

# Memorandum

**To:** Mike Geisel, City Administrator  
**From:** Tom McCarthy <sup>N</sup>  
**Director of Parks, Recreation & Arts**  
**Date:** 4/22/2019  
**Re:** Cricket discussion Update



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I just wanted to let you know where we are with the cricket discussion with Ganesh. Kevin and I met with Ganesh on Friday, April 12 to show him a sample of a temporary pitch material that would be an option for a temporary pitch. We are trying to come up with a solution for Ganesh to be able to have a cricket field option he can rent so we can actually see if he can generate enough usage with kids and adults to justify investing in a permanent pitch. Kevin spent a substantial amount of time researching temporary pitches and came up with this 2G Flicx Match Pitch. I also spoke with a group out of Utah that currently uses this pitch and they say it works well and the concept of removing the turf and rolling the ground to compact it sounds really good.

## 2G Flicx Match Pitch

The 2G Flicx Match Pitch is the traditional design and is our bestselling model. All green in colour and with embedded white crease markings we believe the 2G Flicx Pitch is the most versatile cricket pitch on the market and it comes at a fraction of the price of other artificial pitches. The 2G Flicx Match Pitch comes supplied in two half pitch rolls which can be used as batting ends either in the nets or on the outfield.

Senior Match Pitches are available at either 22.12m x 1.8m or 20.12m x 1.8m sizes whilst for juniors our standard stock sizes are 18m, 16m and 14m. The other option is for us to make a bespoke size for your specific requirements. Various colour and branding options are also available on all 2G Flicx products.



We tried the temporary pitch out on three surfaces this morning. The first option was an uncut grass field, second option was the asphalt parking lot, and the third option was a dirt baseball practice field that had recently been scarified. The grass field with the sample pitch was not hard enough, the asphalt was hard enough and had good bounce, which is important in the game of cricket, and the dirt infield that was scarified had almost identical bounce as the asphalt. If we had a place we could remove the grass for the temporary pitch, roll the dirt with our roller so the actual dirt would be very compact and hard. We could then install the temporary pitch on the compacted dirt surface. This would give the best bounce for the field and we would have an area Ganesh can rent and show us that he can

generate the usage and the demand for the field to justify the cost of a permanent pitch in the years to come. The biggest issue is we do not have any field space available to put in even the temporary pitch on our fields that work with the schedule Ganesh is requesting.

Ganesh, feels the temporary pitch is not a viable option and had voiced his need to push forward with Council to get a permanent pitch.

I also let Ganesh know I had talked to John Bales at the airport and he is willing to try and help Ganesh out. At the time of our meeting Ganesh and John had not spoken. Ganesh will follow up with John to see about his options over there.

The P fields on the back of the Levee would not be a good alternative due to the flooding that occurs every few years. Below is a picture of the field area behind the Levee recently. As you can see three of the four infields are under water and a good majority of the parking lot is under water.



The only other option I currently can come up with is to allow Ganesh to rent space on the 33 acres of undeveloped land we have east of the CVAC, and let him fund the cricket field with the concrete pitch he wants to install and the development would be his responsibility. We could enter into a one-year lease with an option to extend another year depending on how his program goes.