



Regular Council
Addendum Items

Date: April 21, 2026
Time: 9:30 am
Location: Council Chambers and room 247, City Hall, second floor

Pages

11. Delegations

11.2 *Harsh Singh Halton Cricket Club will speak regarding Central Park Cricket (ADM-02-26)*

11.3 *Imran Aslam Cricket Burlington will speak regarding Central Park Cricket (ADM-02-26)*

20. Motion to Receive and File Information Items

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Good Day Mme. Mayor and Members of Council. I am out of town and will be unable to delegate at council when Item 13.1b. On Demand Transit comes up for debate.

So let me offer my thoughts:

While never mentioned in the motion, let us not pretend this item is not about Argo.

The Argo, On Demand Transit proposal appears to me to be simply stealing much needed transit funding from outlying and underserved areas like Alton, Tyandaga, Millcroft, Mountainside and transferring that funding to a private company to enable it to compete against Burlington Transit in those areas that are already well served by Burlington Transit; The MTSAS and Transit Hubs that current bus routes serve well.

Do we need more services competing in these already well utilised areas or should we target the service and potential savings of On Demand Transit where it is most appropriate? Those outlying, lower demand and underserved areas, of Burlington similar to where most ODT operations have succeeded.

While Argo seems to have had a success in Rural East Gwillimbury, improving a 400 daily boarding system to 800 daily boardings. How would that adapt to Burlington's already 9000 daily boardings Transit system? Just how many little 8 seat vans would be required?

Argo's other claim to fame is their work with the City of Brampton where they have taken over \$10 million dollars of tax-payers money to set up a pilot ODT program in competition with Brampton Transit's core services, from Downtown to GO Hubs, which like Burlington's core services are already the most successful, popular and biggest revenue earning routes in our city.

Which begs the question: Is the purpose of Argo's Brampton adventure to improve Brampton Transit Services or to make inroads into Mayor Patrick Brown's well recorded and oft-stated aim of privatizing Transit in Brampton?

With that in mind I think I can reasonably ask the members of council who are promoting this particular On Demand Transit venture: Are you really seeking to improve Transit in Burlington by the addition of ODT services or is your long-term goal to achieve taxpayer subsidisation of Privatised Transit in Burlington?

If the sincere goal is a valuable addition to an already good service why look beyond our present Burlington Transit management, staff and planners to provide that service?

Having worked with Burlington Transit planners and staff over many years with Burlington Seniors Advisory, Burlington for Accessible Sustainable Transit, our Integrated Transportation Advisory, our Mayors Traffic and Road Safety Roundtable and Partnering Aldershot, I trust Burlington Transit's highly qualified and professional staff to understand and improve Transit in Burlington in all its Local Transit, Integrated Mass Transit, Accessible and Potential On Demand Transit complexities.

Paying a private corporation to provide services that Burlington Transit is perfectly qualified to deliver sounds like a really bad and expensive idea for Burlington but a very good and profitable venture for Argo.

I would respectfully ask council to send the motion back with a Direction to Burlington Transit Staff to; Investigate, Analyze and Provide Staff Recommendations for The Provision of On Demand Services in Burlington that are Appropriate to Burlington, which will add to and Improve Transit Services within Similar Cost Parameters and Structures to those projected for any private ODT proposal and to provide such funding as might be considered for that project to Burlington Transit so it may be incorporated into the upcoming Burlington Transit Five Year Strategic Transit Plan.

Respectfully Submitted.
Jim Young.
Burlington Resident.



April 17 2026



Imran Aslam
(Cricket Burlington)

Central Park Cricket

A Community Asset Worth Protecting



300+
ACTIVE PLAYERS
children, youth, adults & seniors

27K–30K
BURLINGTON RESIDENTS
with cultural familiarity with cricket —
supporting the game's growth here

WHO PLAYS AT CENTRAL PARK



Children & Youth

Structured, supervised recreation — not casual play



Adults

Primary form of exercise and social connection



Women & Families

A growing, inclusive local community



Seniors

Mental, physical well-being and belonging

Proactive Steps Cricket Burlington Has Taken (since 2010)

Concrete, on-field changes to protect safety, reduce disruption, and answer resident concerns.



01



One-End Play Only

Matches are now played from only one end of the pitch — directing all activity away from sensitive neighbouring areas.

