



A Framework for Allocation Policy Development



Agenda

1. Development of Centralized Allocations Office – Involvement of User Groups
2. Development of Four New Allocation Policies – Cricket Pitches, Ball Diamonds, Soccer Fields, Pools
3. Guiding Principles
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Development of Centralized Allocations Office

- Facility Allocations Office created in May 2008
- Efforts made to establish solid relationships with User Groups providing an exemplary level of service
- Began meeting with User Groups around Allocation Policy Development in Fall 2009
- Held series of group meetings and individual meetings with the various User Groups



Development of Four New Allocation Policies

- There are currently no formal allocation policies for Cricket Pitches, Ball Diamonds, Soccer Fields or Pools
- Each policy has unique users with differing requirements
- We will bring forward policies for each of those in the coming weeks
- Despite uniqueness of sports and facilities, there are common principles among all of the sports



Guiding Principles

- Town facilities are built by, and funded for Markham residents.
- All members of the community should have opportunity to access Town facilities regardless of physical, financial, social or environmental barriers.
- Town facilities serve as a fabric of the community creating opportunities for individuals to connect to one another and the community.
- Town facilities provide an excellent environment to promote, encourage and facilitate lifelong active living.



Policy Principles

- Allocations will be handled in an open and transparent environment.
- An Allocation Policy will ensure the distribution of Town facilities in a fair and equitable manner, respecting issues of accessibility.
- Allocations will be reviewed on an annual basis.
- Groups meeting Markham residency requirements will receive priority.
- Where facility demand exceeds supply, the Town may have to limit the emergence of new User Groups.
- Children/Youth should receive preference of hours when allocating time.



Next Steps

- Over the coming weeks an individual Allocation Policy for Cricket Pitches, Ball Diamonds, Soccer Fields, Pools will be presented to Council for consideration.
- Each presentation will further outline the involvement and feedback of User Groups with respect to operational impacts.
- Presentations will be done individually respecting the uniqueness of sport and facility being discussed



Questions