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Subject: **Budget Amendment for Construction of a Joint Use Cricket Pitch at Turner Fenton Secondary School in Collaboration with Peel District School Board – Ward 3**

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Recommendations:

1. That the report titled: **Budget Amendment for Construction of a Joint Use Cricket Pitch at Turner Fenton Secondary School in Collaboration with Peel District School Board – Ward 3** to the City Council Meeting of August 10, 2022 be received; and
2. That a budget amendment be approved and a new capital project be established in the amount of \$1,100,000 for the proposed construction of the Joint Use Cricket Pitch at Turner Fenton Public School in collaboration with Peel District School Board, to be funded from Reserve #134 - Development Charges-Recreation; and
3. That the Commissioner, Community Services, or designate, be authorized to execute any necessary memorandums of understanding, capital, operating, agreement of purchase and sale, shared/joint use agreement(s) and any other agreements necessary with the Peel District School Board, on terms consistent with those outlined in this report, on terms and conditions acceptable to stakeholder staff and in a form acceptable to the City Solicitor, or designate.

Overview:

- **The City of Brampton is a leader in supporting the sport of cricket. Current local demand has outpaced the fields available, and coupled with the sizable lands required to build cricket pitches, the City must remain flexible and innovative in supporting the future growth of the sport.**

- **The City and PDSB have successfully collaborated on a number of joint use projects. The offset in desired usage times between the school (who uses during weekdays) and City (who uses during evenings, weekends and summers), make such partnerships an excellent venture for taxpayers, user groups, students and the residents of Brampton.**
- **Turner Fenton Secondary School is an ideal location for a joint use fully lit cricket pitch due to its location in an industrial neighbourhood and the amount of sufficient available land for development.**
- **PDSB is now ready to initiate the design of the pitch at Turner Fenton and is requesting the City's commitment to fund 50% of the project.**
- **This report seeks Council approved for the joint use project with PDSB as well as a budget amendment of \$1,100,000 to support design and construction of a fully lit cricket pitch at Turner Fenton Secondary School.**
- **Ongoing maintenance and operating cost will be equally allocated between the City and PDSB on an annual basis. The City's portion will be added to Parks Division's operating budget, adjusted annually, subject to Council approval during annual budget process.**

Background:

The City of Brampton is currently home to 18 cricket pitches, two of which are lit and allow for nighttime play. Cricket is a hugely popular sport within Brampton and demand for playing time continues to grow. The City has plans to construct additional cricket pitches within the City, and continues to look at demand, space availability, and inventory citywide when planning for future outdoor sports amenities.

The City of Brampton is a leader in supporting the sport of cricket, with the most pitches per capita in the GTA. The City's investment in the sport remains unmatched. In fact, the growth of the sport has outgrown the fields available for rent to local user groups and due to the large amount of land required to develop full-sized cricket pitches, future growth in the sport will require the City to be flexible and proactive in terms of land acquisition.

Leadership staff from the City of Brampton's Recreation Division and Peel District School Board (PDSB) meet on a regular basis to discuss opportunities for potential collaboration and partnership, including school and community centre site planning, joint usage agreements, and sports amenity maintenance and construction.

The City and PDSB have successfully collaborated on a number of joint use projects, including David Suzuki Field, Jean Augustine Field, the Field of Dreams at Judith Nyman Secondary School, and the soon to be constructed turf field and basketball courts at Central Peel Secondary School. The offset in desired usage times between the school (who uses during weekdays) and City (who uses during evenings, weekends and summers), make partnerships between the City and School Boards an excellent venture for taxpayers, user groups, students and the residents of Brampton.

Current Situation:

As the City's demand for cricket facilities grows, so does PDSB's, who are currently expanding the sport within their physical education program. A joint use cricket pitch between PDSB and the City is a great opportunity for partnership as the lack of available land in the City is incongruent with the present and future need for cricket pitches for both residents and students.

Staff from the City and PDSB both identified Turner Fenton Secondary School as an ideal location for a fully lit cricket pitch due to its location in an industrial neighbourhood and the amount of sufficient available land for development. The project will include a full-sized, fully lit cricket pitch, including artificial wickets, a scoreboard, player pavilions and sight screens.

PDSB is now ready to initiate the design of the pitch at Turner Fenton and is requesting the City's commitment to fund 50% of the project. As with prior joint use projects on PDSB land, PDSB will manage design and construction in consultation with the City's Parks and Recreation staff. Once the project is complete, the City will be invoiced for 50% of project costs and a joint use agreement will be executed to govern the use and maintenance of the pitch. The City and PDSB will split the maintenance and operating costs equally on an annual basis.

This report seeks Council approval of this joint use project with PDSB as well as a budget amendment of \$1,100,000 to support design and construction of a fully lit cricket pitch at Turner Fenton Secondary School.

Corporate Implications:

Financial Implications:

A new capital project would need to be established in the amount of \$1,100,000 representing one half of the cost of consultant and project development plans for the proposed construction of the full-sized fully lit cricket pitch. Staff recommends funding for this project be from Reserve #134 - Development Charges-Recreation, subject to Council approval. This budget request is based on preliminary cost estimates provided by Peel District School Board. Should the final project, once tendered and awarded,

come in higher than anticipated, staff will return to Council as necessary for any additional funding required.

There will be annual ongoing costs associated with the operations and maintenance of the new cricket pitch that will be split evenly between the City and PDSB, with the City's share estimated to be between \$10,000 and \$15,000. Maintenance of the cricket pitch will be added to existing maintenance contracts funded through the Parks Division's annual operating budget, which will be adjusted accordingly through the annual budget submission, subject to Council approval.

Legal Implications:

Legal Services will assist as needed and necessary for the appropriate agreement to protect the City's interests for this project.

Term of Council Priorities:

This report supports the Term of Council Priorities and the 2040 vision.

Through enhancing the City's inventory of recreation and sports facilities to increase access to programs for residents, this report demonstrates that Brampton is a Healthy and Safe City.

Through stewardship of assets and services and a focus on service excellence driven by the City's collaboration with the Peel District School Board to jointly fund development of a much needed sports amenity for both students and residents of the City, this report demonstrates that Brampton is a Well Run City

Conclusion:

The project to construct a new fully lit joint-use cricket pitch at Turner Fenton Secondary School will be of benefit to students, sports organizations and Brampton residents.

The collaborative work of City of Brampton and the Peel District School Board to create this new lit cricket pitch provides an efficient use of expertise and resources for the development of this much needed amenity within the City.

The City of Brampton's Parks and Recreation Divisions and the Peel District School Board already engage in a number of successful partnership agreements for the maintenance and usage of sports facilities across the city. This track record of cooperation and collaboration will provide a solid foundation for the future operations of the cricket pitch at Turner Fenton Secondary School as described in this report.

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