02



Enhanced Signage

New signage around the field keeps residents, visitors, and park-users aware of active play and safe distances.

03



White Boundary Line

A thick, high-visibility white boundary line clearly marks the active play area — separating cricket from shared park use.

04



Two On-Field Monitors

Every match has two dedicated on-field monitors ensuring safe, regulated play and active crowd management.



NEW IN 2026

Burlington Local Cricket League

Launching 2026 — a Burlington-only league with **no external teams**, reduced traffic, and greater accountability to residents. Inclusive by design — a direct response to concerns around safety, noise, and neighbourhood fit. 12 Teams have signed-up and ready to go.

In partnership with the City's new sports initiatives, we're making cricket more accessible for Burlington residents — families, youth, and newcomers alike.





A Safer Design for Everyone

“The new design proactively addresses resident concerns and surpasses expectations, ensuring an even safer and more balanced shared space for residents.”



MOVING AWAY FROM HOMES

New pitch orientation points play away from adjacent residences — reducing risk of stray balls reaching yards.



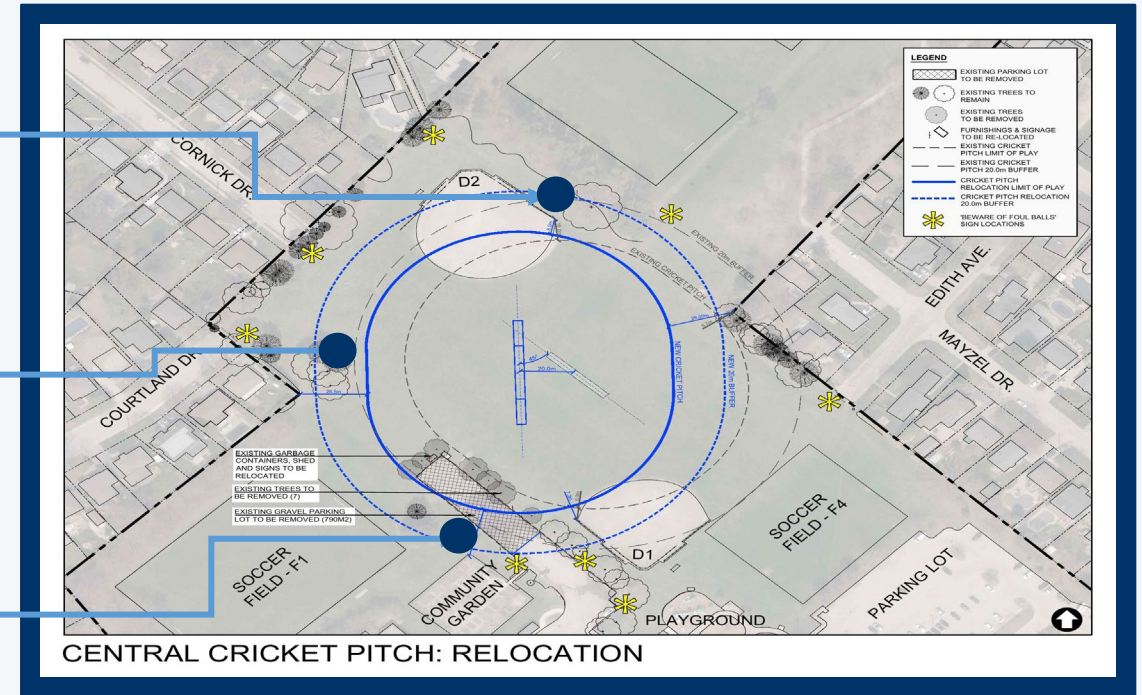
BUFFER ZONE

A dedicated safety buffer separates active play from the surrounding park and residential edge.



BETTER NOISE MANAGEMENT

Home plate shifts closer to the parking lot and the pitch moves further from homes — pushing sound, crowd activity, and traffic away from residents.



PROPOSED RELOCATION — CENTRAL PARK

ADDITIONAL ON-FIELD SAFETY LAYERS



On-field monitors

Two present during every match



White boundary line

Clear separation of active play from shared park use



Clear signage

Residents, visitors & park-users aware of active play



Zero cricket-related safety incidents in Burlington.



KNOWN INCIDENTS

A consistent, responsible track record — across 15+ years of active play.



