

City of Toronto Cricket Reference Group

Meeting 3 – June 2, 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



Announcements



Presentation



Discussion – Identify opportunities to:

- Increase access to cricket programs and facilities
- Build organizational capacity



Next Steps

thank
you!

Adjourn at 8:30 pm



Parks Forestry & Recreation Staff

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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 Deonaraine - 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

Updates & Announcements

opportunity for all to share cricket news with the group

Capital Planning Initiatives



Ellesmere Reservoir

- Park Supervisor, Chris Martin, advised that the north artificial turf pitch will be repaired the first week of June.



Centennial Park Master Plan

- Final Open House held May 25th
- Staff to finalize the plans this summer



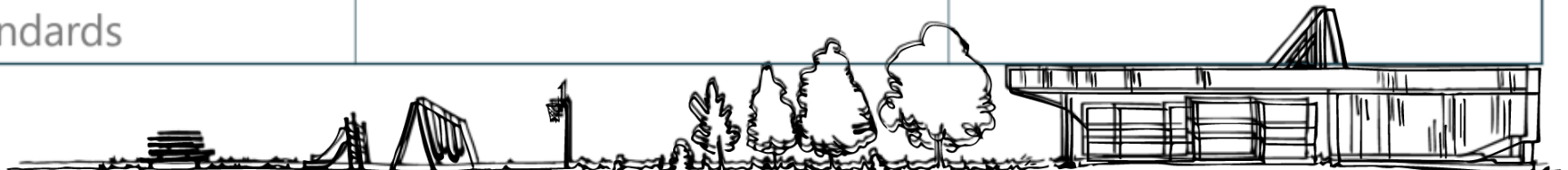
Toronto Islands Master Plan

- Looking for “Big Ideas” for the future of the Island ... online survey in this phase of consultation open until Jun 13th.

Meeting 2 Overview & 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
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



May 12th Cricket Reference Group Meeting Overview

1. New Field Location Options

New Field in Master Planning Existing Park	Converting or Sharing Use of a Ball Diamond	New field in Underused Park Space	Shared Use in a Lit Park	Lease Vacant School Board land	Lease Hydro Corridor land
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parking and wayfinding are important in large parks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Seating & shade for the players• Clear separation of field uses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maximize field size where opportunity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No existing lit cricket fields currently in Toronto• Permit allocation is important with other field permit holders	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Great potential if lease is long term• Could be a turf field	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Height of hydro lines may restrict play for competitive adult play on Full field• More appropriate for junior players / 120m x 120m fields if wires are low

**Any additional thoughts
opportunities or concerns with new
field location considerations?**



Critical Amenities by Classification

2. Prioritizing Amenities

P

A

B

C

Artificial Turf				
Bleachers				
Fence				
Field Delineation				
Grass Height in Field				
Lights				
Parking on site				
Practice Pitch				
Pitch length				
Score Board				
Roll Pitch & Field				
Seating				
Side Screen				
Signage	Only if > 1 field	Only if > 1 field	Only if > 1 field	Only if > 1 field
Shade				
Water fountain				
Washrooms				

Any additions to the amenities?

LEGEND

Critical amenity

Site Specific & Where Appropriate

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Growing the Sport



Mandate of the Cricket Reference Group

Cricket Reference Group - Terms of Reference

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.

Build
Organizational
Capacity

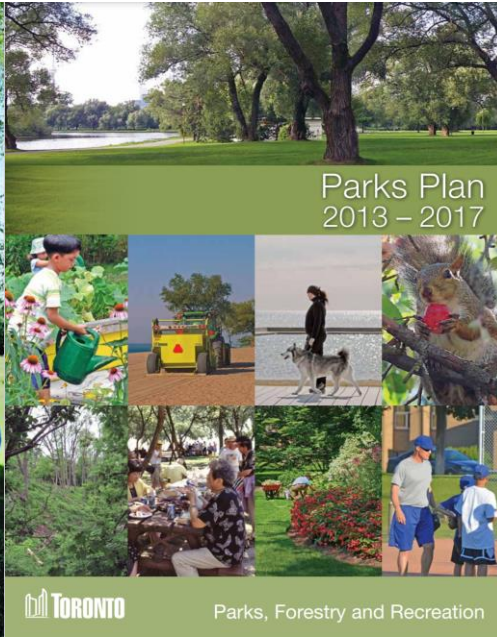
Increase
Access to
Community
Cricket
Facilities

