

City of Toronto Cricket Reference Group

Meeting 8 – Tuesday October 24, 2023

7:00-8:30 p.m.

Land Acknowledgement

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.



African Ancestral Acknowledgement

The City of Toronto acknowledges all Treaty peoples – including those who came here as settlers – as migrants either in this generation or in generations past - and those of us who came here involuntarily, particularly those brought to these lands as a result of the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade and Slavery. We pay tribute to those ancestors of African origin and descent.



Codes of Conduct

As a meeting participant, you agree to:

- Be an active listener and keep an open mind by valuing a diversity of views and opinions.
- Treat all participants with kindness and respect.
- Critique ideas, not individuals.
- Avoid cursing as well as language or behaviours that could otherwise be considered rude or offensive.
- Abide by the City's Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination policy by refraining from making racist, xenophobic, misogynist, homophobic, transphobic, anti-Indigenous, ableist, ageist, or other forms of discriminatory, prejudicial, exclusionary or hateful comments and questions. These will not be tolerated and may result in expulsion from the meeting and/or process.

As City staff & process stewards, we commit to:

- Maintaining an atmosphere that is respectful of all participants and other staff members.
- Ensuring that that project outcomes and/or staff recommendations are informed by participants' concerns, interests, and desires.
- Being advocates for the integrity of the public process and ensuring it reflects as much as possible directions contained in relevant Council-approved strategies.
- Undertaking and encouraging actions by other City staff that build trust and credibility for the process among all participants.
- Providing the information participants need to meaningfully participate.



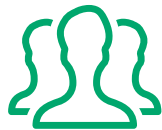
Meeting Participation



All participants are currently muted for the presentation.



You will be able to participate in discussion by using the raise hand and unmuting when called on, or through the chat bar.



Make space to hear from and listen to all participants. **Share speaking time** and do not talk over others.



City of Toronto Cricket Reference Group – Mandate

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**Thank you for being with us
again!**

Agenda

7:00 Welcome, Agenda, Introductions

7:10 Announcements

7:20 Terms of Reference Review & Confirmation

7:35 Field Updates

- Questions

7:50 Field Maintenance & Classification

- Questions

8:05 Learn to Play Programming

- Questions

8:15 Permit Allocation Policy

- Discussion

8:35 Facilities Master Plan 5 Year Review and Cricket Strategy Update

- Questions

8:45 Next Steps and Adjourn

Parks Forestry & Recreation Staff

Alex Lavasidis – Sr. Public Consultation Coordinator

James Honeyman – Community Recreation

Kevin Carr – Manager, Client & Business Services

Matt Bentley – Project Manager, Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan

Peter White – Manager, Parks Toronto East York

Susan Fall – Supervisor, System Planning

Titti Dunn – Supervisor, Client Services



Cricket Organizations

Md Akib Akhter - 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 - Community Sport Collective (*formerly Toronto Sports Council*)
Ian Baldeo – Ontario Softball Cricket League
Ingleton Liburd - Cricket Canada **NEW!**
Kannan Rajagopal – Cricket Player
Karan Kohli – Global T20 (*replacing Wendy Kane*) **NEW!**
Melvin John – Canadian Police Cricket Club
Mohammed Shaikh – Toronto District Cricket Association
Praim Persaud - Brampton-Etobicoke and District Cricket League
Ranil Mendis - CIMA
Shiv Persaud - Scarborough Cricket Association

Updates & Announcements

Opportunity for all members to share cricket news

In the News...



AICPA & CIMA TORONTO OSCA

INVITATION
CIMA MAYOR'S TROPHY
CRICKET

June 24, 2023 | 9:00AM - 6:00PM
Official Ceremony 11:00AM - 12:30PM
Sunnybrook Park, Toronto

RSVP: rsvp@cimacanada.org

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☰ TORONTO STAR

Cricket

Does Brampton need an international cricket stadium or more community pitches? The mayor says both

Punit Shetty, of the Universal Sparks, bats against the Delhi Dashers in a Brampton E...

Kerry Gillespie Sports Reporter
Article was updated Oct 20, 2023

Praim Persaud, president of the Brampton Etobicoke District Cricket League and Ontario Cricket, the sport's provincial governing body, says "you can't even build (cricket pitches) fast enough."



