



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

BETWEEN **THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS (“Town”)**
AND
THE HALTON HILLS CRICKET CLUB (“HHCC”)

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) outlines the terms and conditions for the construction, use, and maintenance of a cricket pitch at Trafalgar Sports Park to support the growth and promotion of cricket in Halton Hills.

1. Background

- a) The HHCC was established in 2021 and has since gained significant traction in the community, with increasing membership and participation in local cricket leagues. As cricket continues to grow in popularity across Canada, and particularly within Halton Hills, the need for specialized facilities to accommodate the sport has become evident. Currently, the existing ball diamonds at Trafalgar Sports Park are not suitable for cricket, due to issues such as uneven surfaces and inconsistent bounce, which make proper gameplay challenging.
- b) To address this need, the HHCC has proposed the construction of a cricket pitch at Trafalgar Sports Park, utilizing flat sections of fields 8 and 9.
- c) This agreement formalizes the partnership between the Town of Halton Hills and the HHCC, with a shared commitment to supporting the growth of cricket in the community. It outlines the responsibilities of each party, including the HHCC's role in funding and constructing the pitch, as well as the Town's responsibility for overseeing the project, ensuring equitable access to the new facility, and coordinating field scheduling.
- d) The creation of this formal cricket ground aligns with the Town's strategic goals of promoting inclusivity, fostering community wellness, and expanding recreational opportunities for residents. By supporting the HHCC and its efforts, the Town is helping to establish Halton Hills as a location for cricket in the Greater Toronto Area, enhancing the community's recreational offerings and encouraging cultural exchange through sport.

2. Responsibilities of the HHCC

The HHCC agrees to:

- Cover the full cost of constructing the cricket pitch, estimated at \$9,500.
- Provide proof of Contractors meeting the Town's insurance and WSIB requirements.
- HHCC and its contractors must maintain comprehensive general liability insurance with coverage of at least \$2 million and name the Town of Halton Hills as an additional insured. Proof of insurance must be provided prior to construction.
- Meet with Town Staff prior to construction.
- Ensure the construction adheres to Town-approved specifications.
- Perform routine maintenance of the cricket pitch to ensure it remains safe and functional.
- Cover costs for repairs, replacements, and ongoing upkeep of the pitch.
- Abide by the Town's Space Allocation Policy for scheduling field use and rates and fees accordingly for permitted use of the cricket pitch.
- Ensure the pitch is available for use by other approved community groups or sports organizations (i.e. Soccer).
- Will replace the synthetic turf as needed with wear and tear.
- Promote the use of the pitch through tournaments, events, and youth programs to benefit the broader community.

3. Responsibilities of the Town of Halton Hills

The Town agrees to:

- Provide space between Fields 8 and 9 at Trafalgar Sports Park for the installation of the cricket pitch.
- Facilitate scheduling and equitable access to Fields 8 and 9 for other sports organizations as per the Space Allocation Policy.
- Coordinate the necessary permits and approvals for pitch construction.
- Engage with stakeholders to ensure compatibility with existing field uses.
- Periodically review pitch usage and maintenance to ensure compliance with this agreement.
- Assume responsibility for maintenance and repairs only if HHCC fails to fulfill its obligations or ceases operations, with prior notice given to HHCC.

4. Terms, Review and Amendment

This agreement shall remain in effect for a term of five (5) years from the date of execution. The agreement will be subject to review by both parties at the end of the term to assess its effectiveness, ensure compliance, and identify any required amendments to meet the evolving needs of the Town and the HHCC.

Any proposed changes must be mutually agreed upon in writing and signed by authorized representatives of both the Town and HHCC. Renewal of the agreement after the initial term

will be contingent on the mutual consent of both parties and subject to review of performance, adherence to terms, and continued need for the cricket pitch. This provision ensures transparency and flexibility while fostering a collaborative approach to managing the cricket ground at Trafalgar Sports Park.

5. General Provisions

Non-Exclusivity

HHCC will not have exclusive rights to the cricket pitch and field and must coordinate usage through the Town.

Storage

The Town will not provide on-site storage for HHCC’s equipment or materials.

6. Conclusion

The MOU between the Town of Halton Hills and the Halton Hills Cricket Club represents a collaborative effort to address the growing interest in cricket within the community. By formalizing roles and responsibilities, this partnership will facilitate the construction and maintenance of a cricket pitch at Trafalgar Sports Park, ensuring equitable access and sustainable use.

7. Execution

This MOU is effective upon the signatures of authorized representatives from both parties.

Signatures:

Town of Halton Hills:

Ann Lawlor, Mayor

Date

Valerie Petryniak, Town Clerk

Date

Halton Hills Cricket Club:

Sohail Sohaib, President

Date

Gagan Singh, Secretary

Date