discussion only)*

Convert Ball Diamond & New Use in Underused Park Space

Goldhawk Park

250 Goldhawk Trail, Scarborough



It is surrounded by multicultural society where I have seen people play cricket in the baseball diamonds. I played with my siblings and cousins and the communities members come and join with us.
- Social Pinpoint 2020

Pros:

- Parking, washrooms at library, park amenities
- Potential 120 x 120 stand alone District field
- Potential 100 x 100 stand alone Community field
- Historical cricket play here

Further investigation:

- Accommodating ball diamond permit demand

General comments?

Example *(for discussion only)*

Shared Use in a Lit Park

McCleary Park

755 Lakeshore Blvd East

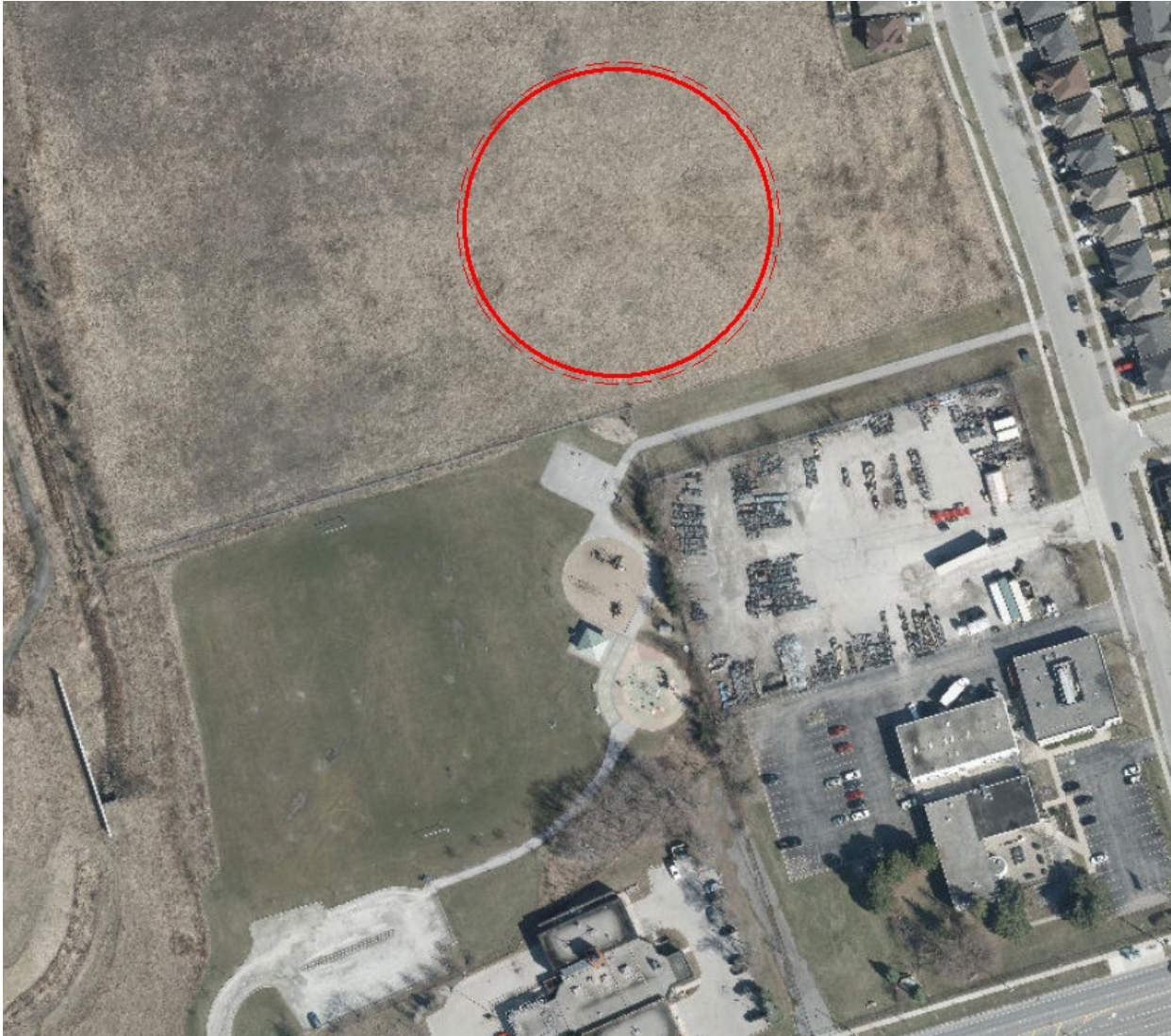


Pros:

- Washrooms, on street parking, lights, practice pitches
- Past use as cricket field
- Potential 120 x 120 District shared field

Further investigation:

- Accommodating ball diamond permit demand



Pros:

- Access to Joyce Trimmer Community Centre
- Potential 120 x120 District field

Further investigation:

- Lease with school board, terms, etc.