On-field monitors

Present during play to keep games safe and contained



Oriented to minimize risk

Configured to reduce disruption to neighbours



Burlington-only league

Starting summer 2026 — local accountability

VOICES COUNCILLORS DON'T HEAR

“I get to see and enjoy the game I played in my youth”

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“my kids love central park cricket ground”

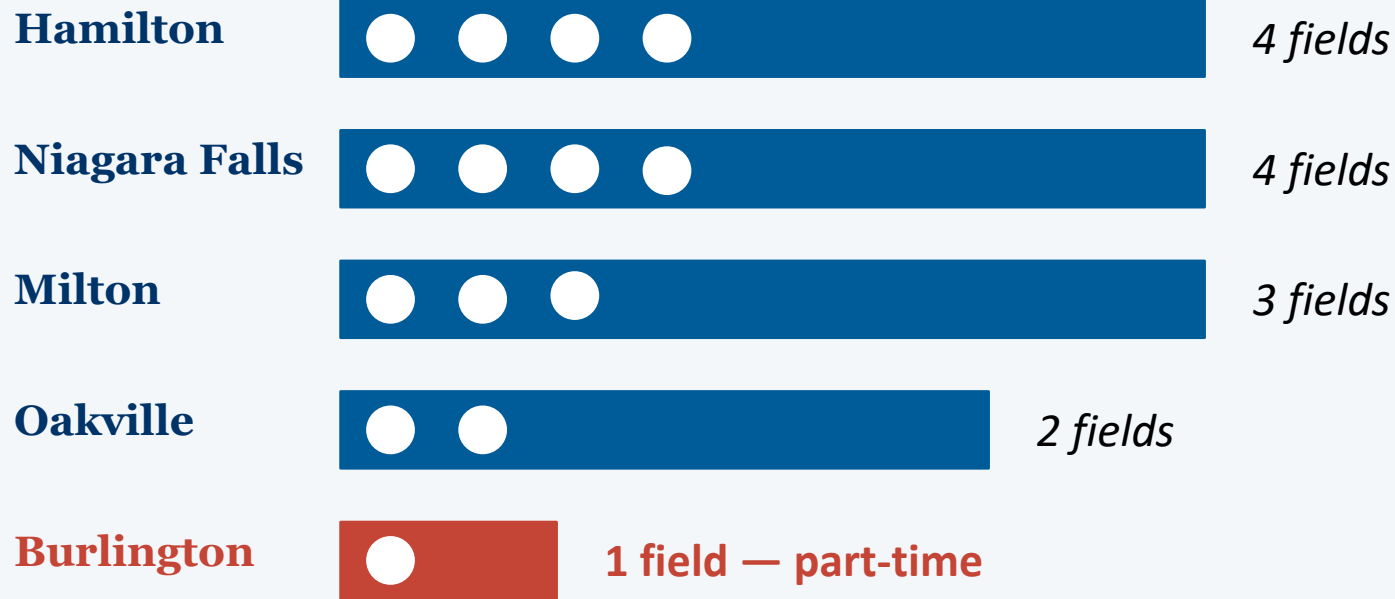
“I do not have to travel to other cities for cricket, now I play in my home ground”

— Burlington residents & players



Burlington Is Falling Behind

Cricket is one of Canada's fastest-growing sports. Neighbouring municipalities have expanded capacity. Burlington has not.



BURLINGTON CRICKET COMMUNITY — CENTRAL PARK

THE REAL COST

Burlington residents are frustrated, feel left behind, and displaced.

2010

CENTRAL PARK CRICKET SINCE 2010 | 15+ YEARS, ZERO EXPANSION

The ground has anchored Burlington's live-and-play initiatives since 2010 — yet as cricket has become Canada's fastest-growing sport, Burlington has held at a single part-time field. Reducing access does not solve demand; it displaces it.



Two questions for Council.

PRIORITY ASK | Q1

Reject this motion.

Let the planned safety work proceed — greater impact than restriction.

*“The new design **proactively addresses resident concerns** and surpasses expectations, ensuring an even safer and more balanced shared space for residents.”*



Safer layout



Buffer zone



On-field monitors



Local league

SEASON ALREADY DELAYED TO JULY 1ST — any further delay affects **the whole community** — 300+ players, families and volunteers already bearing the cost.

