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To: Scarborough Community Council Members

Dear Colleagues,

Re: Addition of Outdoor Skating Facilities in Scarborough

This letter is to raise the issue that there is only one outdoor ice rink in Scarborough. There are thirteen priority neighbours in the entire City of Toronto; however, six of them or 46% of these are in Scarborough alone, which flags an important concern.

Outdoor ice rinks have numerous benefits in communities including increasing community engagement and interaction. Younger children will have the opportunity to be active and everyone in the neighbourhood can use the outdoor rink as a recreational/fitness centre. Priority neighbourhoods with large percentages of immigrant populations could have the opportunity to use an inexpensive recreation to experience Canadian winter sport.

Recommendation: Request Parks, Forestry and Recreation (PF&R) to recognize this issue and to consider a location to place another outdoor ice rink in Scarborough. I had written to Brenda Patterson on February 17th, 2009 with a copy to you.

Response dated March 2nd, 2009 received from PF&R indicating that consideration will be given to the addition of outdoor artificial skating facilities at the time of 2010-2019 Capital Budget and planning processes – see attached.

Sincerely,

Councillor Mike Del Grande
Chair – Scarborough Community Council

Attach.