



# UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

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### MEMORANDUM

**To:** Planning and Budget Committee

**From:** Ron Venter, Vice-Provost, Space and Facilities Planning

**Re:** Demolition of Varsity Stadium

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#### Item Identification

Allocation from the University Infrastructure Investment Fund [UIIF] to allow for the demolition of Varsity Stadium and the creation of a fenced-in playing field on the Bloor-Devonshire site.

#### Sponsor

Ron Venter, Vice-Provost, Space and Facilities Planning

#### Jurisdictional Information

The Planning and Budget Committee recommends approval of expenditures from the Operating Budget Special Funds, specifically the UIIF for this project. Given that the total project cost is less than \$2 million, this project, consistent with the Policy on Capital Planning and Capital Projects, is to be considered and approved by the Accommodation and Facilities Directorate [AFD]

#### Highlights

As a result of the unsuccessful referendum on Varsity Centre, the University Administration will be undertaking further detailed study to develop a revised set of proposals for consideration. Concurrently, it is proposed to proceed with the immediate demolition of Varsity Stadium to create an open, fenced-in playing field which will be available to support numerous existing program commitments. It is important to proceed with this demolition immediately since the stadium structure is essentially unsafe; more funds should not be directed to maintain this structure at this time. It is planned to secure the necessary demolition permits from the City of Toronto as soon as possible so that the playing fields will be operational by September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2002.

#### Resource Implications

The demolition structure, the fencing as well as the preparation of the field is estimated at \$1.7 million. It is proposed that the brick wall on the north end of the field, i.e. on Bloor Street will be retained until the full development of the site occurs.

#### Recommendations

That the Planning and Budget Committee recommend to the Academic Board:

— THAT an allocation of \$1,700,000 from the University Infrastructure Investment Fund [UIIF] towards the demolition cost of Varsity Stadium and the establishment of a fenced-in open playing field be approved.