IF THE MOTION PASSES | Q2

Can we continue using the pitch from May 16th under the same safety and regulation standards — while the city works with residents on next steps?





Central Park Cricket (ADM-02-26)

Halton Cricket Club

KEEP CENTRAL PARK RENOVATIONS MOVING

Opposing Section 18.2 "Central Park Cricket (ADM-02-26)"

We respectfully urge Council to proceed with the planned safety-focused reconfiguration of the Central Park cricket pitch to protect residents and support organized play.

WHO WE ARE

Halton Cricket Club - Community, Excellence, Safety

Established 2021

ESTD 2021

Club Profile

Location: Based in Burlington, Ontario

Size: Among the GTA's largest cricket clubs

Teams: 10+ junior and senior teams for Summer 2026

Leagues: HDCL and other competitive leagues

Key Achievements

- 350+ active members (doubled since 2005)
- Multiple league championships
- Youth development programs

Organized Play & Safety

Organized Play Standards:

- ✓ Permitted play following City standards
- ✓ Scheduled bookings with proper insurance
- ✓ Coached sessions with certified instructors

Safety Adaptations Made

- Batting from one side only to minimize ball travel
- Games start at 8:30 AM instead of 7:30 AM
- Use of regulation leather balls (not tape balls)

WHY THIS MATTERS

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Burlington City Hall

The urgency of Central Park cricket pitch renovations



Only One Cricket Field

Burlington

Burlington currently has only **one permitted cricket field** at Central Park.

Source: City of Burlington, Outdoor Play page



Growing Demand

Field under pressure

Field bookings increased **22%** to 552 hours (2019-2023).

Source: Live and Play Plan, June 2024



Safety Improvements

Planned renovations

Renovations will **relocate pitch** away from homes.

Source: City communications

350+

Active Members

10+

Teams

22%

Booking Increase

1

Field



Halton Cricket Club supports proceeding with renovations

To protect residents, park users, and the sport's future in Burlington

Support the Motion

Vote to proceed

RESIDENT CONCERNS ARE REAL

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We hear you and are committed to safety and respectful coexistence

♥ Acknowledging Your Concerns

We understand and respect the concerns raised by nearby residents regarding:

- 🏏 **Stray balls** near properties and potential property damage
- 🔊 **Early morning noise** from games starting at 7:30 AM
- 🚗 **Parking overlap** with play area causing safety concerns
- ⚠️ **General safety** concerns for residents and park users

📄 *Source: City of Burlington Code of Conduct*

✔ Adaptations Already Implemented

🛡️ Safety Protocols in Place:

- ✔ Batting from one side only
- ✔ Educating teams regarding safety
- ✔ Games start at 8:30 AM

🤝 Our Commitment:

- Continue to adapt operations based on feedback
- Communicate schedules with neighbors
- Work with residents on practical solutions

👥 Community Impact: **Positive**

📅 Safety Prioritized

♥ Resident Satisfaction

ORGANIZED VS. UNREGULATED PLAY

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Understanding the difference between permitted and unpermitted cricket



ORGANIZED PERMITTED PLAY

Halton Cricket Club & Leagues

- ✓ **Holds City Permits & Insurance**
Proper registration and coverage for all activities
- ✓ **Follows League Rules & City Standards**
Adheres to batting direction, start times, safety protocols
- ✓ **Educating teams on Safety and Privacy**
Educating teams to enforce rules and respect for neighbors

🕒 Start time: 8:30 AM

📍 Central Park

📌 Source: City of Burlington - Rent a Facility or Park



UNREGULATED PLAY

No Permits, No Standards

- ✗ **No City Permits or Insurance**
Occupies pitch without authorization
- ✗ **Tape-Ball Play Issues**
Tennis balls wrapped in tape travel further than regulation balls
- ✗ **Early Morning Occupation**
Often occupies field before permitted hours

🕒 Early morning (7:00 AM+)

📍 Unregulated areas

📌 Source: City of Burlington - Code of Conduct

💡 **Solution: Clear signage, permit checks, and by-law presence during peak times needed**

Support Enforcement

WHY RENOVATIONS ARE THE RIGHT SOLUTION

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Safety-focused reconfiguration of Central Park cricket pitch

