



**MEDIA RELEASE**

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Mayor Nuttall directs staff to pause work on Sports Field to allow for public consultation**

Barrie, ON – Yesterday afternoon, at the request of Council, Mayor Alex Nuttall issued Mayoral Direction to the CAO and staff to pause actioning Council’s motion 24-G-111 (Sea Cadets Parade Ground & Multi-Use Sports Field) to allow for public consultation to occur and be presented back to Council later this fall.

Section 284.3 of the Municipal Act provides the Head of Council the authority to give direction to staff in writing.

Quote from Mayor Alex Nuttall:

*“On behalf of Council, I want to thank Mr. Green for delivering such tremendous work. His dedication and willingness to volunteer his expertise have not only provided us with a thorough and insightful report but have also demonstrated his commitment to the betterment of our community.*

*In light of new information provided in Mr. Green’s report and an exciting opportunity that emerged in early July, the City is actively working with a global entity on a promising venture that could significantly enhance the future of sport tourism in Barrie. While negotiations are still ongoing, I can confirm that this opportunity aligns perfectly with Council’s Strategic Plan and vision for the city’s downtown core.*

*At the request of Council, I have signed a Strong Mayor Powers Directive to instruct staff to pause further work on the multi-use sports field and parade ground project until we have conducted comprehensive public consultations on this, as well as future projects.”*

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