

**Durham Region
2023**Ontario Parasport Games
Jeux Parasport de l'Ontario

September 1, 2022

Ms. Aili Oberson
Manager, Programs and Facilities
City of Oshawa
99 Thornton Rd S
Oshawa, ON L1J 5Y1

Re: 5-a-side Soccer Venue for Durham Region 2023 Ontario Parasport Games

Dear Aili:

From February 3 to 5, Durham Region will host the 2023 Ontario Parasport Games, building on the momentum from the Durham Region 2019 Ontario Parasport Games. Over 500 participants, including over 300 athletes, will take part in 11 sport competitions held at eight venues across the Region. We will also host an Opening Night Dinner, Opening Ceremony and Saturday dinners. In the lead-up to the Games, we are organizing a community knitting initiative, Be the Roar campaign and a 100-Day Countdown event on October 27.

Hosting the Games will have an estimated local economic impact of over \$675,000, will provide volunteer opportunities, foster community pride and will have significant social benefits, including further investment into parasport legacy initiatives to support the continued growth of parasport opportunities and participation in the region.

Due to the unfortunate collapse of the Pickering Soccer Centre (PSC) dome during a significant storm in January, resulting in closure until March 2023, we will no longer be able to hold the 5-a-side Soccer competition at PSC. We therefore request that the Civic Recreation Complex become the host site for this competition and that the City of Oshawa consider that the permitted time be donated in-kind in support of this event.

Thank you for considering this request. We look forward to the opportunity to partner with the City of Oshawa on the Durham Region 2023 Ontario Games.

Yours sincerely,

Lori Talling
Sport Tourism Specialist & General Manager, Durham Region 2023 Ontario Parasport Games
Region of Durham, Economic Development and Tourism

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