

## Parks and Environment Committee

<b>Meeting No.</b>	3	<b>Contact</b>	Candy Davidovits, Committee Administrator
<b>Meeting Date</b>	Tuesday, April 10, 2007	<b>Phone</b>	416-392-8032
<b>Start Time</b>	9:30 AM	<b>E-mail</b>	cdavidov@toronto.ca
<b>Location</b>	Committee Room 1, City Hall		

PE3.1	ACTION	Adopted	Transactional	Ward: All
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### Appointment of Area Weed Inspectors 2007

(March 21, 2007) report from General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation

#### Committee Recommendations

The Parks and Environment Committee recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the amendment of By-law No. 383-2004, to appoint area weed inspectors under the *Weed Control Act* and to repeal By-law No. 308-1998, "A By-law to appoint Weed Inspectors," to appoint David Chapman and Nancy Lowes as area weed inspectors and to revoke the appointments of Russell Warkman and Nancy Yarwood;
2. the City Clerk provide written notice to the Chief Weed Inspector as required under the *Weed Control Act*;
3. City Council authorize the amendment of Municipal Code Chapter 169, Officials, and City, to provide that:
  - a. the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation is responsible for monitoring the need for changes to the City's area weed inspector appointments made by the by-law under the *Weed Control Act*; and
  - b. the General Manager may request the City Solicitor to submit the necessary bill directly to Council when the General Manager identifies the need to:
    - i. appoint an employee as an area weed inspector under the *Weed Control Act*;
    - ii. repeal the appointment of an area weed inspector as a result of changes

in employment or duties; or

- iii. to make technical amendments to current appointments (for example, to reflect a name change).

### Summary

The City is required to appoint one or more area weed inspectors by by-law, under subsection 6(1) of the Weed Control Act.

The purpose of the report is to amend By-law No. 383-2004 with respect to changes in appointments of area weed inspectors and identify the new area weed inspectors.

The report also recommends that Municipal Code Chapter 169, Officials, City, be amended to make the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation responsible for monitoring changes to the area weed inspectors' appointments. When the General Manager determines there is a need for a change, the General Manager is authorized to request the City Solicitor to submit the necessary bill directly to Council.

### Background Information

Appointment of Area Weed Inspectors 2007

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/pe/bgrd/backgroundfile-2429.pdf>

PE3.2	ACTION	Amended	Transactional	
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### Waste Audit of City Parks

(March 9, 2007) report from General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation

### Committee Recommendations

*The Parks and Environment Committee recommends that City Council forward a copy of the report (March 9, 2007) from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to Waste Diversion Ontario; Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Minister of the Environment, and request the Minister of the Environment to designate fast food packaging under the Waste Diversion Act.*

### Summary

As part of its three-year Waste Diversion Plan, approved in 2004, Parks, Forestry and Recreation recently conducted a Parks Waste Audit (Attachment 1). Staff examined almost three metric tonnes of waste from 585 litter and 157 recycling baskets at 126 parks – sorting, weighing and recording material using 14 separate categories (i.e. glass, paper, plastic, pet waste). A summary of findings and recommendations can be found on pages 49 to 51 of the attached Parks Waste Audit Report.

Subsequent to its 2004-2006 plan, the Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division submitted a four-year Waste Diversion Plan in January 2007 which sets out initiatives selected to improve

future diversion rates. This year's program will continue twinning litter baskets with labelled recycling baskets to improve the diversion rate of recyclable materials from the litter stream as well as educational and outreach activities to address the large amount of recyclables and pet waste entering the Park's litter stream.

The Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division will continue with its effort to meet future diversion targets and explore innovative methods to reduce park's waste.

### **Background Information**

Waste Audit of City Parks

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/pe/bgrd/backgroundfile-2149.pdf>)

Attachment 1 - 2006 Parks Waste Audit - Final Report

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/pe/bgrd/backgroundfile-2155.pdf>)

Attachment 2 - Waste Audit

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/pe/bgrd/backgroundfile-2156.pdf>)

### **Communications**

(April 10, 2007) Submission from Doug King - PEMainPE3.2.1

### **Decision Advice and Other Information**

The Parks and Environment Committee requested:

1. the Deputy City Manager to report directly to City Council on whether the City of Pickering is using the City of Toronto's sewage system to dispose of dog waste deposited in Pickering's Parks and if so what action the City of Toronto can take to prevent this;
2. Parks, Forestry and Recreation staff to continue to work with Solid Waste Management Services staff to improve and expand waste diversion initiatives in City parks;
3. Parks, Forestry and Recreation staff to collaborate with Solid Waste Management Services to educate the public and increase awareness of the need for waste diversion;
4. the Acting General Manager, Solid Waste Management Services to consider the parks organics stream when expanding organics diversion facilities;
5. staff from Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division and Solid Waste Management Services Division, to meet with the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Parks and Environment Committee and Public Works and Infrastructure Committee and report back to the Parks and Environment Committee on:
  - a. methods to more rapidly divert recyclables in City parks;
  - b. options to deal with dog waste in the litter stream including options for increasing the green bin program in Toronto's parks; and
  - c. the effectiveness of by-law enforcement in reducing illegal dumping of household waste and include estimated costs for cleaning up this illegal

dumping.