⚠️ Current Issues

- 1. Pitch Location:** Current pitch is too close to residential properties
- 2. Parking Overlap:** Parking area overlaps with field-of-play
- 3. Safety Risks:** Errant balls hitting vehicles and property
- 4. Limited Space:** Shared use with other sports creates conflicts

📊 Key Statistics

- 22% increase in bookings
- 552 hours of use annually
- 350+ active members

↔️ The Transformation

BEFORE → **AFTER**
Close to homes → Further away

✅ Key Improvements

- Pitch relocated away from homes
- Parking removed from play area
- Clear field boundaries
- Enhanced safety measures

🛡️ Expected Outcomes

- 1. Safety:** Reduced risk of errant balls
- 2. Clarity:** Clear field boundaries
- 3. Community:** Better resident relations
- 4. Growth:** More organized play

🕒 Timeline

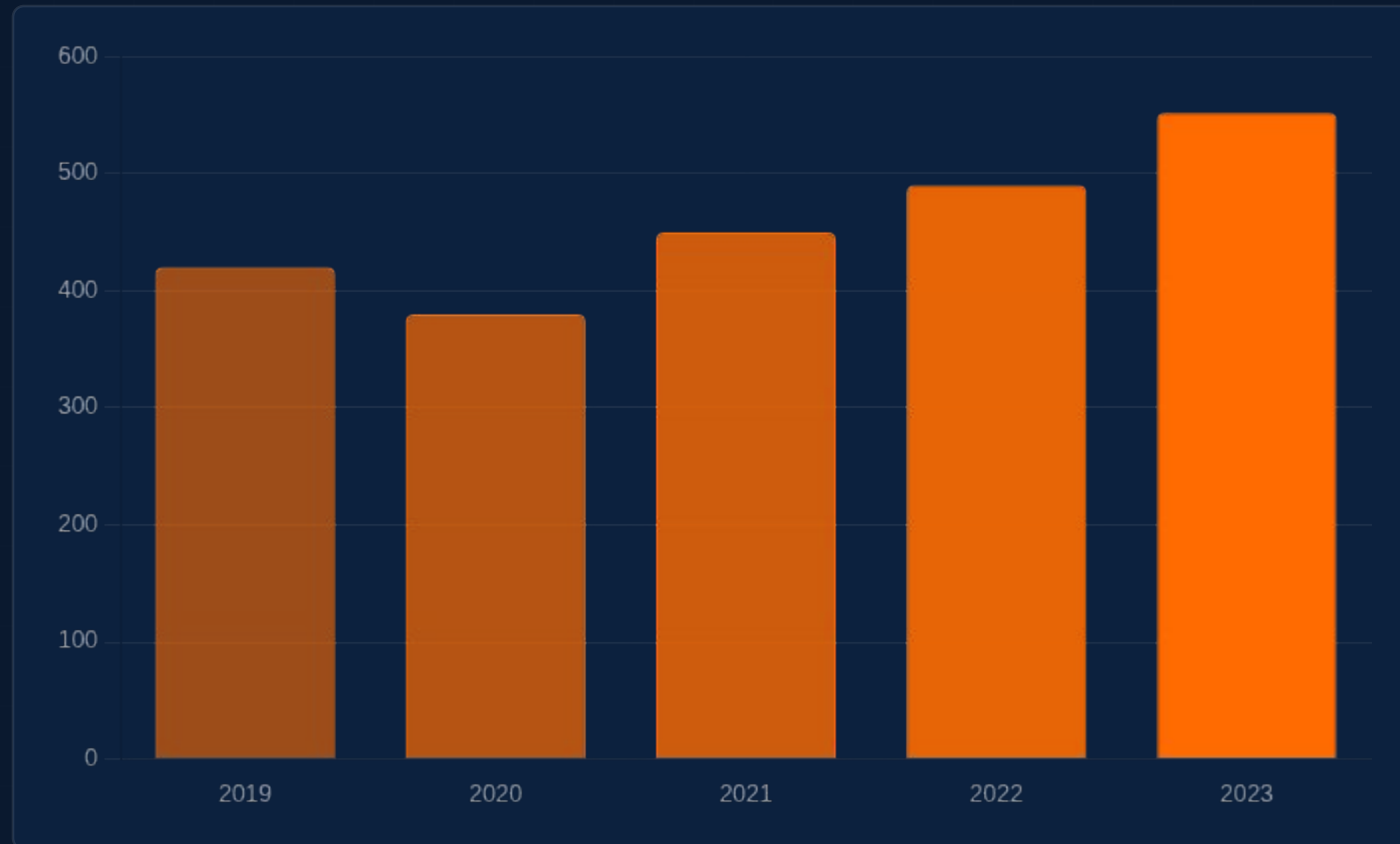
Renovations planned for May-June 2026

BURLINGTON PLANNING EVIDENCE

June 2024

RCC-12-24 Appendix A

Live and Play Plan data supports immediate action



Key Statistics

Cricket Burlington Members **350+**



Field Booking Hours (2023) **552**



Target Fields by 2051 **3**



Status: Field is "under pressure" with limited availability



Evidence supports immediate action

Delaying safety upgrades contradicts City planning evidence and community need

Target: 3 fields by 2051

Current: 1 field

FAIRNESS, INCLUSION & RESPECTFUL COEXISTENCE

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Building a welcoming community through equitable access to recreation

Our Commitment to Fairness

Burlington's growing diversity includes strong community interest in cricket. We believe **equitable access to safe recreation** matters for all residents.

We ask for **equal, consistent standards** across all sports and facilities, and respectful dialogue free from bias.

Key Principles:

- Equal treatment across all sports facilities
- Respectful dialogue and community engagement
- Safety and enjoyment for all park users

Our Commitments to the Community

Good Neighbors

Manage noise, respect parking and pathways, keep spaces clean

Safety Education

Continue safety education for players and volunteers

Discourage Unpermitted Play

Report and discourage unpermitted play on the field

Participate in Engagement

Participate in City-led engagement with residents

 Community Impact: **Positive**

Diversity: **High**

RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL

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A clear path forward for Central Park



VOTE AGAINST PAUSE

Oppose Section 18.2 "Central Park Cricket (ADM-02-26)"



PROCEED WITH RENOVATIONS