Any additional updates or announcements?



Renewing our Terms of Reference

Review of the CRG Terms of Reference

Cricket Reference Group (CRG) members agree to this Terms of Reference in order to participate in the CRG.

Any amendments to the Terms of Reference (ToR) will be made in consultation with the Project Team and CRG members.



Review of the CRG Terms of Reference

1. CRG Mandate

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2. Membership

CRG members represent community organisations or groups within the Toronto Cricket community. The City of Toronto may propose expansion of the CRG to include additional community members as required, to ensure broad community representation.

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

A list of CRG member organisations and representatives will be posted to the project webpage and circulated to the community.



3. Meetings

The CRG will meet approximately 3 times a calendar year. Each meeting will be approximately 1.5 to 2 hours and will take place virtually.

Meeting dates and times will be shared with CRG members at least one week in advance of each meeting. If additional meetings are necessary as the project unfolds or if the identified dates need to change, the Project Team will work with CRG members to determine appropriate dates and times.



4. Attendance

CRG members are expected to attend each meeting, or send an alternate representative in their place.

The term of the CRG members will be 1 year, at such time City staff will reach out participating organizations to confirm continued participation in the group.

CRG members and organisations who miss two meetings in a year will be considered inactive and contacted by staff to confirm continued interest in participating.



5. CRG Recommendation-Making

The CRG is an advisory group, not a decision-making body. The CRG is not responsible for the decisions made by the Project Team or City Council.

As an advisory group, the CRG will operate using a consensus-based approach, where members seek general agreement on guidance and advice to the Project Team. A consensus-based approach assumes that participants can openly discuss ideas, perspectives and viewpoints, and are willing to work together to develop common ground and minimize areas of disagreement to the best of their ability.

Differing viewpoints and opinions will be documented in the CRG meeting notes.



6. Reporting

The design team 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 finalized and published to the project webpage.

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



Review of the CRG Terms of Reference

7. Roles

All CRG members and the Project Team will:

- Review and agree to these Terms of Reference;
- Attend CRG meetings and participate in constructive, respectful, and positive discussion;

CRG members will:

- Attend meetings or send an alternate representative in their place
- Provide advice, feedback and perspectives on meeting topics;
- Review CRG meeting summaries to confirm accuracy;
- Share meeting discussions and outcomes, as well as opportunities for wider community input and engagement with community members, and any organizations or constituencies CRG members belong to.

Project Team members (including City staff and Consultant team) will:

- Identify what is open for community influence and what is not (and why);
- Provide accurate, easy to understand information to CRG members;
- Listen carefully to the advice and perspectives of CRG members and, where feasible, incorporate advice into the project; and where not feasible, provide a clear explanation of how the feedback was considered and why it is not feasible;
- Write and post summary reports of each CRG meeting, and other relevant documents on the project website.
- Organise meetings and develop meeting materials as required.



8. Renewing the CRG

The CRG Terms of Reference will be reviewed annually.



Review of the CRG Terms of Reference

9. Media Contact

Individual CRG members' opinions are not necessarily representative of the views of the entire CRG. In the event that CRG members receive media enquiries about the Cricket Strategy, its process, and feedback shared in CRG meetings, all inquiries should be referred to Daniel Fusca, Manager, Stakeholder Engagement, City of Toronto Parks Forestry and Recreation Division at Daniel.Fusca@toronto.ca. CRG members may speak to the media about their individual/organizational perspectives about this Project.

10. Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy

All information will be used in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. With the exception of personal information, all information provided through the CRG process will form part of the public record including the names of CRG member organizations and organization representatives.

11. Contact

The points of contact for all CRG correspondence are Matt Bentley and Susan Fall.



Any questions or concerns?

