



**BARRIE CRICKET LEAGUE**

# **Permanent Cricket Facility**

**Location and Development Request**

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# Cricket

## The Background



- What is the Game of Cricket (1 min Video)



# Cricket

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### □ Quick Facts

- Cricket is played in over 120 countries and is the second largest sport in the world, after Soccer.
- The first international cricket game was between the US and Canada in 1844, in New York (won by Canada)
- Cricket was Canada's first national sport, by Sir John A. McDonald, in 1867.
- Cricket is one of Canada's fastest growing sport.

# Cricket Pitch

## The Background



- The Pitch – Main Surface of Play
  - This is the most important requirement for Cricket
  - It affects the scoring in a game and its condition is responsible for the safety of the Batsman



# Permanent Cricket Facility

## The Background



### □ Cricket in Barrie

- Barrie Cricket League Inc. (Non-Profit), was formed in 2010
- Through support from the community and players raised money for a temporary pitch for the 2011 season, which was completely vandalized
- 500 signatures from local residents and support letters from various dignitaries, were received, to have a proper cricket pitch, at Maitland Park.
- In 2013, with services provided by the City of Barrie, a clay turf was made, and games were played on a Jute matting (now damaged).

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## The Concerns



- ❑ The cricket community in Barrie is growing at an exponential rate with a high influx of International Students looking to play cricket in summer.
- ❑ Residents are having to travel to the GTA to play cricket, if possible.
- ❑ The current facility has not been maintained for quite some time and needs a major overhaul.
- ❑ Playing Cricket, on the current pitch is unsafe and to keep it safe, for hard ball (true) cricket, requires continuous maintenance and security.

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## The Desire



### □ Permanent Cricket Facility

- To address all the above stated concerns we the Cricket Community in Barrie, including The Barrie Cricket League Inc. are seeking a facility with a **Permanent Concrete Base, Cricket Astro Turf Top, Pitch.**
- **Option 1 – At Maitland Park, starting summer 2020**
- **Option 2 – At any other facility deemed suitable for playing Cricket, starting summer 2020.**
- The permanent pitch would be constructed by the City of Barrie, which would be similar to pitches that are found at existing facilities in the Region of Peel, currently the leader in Canada for Cricket facilities.

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## Concrete with Cricket Astro Turf



- Anticipated cost of Project
  - Concrete base (8Ft. W x 80Ft. L) = Est. \$7,500
  - Cricket Astro Turf (Quoted Cost) (8Ft. W x 80 FT. L)= \$14,125 (incl. HST)
  - Total Cost = \$21, 625.
  
- Note that the cost may be lower to the city of Barrie, for the use of existing/known contractors.



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## Concrete with Cricket Astro Turf



- Advantage of Concrete with Astro Turf
  - Great for Hard ball cricket.
  - Safe for use anytime.
  - High Lifetime of over 10 years for Base and Astro Turf.
  - Ultra low annual maintenance, without the need of any high cost equipment. Can be washed and/or cleaned with a broom.
  - Eliminates the need of resurfacing or leveling frequently.
  - Increased use of facility.

# THANK YOU



The Cricket community in Barrie, All Cricket fans, and The Barrie Cricket League Inc. express our deepest gratitude to the Sports Committee, The Council Members, The Mayor and The Residents of the City of Barrie.