



TSC Update

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1. **Toronto Sports Council Summit-March 2, 2013 – Hold the Date**

Once again, the Toronto Sports Council in partnership with Tourism Toronto is hosting its Annual Sports Summit. Join us to celebrate the successes of the past year and to help plan the TSC activities for the coming year. A great opportunity to meet & mingle with other sport leaders from across the City. The Summit is being held on Saturday, March 2, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm, Toronto Marriott Bloor Yorkville. More details coming soon.

2. **TSC Sport Recognition Awards**

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2012 TSC Sport Recognition Awards Program. Nominate a deserving Sport Club Volunteer, Business or Media for their untiring efforts to further community sport in the City of Toronto . Email your nomination to info@torontosportscouncil.ca. Deadline for nominations is February 10 with Award presentations to occur at the TSC Annual Sport Summit on March 02. Past recipients for the inaugural year were **Abdi Mohamed**/Volunteer Award, **Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities**/Business Award and **Randy Starkman**/Media Award.

3. **City Permit Fees Issue Update**

The City of Toronto PFR held a Sport Users Meeting on Nov 29, 2012. Many local sport groups were in attendance and City staff provided an update on the progress

made on the following: status of sport field maintenance, sports field improvement, future challenges and the plan for next steps moving forward. According to the City, they want to improve the working relationship with sport groups to "Review/adjust field classification system and maintenance standards, develop a process for auditing fields, examine field capacities, develop block booking and rain date policies and improve the quality of sport fields". At the conclusion of the meeting City staff asked for volunteers to participate on four working groups dedicated to the following areas; Sport Organization Reference Group, Maintenance Standards, Permit Issues and Capital Plan. If you are interested in participating to help with these sport field issues please e mail Kevin at: kevin@torontosportscouncil.ca.

4. TDSB Permit Fee Increase

Thank you to the many sport organizations who shared their analysis of the impact on their organization due to the recent TDSB Permit Fee increase. The TSC listened and shared your concerns with the TDSB Community Use of Schools Advisory Committee (CUSAC) (i.e. lack of notice, re-categorization, financial impact and consultation issues). Recently CUSAC discussed these issues and recommended the following:

1. The 43% increase in fees adopted on Jan 1, 2013 be upheld but a review of categories be completed and any adjustments and fees to be deferred to Sept 1, 2013.
 2. A sub-committee be established to decide upon appeals made by community permit holders is now under discussion.
 3. CUSAC recommended:
 - that the permit system be automated to expedite service; and
 - permit timelines be approved earlier to facilitate notification to groups.
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5. Tobacco Free Grant Program

The TSC in partnership with Toronto Public Health has awarded six \$500 grants for local Tobacco-Free Reduction programs. The recipients of the grants are: Abilities in Motion Disabled Kayaking, Flying Angels Track, Disabled Sailing Association of Ontario, Netball Ontario, Boxing Ontario and Toronto Sport & Social Club. The 2nd round of funding will be offered in the spring of 2013 so if your Sport Group is interested in developing a new Tobacco-Free policy please E Mail Kevin Arnsdorf at kevin@torontosportscouncil.ca or Janvere Lyder jlyder@toronto.ca or Parveen Karir pkarir@toronto.ca for details.

The TSC works to help build a strong voice for sport in Toronto. We want to keep you informed - the TSC Newsletter gives you a heads up on what's happening in sport in Toronto. If you are interested in getting involved and/or have thoughts or comments you want to share with us, please contact Kevin Arnsdorf at kevin@torontosportscouncil.ca or go online at www.torontosportscouncil.ca or connect with us on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#) for regular updates.



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