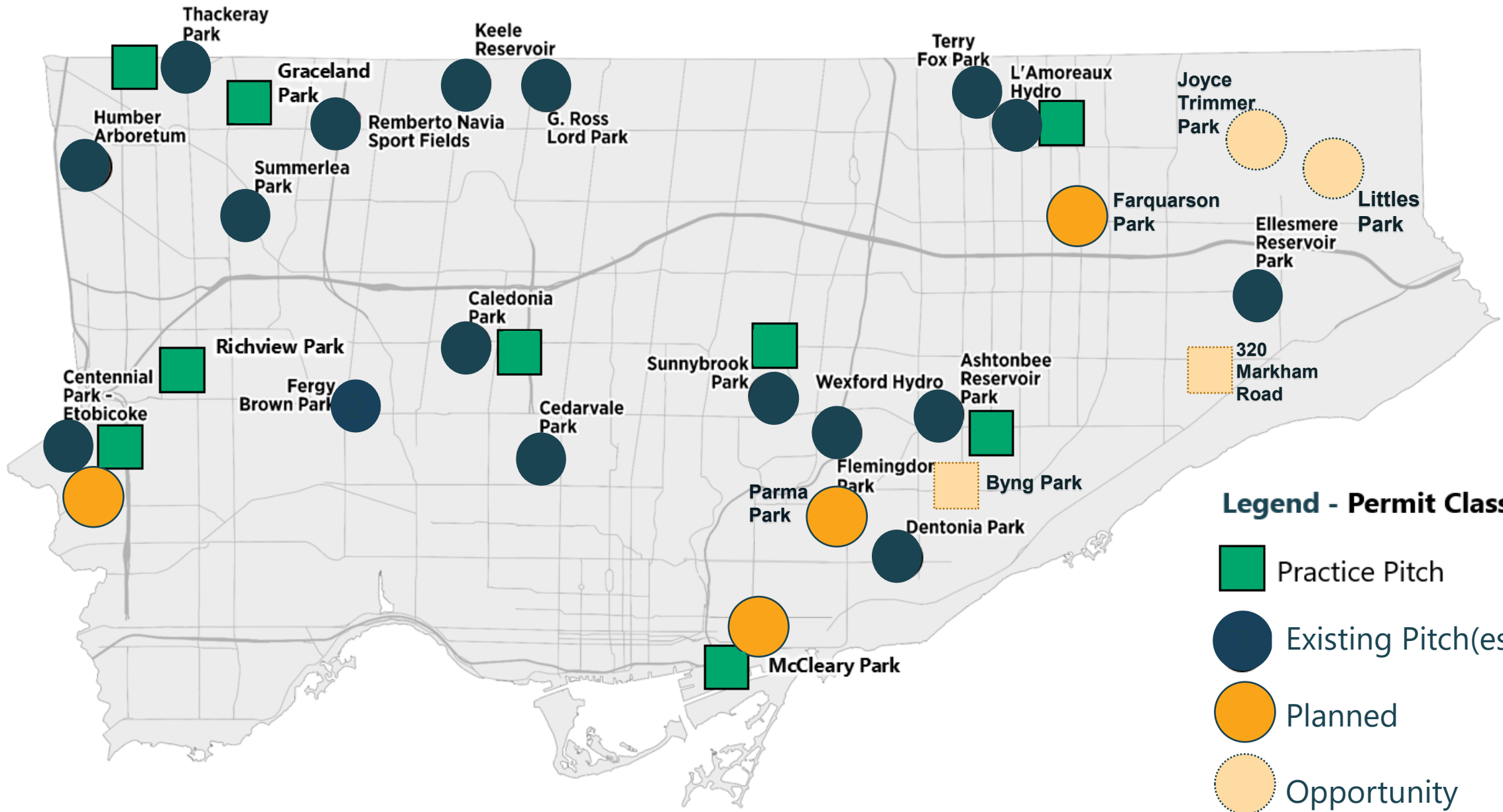


**Please confirm that you agree
to the 2022 Terms of Reference
by raising your hand
*(in real life or digitally)***



Field Updates

Priority Locations for New Cricket Fields



Legend - Permit Classification

- Practice Pitch
- Existing Pitch(es)
- Planned
- Opportunity

Proposed Typology by Field Size



140 x 120
minimum



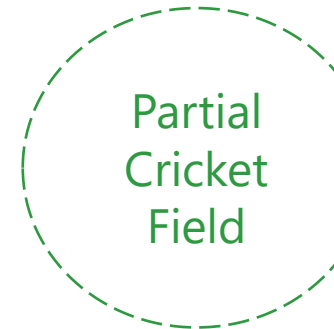
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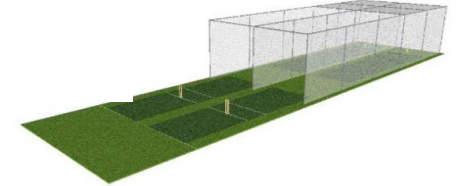
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minimum