Execute the safety-focused reconfiguration in 2026 as planned

Comprehensive Solution Plan

Strengthen Enforcement

Early-morning by-law and park staff patrols

Strict permit verification during peak playing times

Multi-language signage with rules.)

Clear reporting QR codes for residents

Improve Engagement

Establish regular resident advisory touchpoints each season

Publish clear, accessible organized play schedules

Implement direct incident reporting hotline/system

Coordinate with other sports to minimize conflicts

Advance Future Planning

Develop additional dedicated cricket fields per Live and Play Plan

Explore City View Park dedicated facility

Investigate Sherwood Forest Park feasibility

Relieve pressure on the shared Central Park field long-term

CALL TO ACTION

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Vote against the pause motion - Support Central Park renovations



Keep Central Park Renovations Moving

For safety, fairness, and the future of cricket in Burlington

✓ Vote Against Section 18.2 (ADM-02-26)

Oppose the motion to pause planned renovations at the Central Park Cricket Pitch. The safety improvements are necessary and overdue.

✓ Support City Staff Implementation

Allow the Director of Recreation and Director of Engineering to proceed with the safety-focused reconfiguration.



Halton Cricket Club

Ready to collaborate with residents and City

Safety First

Protecting the community



Safety Improvements

Relocate pitch away from homes



Fair Treatment

Equal standards for all sports



Community

350+ active members

SOURCES AND REFERENCES

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Evidence-based documentation for Central Park cricket pitch renovations

City of Burlington Sources

City of Burlington — Outdoor Play

Location and availability of cricket pitch at Central Park.

www.burlington.ca/en/recreation/outdoor-play.aspx

Code of Conduct — Cricket Pitch Standards

Safety protocols and playing conditions for Central Park cricket pitch.

www.burlington.ca/en/recreation/code-of-conduct.aspx

Live and Play Plan (June 2024)

Comprehensive 20-30 year plan for parks and recreation facilities.

[View PDF Document](#)

Media and Additional Sources

InsideHalton — Cricket Field Reconfiguration

News article on planned renovations to improve safety at Central Park.

www.insidehalton.com/...

Turf & Rec — Park Reconfiguration

Article on Burlington park changes to prevent errant cricket balls.

www.turfandrec.com/...

Rent a Facility or Park

Booking information for sports facilities in Burlington.

www.burlington.ca/...