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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.

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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.



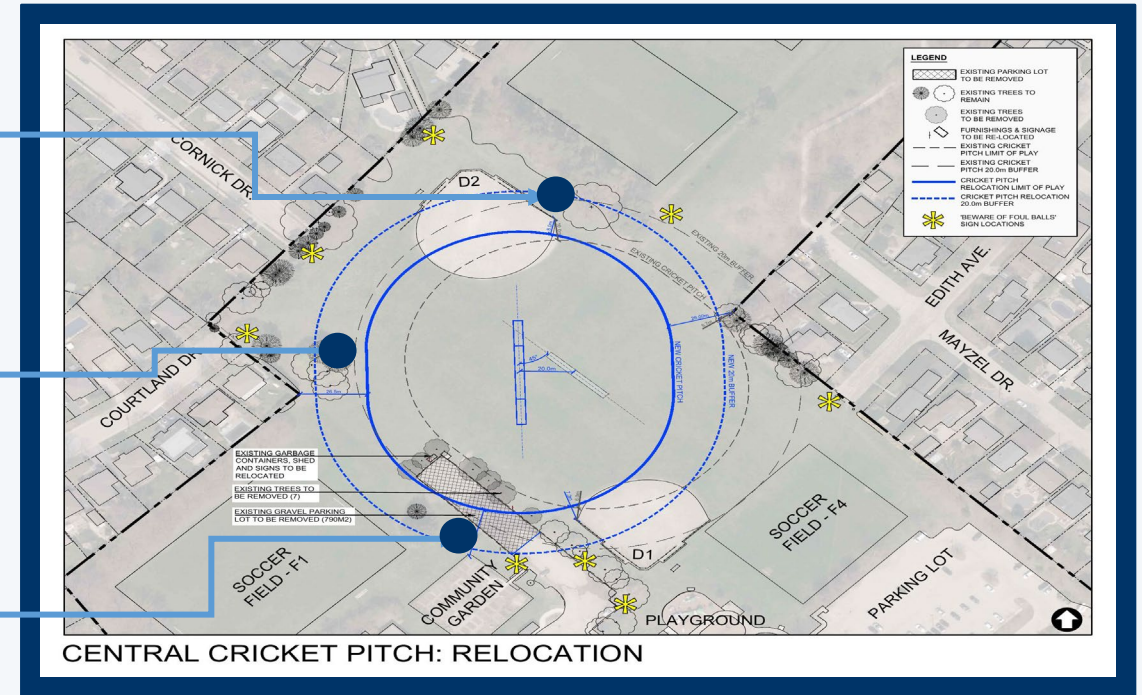
BUFFER ZONE

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.



CENTRAL CRICKET PITCH: RELOCATION

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”

“my kids love central park cricket ground”

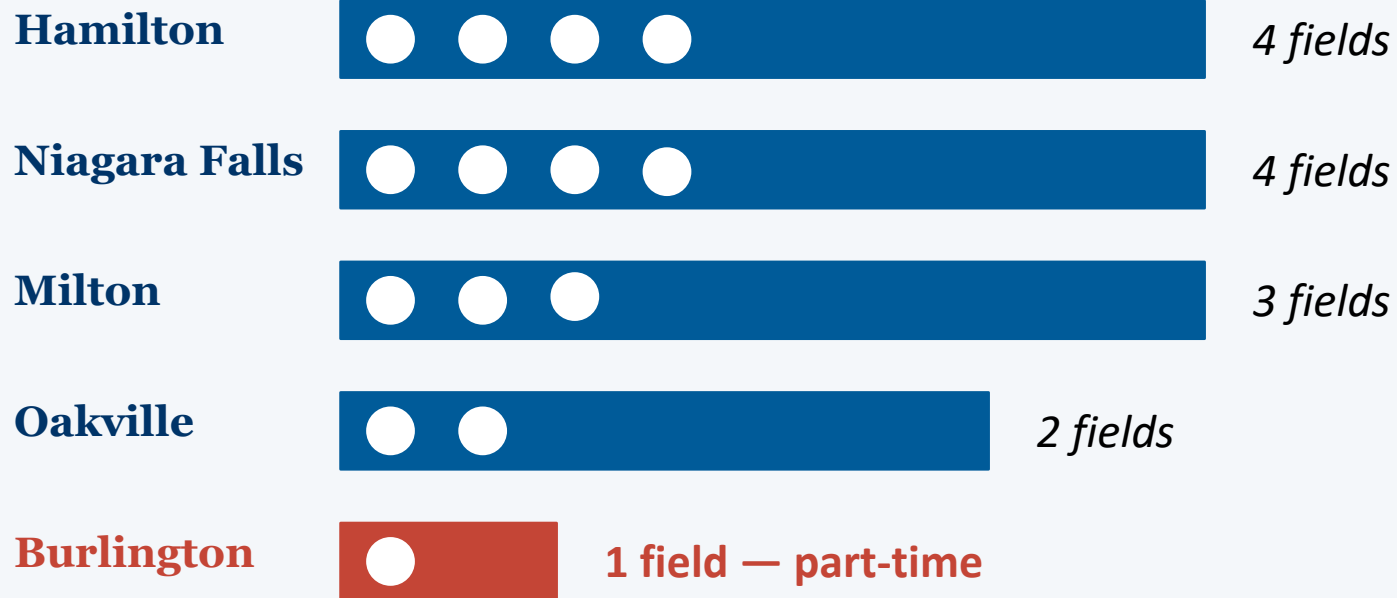
“I do not have to travel to other cities for cricket, now I play in my home ground”

— 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.

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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?