60 x 60
minimum



Partial
Cricket
Field



Full (Cricket Canada standard)	District	Community	Neighbourhood	Local	Practice Pitch
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Centennial Park (2) Ellesmere Reservoir Flemington Park Humber Arboretum Sunnybrook Park	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) +Centennial Park (2025) +McCleary Park (2024)	Caledonia Park Cedarvale Park Remberto Navia Sports Fields Summerlea Park Terry Fox Park Thackery Park Wexford Hydro +Littles Park (P)		Dentonia Park +Farquarson Park (2024) +Parma Park (2024)	Ashtonbee Reservoir Caledonia Park Centennial Park G. Ross Lord Park Gracedale Park L'Amoreaux Hydro McCleary Park Richview Park Sunnybrook Park Thackery Park +Byng Park (P) +320 Markham Road (P)
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Practice Pitch Design Standards & Improvements



Field Maintenance

2023 Maintenance Update



- Focus on consistent maintenance with the Sports Field Committee
- Communicating out to districts about maintenance expectations
- Discussion of creating cricket field standards document

Cricket and Sports Field Classifications



Irrigated
Dedicated Staff

Cut 3x per week
Aerified 4x annually
Fertilized 3x annually
Overseeded 4x annually
Topdressed 2 x annually



Cut 2x per week
Aerified 4 x annually
Fertilized 3x annually
Overseeded 4x annually
Topdressed 2 x annually



Cut 2x per week
Aerified 2x annually
Fertilized 2x annually
Overseeded 3x annually
Topdressed 1x annually



Cut **1x** per week
Aerified 1x annually
Fertilized 1x annually
Overseeded 1x annually
Topdressed 1x annually

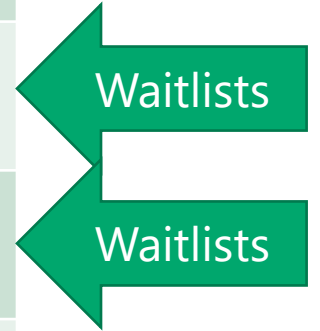


Learn to Play Programming

Beginner Cricket Programming



	Spring 2023	Fall 2023
Amesbury Community Centre	Sunday 9:30-10:30	
Jenner Jean-Marie Community Centre	Sunday 10:15-11:15	Sundays 10:15-11:15 (8-12)
North Kipling Community Centre	Friday 4-5	Friday 4-5 (6-12) Friday 5-6 (13-17)
Smithfield Community School	Saturday 1-2 Monday 6-7 (girls) Monday 7-8	Saturdays 1-2 (8-12) Saturday 2-3 (13-24)



Beginner Cricket Timeline & Next Steps



Permit Allocation & Booking Space

Review of cricket permitting utilization and opportunities
Discussion – Growth Opportunities

Permit Allocation Policy

Policy Statement:

The Parks Forestry and Recreation (PFR) Division will endeavor to provide fair and equitable access to its facilities to organizations and individuals across the City of Toronto.

