



October 4, 2024

Re: Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund – Stream 2 (CSRIF)

Dear Minister,

I am writing on behalf of the Southern Ontario Cricket Association (SOCA), a vibrant sports organization deeply committed to the development and promotion of cricket in our community in support of the City of Kitchener and their application for funding support through CSRIF – Stream 2

SOCA is located in Waterloo Region with 45 hardball cricket and 22 softball cricket teams in our league. In addition to that we have 34 children in our non-profit cricket academy trained to be future sports persons and utilize all four cricket fields within the City of Kitchener.

The anticipation surrounding the construction of a quad gymnasium with the potential for two cricket batting cages has generated immense excitement amongst our members.

The cricket batting cages will provide invaluable training opportunities for aspiring cricketers. Access to such dedicated training facilities is crucial for honing skills and nurturing talent, ultimately enhancing the quality of our local cricket teams. As an organization, we believe that this initiative will significantly contribute to the growth and well-being of our community in several ways.

Furthermore, having access to a facility of this nature will be transformative for the growth and development of cricket in our community. It will provide a conducive environment for coaching, practice matches, and tournaments, thereby attracting more individuals to the sport and nurturing a new generation of cricket enthusiasts.

Thank you for considering our input, and we look forward to your favorable decision.

Sincerely,

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President
Southern Ontario Cricket Association