



**City of Kingston  
Report to Council  
Report Number 25-091**

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**To:** Mayor and Members of Council  
**From:** Jennifer Campbell, Commissioner, Community Services  
**Resource Staff:** Amy Elgersma, Director, Recreation & Leisure Services  
**Date of Meeting:** February 18, 2025  
**Subject:** Supplemental Report - Cricket Field Baseball Diamond  
Fencing Options

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**Council Strategic Plan Alignment:**

Theme: 3. Build an Active and Connected Community

Goal: 3.1 Expand parks and recreation opportunities and participation.

**Executive Summary:**

The purpose of this report is to provide City Council with an additional option for consideration as it relates to the Cricket Field Baseball Diamond Fencing. This supplemental report is being submitted as this option – to keep the fencing as it currently is, was not included as an option in Report Number 25-056 and this oversight was not identified until after the report was released. In addition to the four (4) options provided to Council in Report Number 25-056, this report includes an option for the existing baseball diamond fence and yellow fence topper to be kept as they are.

**Recommendation:**

**That** the following Option (Option 5) be added for consideration as part of the Options presented in Report Number 25-056:

**Option 5**

**That** staff be directed to retain the existing baseball diamond fence and yellow fence topper in Cricket Field.

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**Authorizing Signatures:**

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**Jennifer Campbell,  
Commissioner, Community  
Services**

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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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**Lanie Hurdle, Chief  
Administrative Officer**

**Consultation with the following Members of the Corporate Management Team:**

Paige Agnew, Commissioner, Growth & Development Services	Not required
Neil Carbone, Commissioner, Corporate & Emergency Services	Not required
David Fell, President & CEO, Utilities Kingston	Not required
Ian Semple, Acting Commissioner, Transportation & Infrastructure Services	Not required
Desirée Kennedy, Chief Financial Officer & City Treasurer	Not required

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**Options/Discussion:**

Report Number 25-056 provides Council with four (4) options that could possibly result in an event based or permanent outfield fence at the Cricket Field, either through use of the existing temporary fence or a new fence. These four options were presented for discussion through consultation with the Sydenham District Association (SDA) and the Kingston Heritage Properties Committee (KHPC). The SDA supports Option 4. The SDA does not support Options 1-3 but prefer Option 3 over 1 and 2. The options presented in Report Number 25-056 are:

**Option 1:**

**That** staff be directed to modify the existing baseball diamond fence in Cricket Field to include pedestrian gaps and gates as shown in Exhibit B to Report Number 25-056; or

**Option 2:**

**That** staff be directed to modify the existing baseball diamond fence in Cricket Field to include pedestrian gaps and gates, to reduce outfield sideline fencing and to provide temporary fencing for events as shown in Exhibit C to Report Number 25-056; or

**Option 3:**

**That** staff be directed to modify the existing baseball diamond fence in Cricket Field to include pedestrian gaps and gates, and to remove the existing homerun fence and replace it with seasonal fencing from May 15 to September 15 as shown in Exhibit D to Report Number 25-056; or

**Option 4:**

**That** staff be directed to modify the existing baseball diamond fence in Cricket Field to include pedestrian gaps and gates, to remove the existing homerun fence and to provide temporary fencing for events as shown in Exhibit E to Report Number 25-056.

Option 5, introduced though this supplemental report, would see the existing fence remain on the site in its current configuration. Option 5 was not an option that was consulted on as it would not introduce a new configuration or consideration at the site; however, it provides Council with a clear option to direct staff to keep the current fence configuration and field opportunities the same as they are at present.

**Option 5:**

**That** staff be directed to retain the existing baseball diamond fence and yellow fence topper in Cricket Field.

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Option 5 should have been included in the Report Number 25-056; however, this omission was only noted after the report was released publicly.

### **Analysis**

**Option 5** – Maintain permanent fencing as is currently installed at the site.

This option is similar to Option 1 in Report Number 25-056 and provides a permanent fully enclosed ball diamond. In this option, no new pedestrian gaps or gates would be added and the yellow fence topper would not be replaced.

Approximate cost: There would be no new costs associated with keeping the field as it is at present.

### **Public Engagement**

Option 5 was not included in the public consultation on options, as it is direction to keep the field fencing as it is at present.

### **Existing Policy/By-Law**

Kingston City Council Meeting, October 4, 2022 – Clause 3iii of Report Number 91: Received from Heritage Kingston with respect to Application for Ontario Heritage Act Approval – 32 Bagot Street.

### **Financial Considerations**

No new costs are introduced through Option 5.

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### **Other City of Kingston Staff Consulted:**

Luke Follwell, Director, Engineering Services

### **Exhibits Attached:**

None