Framework

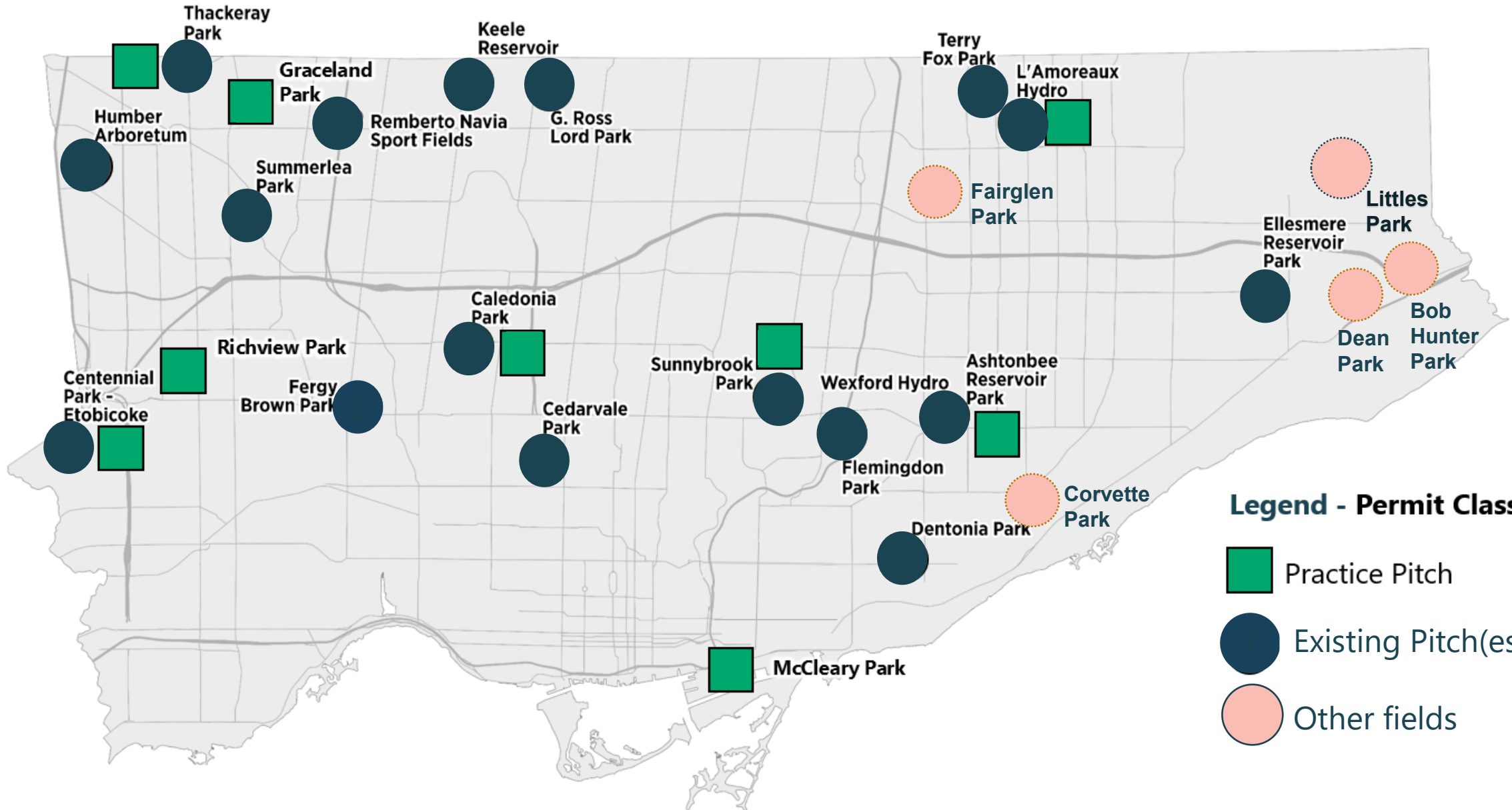
When the demand for time at PFR facilities exceeds the available hours, the allocation policy will be used for permit allocation in all facilities in all wards of the City of Toronto

Permits are issued with the following Priorities:

1. PFR Programs
2. Resident Community Youth and Children (Ages 0 to 18)
3. Resident Community Seniors (60+) and Adult (Ages 19 to 59)
4. Not for Profit Community Groups
5. Private and Commercial Groups and Individuals