Pros:

- Vacant land, high wires
- Potential 120 x 120 District field
- Potential 140 x 140 Full field

Further investigation:

- Lease with Hydro, terms, etc.

Next Steps

- Examples were for discussion purposes only – a set of priority locations will be identified and investigated over the next 4 months
 - Priority location will be “City” or “District” typology
 - Priority locations will be brought to the CRG for comment prior to the Fall 2021 Staff Report

- Field construction in 2022

Improving Cricket Fields

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Size and Classification Matrix - TODAY

* Estimated sizes. Actual to be confirmed

Type of Play Classification	Full 140m x 120m minimum	District 120m x 120m minimum	Community 100 x 100 minimum	Neighbourhood 70 x 70 minimum	Local Partial Field
	Sunnybrook Park (3) 142 x 135	Fergy Brown Park (1) 128x 135 Fergy Brown Park (2) 128 x 135 G. Ross Lord Park (1) 120 x 130 G. Ross Lord Park (2) 119 x 120 Sunnybrook Park (1) 119 x 120 Sunnybrook Park (2) 121 x 120			
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The Stakeholder Working Group told us ...

Improve Existing

Field Classification

- **Stand alone field is preferred** but shared spaces should be considered (e.g. Soccer & cricket field)

Size of Field

- **Full sized fields are preferred** in all cases however **new smaller fields will help absorb some of the demand**, especially for youth leagues/development
- Size of a field can vary but 120 x 140 is generally suggested by Cricket Canada

Maintenance of Field and Pitch are KEY improvements (safety of players)

- Maintenance is important to improve the quality of play
- Competitive play occurs on all classifications of pitches and they need to be **safe** for players
- **Turf maintenance** is crucial for cricket facility quality, not just size of pitch / outfield
- **Pitch design and run-up area** are important

Supporting Amenities

- **Practice pitches with synthetic turf surface** and increased lane size can encourage use for community and youth
- Support amenities would improve the quality of play given length of games

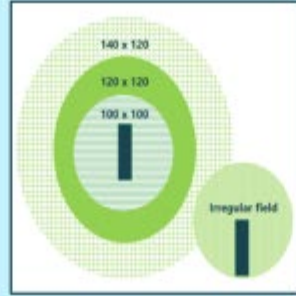
Prioritizing Improved Field Quality & Supporting Amenities

High Impact / High Priority

Artificial Turf



Field Size



Pitch Length



Roll Field



Other



Lower Impact / Lower Priority

Field Lines



Fencing



Lights



Parking



Practice Pitch



Scoreboard



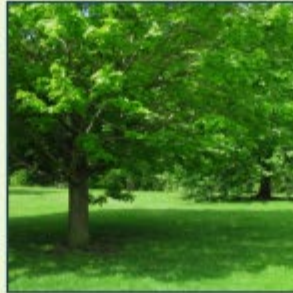
Seating



Signage



Shade



Water



Washrooms



Other



Is this appropriate prioritization?

Critical Amenities by Classification

P

A

B

C

LEGEND

Critical amenity

	P	A	B	C
Artificial Turf				
Bleachers				
Fence		Where appropriate	Where appropriate	Where appropriate
Field Delineation				
Lights				
Parking on site				
Practice Pitch				
Pitch length				
Score Board				
Roll Pitch & Field				
Seating				
Signage	Only if >1 field	Only if > 1 field	Only if >1 field	
Shade				
Water fountain				
Washrooms				
Other ?				

Are these the correct critical amenities preferred for each classification?

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- Provide a brief **bio of your organization** if not yet submitted.
- Staff will circulate a **meeting summary** after May 19th.
 - Please review and provide any **edits by the end of the month.**
- **Announcements** – Please use this forum to share information with each other ... will make time for that each meeting.



HAVE A NICE DAY

 **TORONTO** Parks & Recreation