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## **2 for 1 Toronto Island Ferry Pricing for Adult tickets, May 22-September 2 2007 - 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

(March 15, 2007) report from General Manager, Parks Forestry and Recreation

### **Committee Recommendations**

The Parks and Environment Committee recommends that:

1. a 2007 pilot pricing project wherein 2 for 1 pricing on adult fares be approved and implemented for the period from May 22<sup>nd</sup> through to September 2<sup>nd</sup> and the hours of 5 p.m. - 9 p.m.; and
2. the following restrictions be implemented at the same time:
  - (a) all holiday weekends and special events would be exempt from the 2 for 1 pricing and would be full price;
  - (b) two tickets must be sold at one time and there will be no half-price tickets sold to one individual; and
  - (c) the 2 for 1 offer would not operate in conjunction with any other promotion.

### **Summary**

The 2 for 1 ferry pricing is an attempt to attract adult customers to the Toronto Islands during off peak hours. Approximately 75% of our passengers leave the island at about 5:00 p.m. It is our intent to entice them to stay longer and increase their participation at island amenities. The special pricing will require City Council authority to change existing ticket prices.

This pilot project will operate within existing staffing resources and budget allotment. This should assist in earning additional revenue for the Toronto Islands' operation through the return on food and beverage sales as well as additional ferry ticket sales.

### **Background Information**

2 for 1 Toronto Island Ferry Pricing for Adult tickets, May 22-September 2 2007  
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/pe/bgrd/backgroundfile-2390.pdf>

### **Decision Advice and Other Information**

The Parks and Environment Committee requested the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, in consultation with the General Manager, Economic Development, Culture and Tourism and Tourism Toronto, to report to the September 14, 2007 meeting of the Parks and Environment Committee on marketing the City's destination parks.

PE3.4	Information	Received	Transactional	
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### **Providing Shade at Parks, Forestry and Recreation Sites**

(March 15, 2007) report from General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation

#### **Summary**

The purpose of this report is to provide information on efforts being made by the Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division to address shade at Parks, Forestry and Recreation sites and to provide information regarding the assessment of shade at city playgrounds. The Division has policy guidelines in place to assist with improving opportunities for both natural shade (trees) and constructed shade (shelters) wherever feasible. Consideration of shade is a component of the design process for new and retrofitted facilities and park sites.

With 833 playgrounds under the management of Parks, Forestry and Recreation, an examination of City playgrounds to determine which have sufficient shade and those that are deficient, is a large undertaking. Staff are developing an approach to this review and will report back, this fall, to the Parks and Environment Committee on the implications (both financial and operational) of undertaking this work.

#### **Background Information**

Providing Shade at Parks, Forestry and Recreation Sites

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/pe/bgrd/backgroundfile-2372.pdf>

#### **Decision Advice and Other Information**

The Parks and Environment Committee received the report (March 15, 2007) from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation.

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### **Municipal Outdoor Rink Report 2007 - CELOS Research Group**

(March 27, 2007) Member Motion from Councillor Fletcher

#### **Summary**

This report has been forwarded for consideration from Councillor Giambrone who is asking for staff to review and report on the recommendations made.

The report provides an overview of operations at the City's 46 outdoor rinks, providing recommendations on attracting and serving more skaters.

#### **Background Information**

Municipal Outdoor Rink Report 2007 - CELOS Research Group

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/pe/bgrd/backgroundfile-2430.pdf>

### Decision Advice and Other Information

The Parks and Environment Committee requested:

1. the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to review the report submitted by the Centre for Local Research into Public Space (CELOS) titled “Municipal Outdoor Rink Report 2007” and report back to the Parks and Environment Committee in three (3) months;
2. the City Manager to include in her report to the Executive Committee on the operation of the City’s Arenas, recommendations on how to:
  - a. ensure that Boards of Management of Arenas schedule a required and appropriate time for informal pleasure skating;
  - b. ensure that Boards of Management of Arenas schedule a required and appropriate time for women’s hockey;
3. the General Manager, Parks Forestry and Recreation to report to the Parks and Environment Committee on a mechanism for ensuring how Grenadier Pond can be used for skating; and
4. the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to report to the Parks and Environment Committee on opportunities for creating a partnership with community groups to develop and maintain natural outdoor ice rinks, besides Arenas, for pleasure skating, and to also report on preparing an information package to the community on this concept.

### 5a CELOS Municipal Outdoor Rink Report 2007

(February 7, 2007) letter from Councillor Adam Giambrone

#### Summary

Forward for consideration, the Centre for Local Research Into Public Space (CELOS) Municipal Outdoor Rink Report 2007.

#### Background Information

Letter from Councillor Adam Giambrone with CELOS Report  
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/pe/bgrd/backgroundfile-2431.pdf>

#### Meeting Sessions

Session Date	Session Type	Start Time	End Time	Public or Closed Session
2007-04-10	Morning	9:30 AM	12:40 PM	Public