2022 Permit Locations

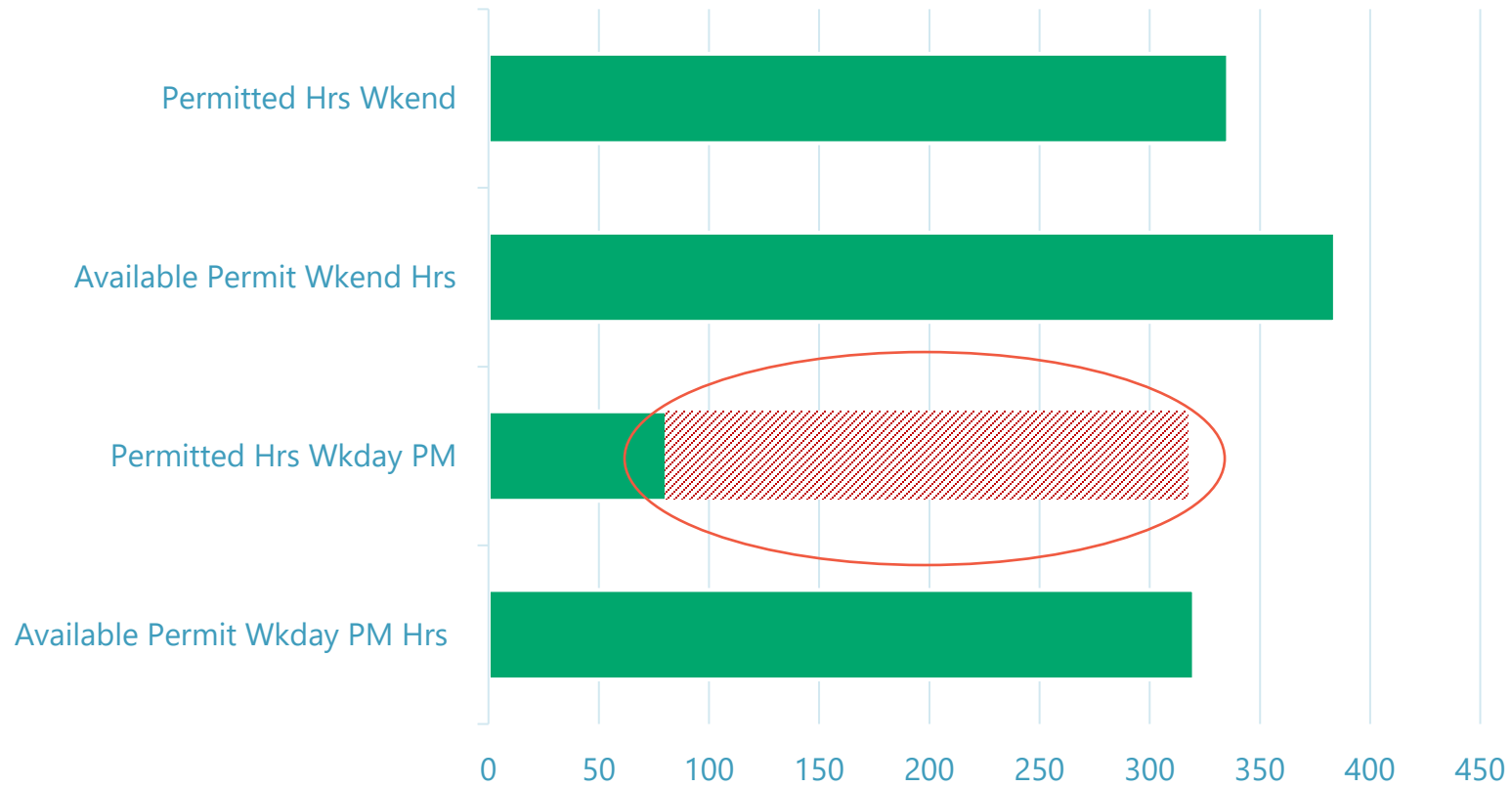


Legend - Permit Classification

- Practice Pitch
- Existing Pitch(es)
- Other fields

Opportunity: Available weekday hours

Permitted Hrs vs Available to Permit Hrs

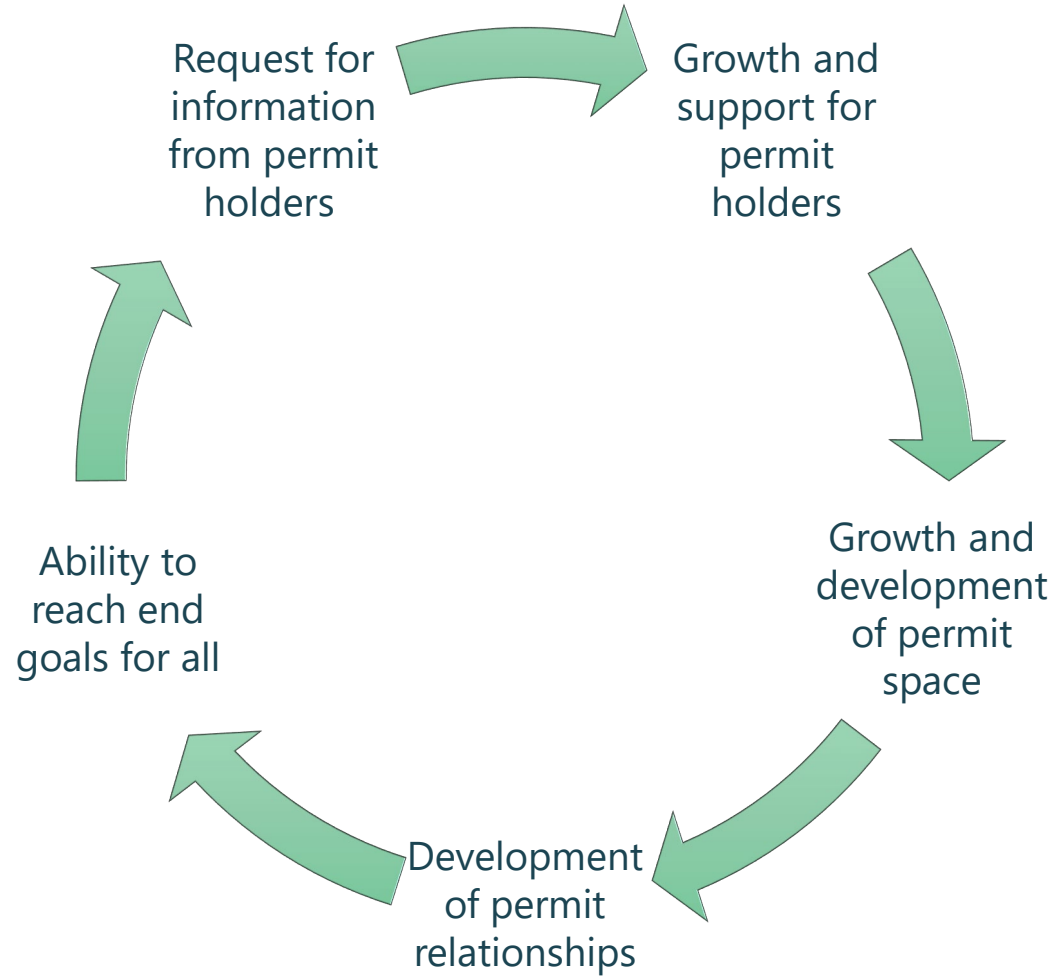


Gathering Info: Opportunities for New & Existing Organizations

- How do we measure results?
 - It starts with taking the pulse of cricket in Toronto today:
 - Resident vs. non-resident players
 - Number of teams
 - Gender of players
 - Types of cricket being played
 - Duration of games
- Is demand being met? If there is unmet demand, what is it and how should we accommodate it? (e.g. women's/girls games/leagues, youth participation, etc.)
- What are the CRGs thoughts on participation, growth and development of the game?



How we use the information:



Permitting Opportunities

- Increase opportunity for new organizations to develop and existing organizations to grow:
 - **Increase utilization of diamonds & fields** that are currently being under utilized, including the potential for weekday use (evening use)
 - **Decrease time of current games** to allow for more permit times
 - Add **lighting** to locations to allow for longer permit times
- Increase *equitable* participation in the sport including City programming opportunities
- Explore and promote use of **additional city facilities** to accommodate alternative types of games and growth.



Discussion: Increasing Access for New & Existing Organizations

Opportunity: A shorter game (Short Form Cricket) could be played on weekday evenings during the months of June and July at a number of pitches. This would increase the number of games being able to be played on non-premiere pitches.

What can PFR do with the support of the CRG to encourage booking evening weekday permits?



