

CANADA GAMES PARK OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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Date: Monday, September 8, 2025
Hosted by: Niagara Region
Location: Zoom Meeting
Meeting Chair: Geoff Holman, City of Thorold
Recorder: Kathy Beach, Niagara Region

Attendees:

Dave Baldoni	City of Thorold
Brooke Nicholson	City of Thorold
Eric Lamothe	City of St. Catharines
Phil Cristi	City of St. Catharines
Jeff Dixon	Meridian Centre
Edward Wall	Brock University
Salee Johnson-Edwards	Brock University

Guest(s):

Regrets: Lara Verdone, Meridian Centre
Courtney Smith, Brock University

1. Adoption of Agenda – Approved

2. Business -

- a. Indoor Track Allocation (Jeff)

Jeff indicated that the allocation process of the indoor track for the upcoming 2025 / 2026 Fall / Winter season at Canada Games Park is complete. Details were provided to this committee summarizing the allotment of community use time during prime hours, as well as the volume and diversity of track group requests received. Users will be notified later today. Please reach out to Jeff if there are any questions or feedback.

Jeff also noted that due to increased outside usage, beginning next year, the outside track will also be allocated.

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b. Event of Significance - Robotics

(Jeff)

Brock is hosting a Robotics Competition for one week on June 13 – 20, 2026. Jeff has been working with Brock Conference Services on event details. He indicated due to the requirements and uniqueness of this competition, they will need to use the entire facility. This conference will only impact some athletics and will be coordinated with Brock. Jeff also noted this is a very good revenue opportunity (16K higher than usual) and will host athletes, support staff and family and friends, providing a positive impact on the economy.

Motion:

That this committee **APPROVES** holding the Event of Significance for the Canada Cup of Robotics – Hosted by Brock University, at Canada Games Park on June 13 - 20, 2026.

Moved by Phil Cristi

Seconded by Ed Wall

Carried.

3. Other

Next meeting: October 14, 2025