Increase
Access to
Community
Cricket
Programs

CRG Mandate Builds on Council's Strategic & Service Plans



**Our Common
Grounds (2004)**



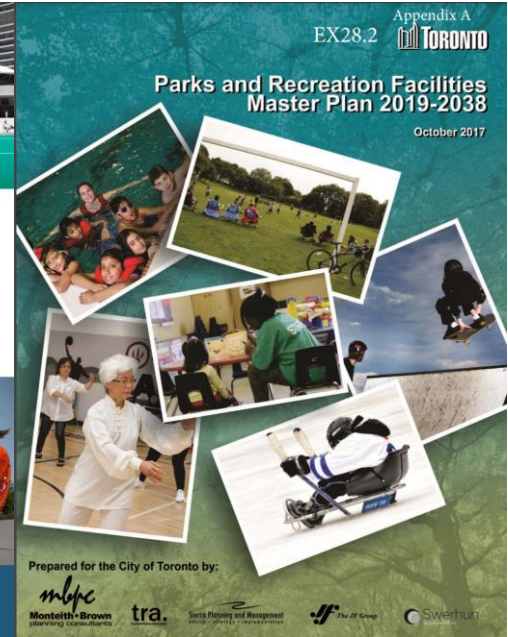
Parks Plan (2013)



**Recreation Service
Plan (2013)**



Sport Plan (2006)



**Parks &
Recreation
Facilities Master
Plan (2017)**

Discussion to Date & Today's Focus

Build Organizational **Capacity**

Cricket Reference Group

Cricket Website

Cricket Town Hall

Confirm & Expand

Increase Access to Community Cricket **Facilities**

Design Standards

Cricket Field Typology

Pitch & Field Best Practices

Prioritize Amenities

Confirm & Expand

Increase Access to Community Cricket **Programs**

Exploring Today!

We will also explore "Other" ideas for growing the sport

What are your ideas to/for....

Increase Access to Community Cricket Programs

- Better connect people to existing programs
- Create new programs or improve existing programs
 - Diversify the programs
- Improve or create partnerships
- Coach development programs (*e.g. coaching certification*)
- Other?

What are your ideas to/for....

Increase Access to Community Cricket Facilities

- Build facilities that meet new design and amenity standards *(as discussed at previous meetings)*
- Work with other land holders where possible *(e.g. School sites)*
- Provide smaller facilities to alleviate pressure from larger fields *(bring all possible options to the CRG for comment)*
- Consistent maintenance standards
- Other?

What are your ideas to/for....

Build Organizational Capacity

*(The City's Capacity and your
Organization's Capacity)*

- Increase staff knowledge
(e.g. Cricket play and maintenance educational programs)
- Increase communication between the City & Cricket Community *(e.g. CRG, Fall 2020 Cricket Town Hall)*
- Provide forums for idea/ best practice exchange & relationship building *(e.g. CRG, Toronto Sport Resource Group, special events like the Toronto Sport Summit)*
- Technology & communications improvements
(e.g. Improve City Webpage)
- Other?

**Do you have any other ideas
for growing the Sport of
Cricket in the City of Toronto?**

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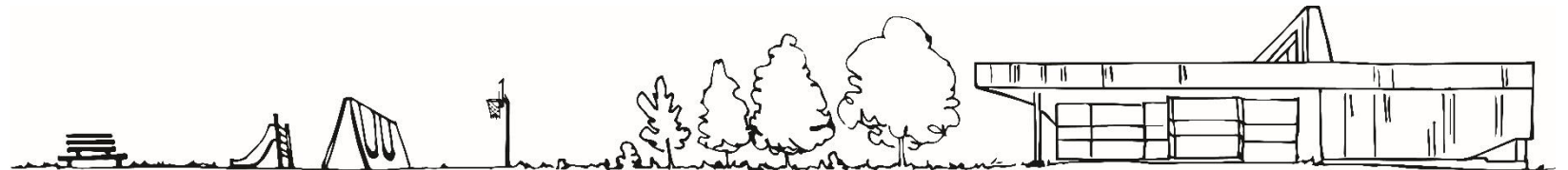
Next Steps

- Staff will circulate a **meeting summary** after June 9th
 - Please review and provide any **edits by June 16th**
- Staff to research and pursue the ideas, opportunities and options we've discussed
- **Next meeting** – Wednesday, September 1, 2020 (Hold the Date)
- Report on Sports Field Strategy to Committee in the fall
 - CRG to discuss overview of the Strategy at CRG September meeting



Thank You!

**Looking forward to
continuing our
collaboration in
the fall ... and
playing cricket
together!**



HAVE A NICE DAY

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