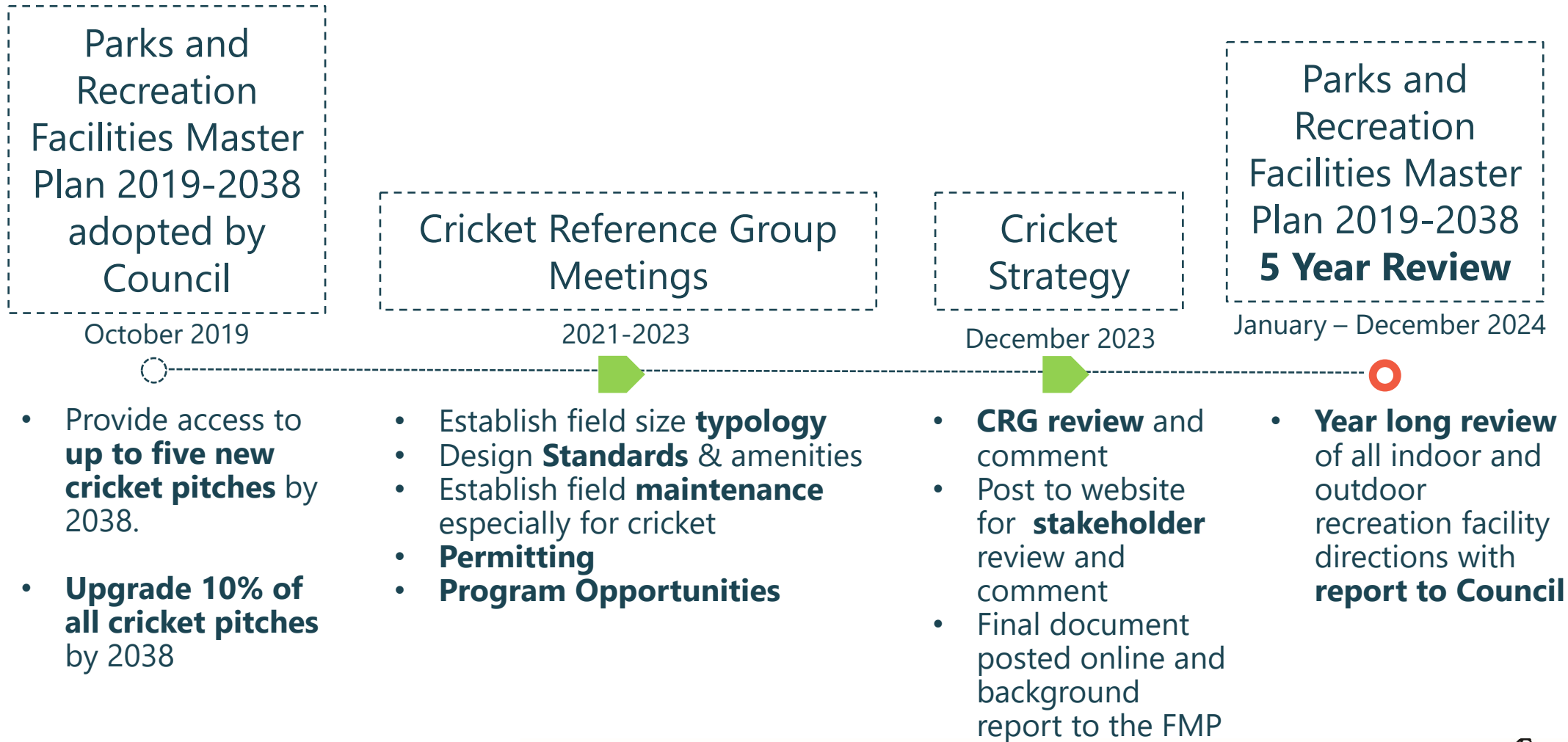
Next steps

1. Request for information from permit holders
2. Scheduling and issuing 2024 permits



Facilities Master Plan Review & The Cricket Strategy

Facilities Master Plan & Cricket Strategy



Next Steps

- **Meeting Summary**

- Provide additional questions or comments on tonight's discussion through email to Susan Fall (susan.fall@toronto.ca) by October 27th for inclusion in the meeting summary.
- Staff will provide a draft meeting summary after November 1st for your review.

- **Next Meeting: December**

- Share and discuss the draft Cricket Strategy
 - *A confidential draft will be provided in advance of the meeting.*



HAVE A NICE DAY

 **TORONTO** Parks & Recreation