



Councillor Toronto-Danforth Ward 30

Wednesday, February 24, 2010

Dear Interested Stakeholder:

Re: Expert Panel on New Park Vision

As Chair of the Parks and Environment Committee, I would like to invite you to attend a special meeting of the Committee to hear an expert panel discussing ideas and opportunities for a compelling new park vision. The meeting will take place on:

Wednesday, March 10th from 9:30am to 12:30 Committee Room #1, 2nd Floor, City Hall

Progressive cities around the world recognize that green infrastructure provides the environmental foundation that underpins the function, health and character of urban communities. A strategic and enterprising approach to the development and management of our green public realm can have a profound effect – not only on the way our city performs, physically and economically, but also on the health of those who live and work here.

The city is initiating the development of a city-wide, multi-year Parks Plan to guide decision-making for the system of public parkland across the City. As Toronto develops and its population diversifies it is imperative that we develop a strong, sustainable and longer term vision for our parks.

The panel members will be **George Dark**, Landscape Architect, Urban Strategies; **Jane Farrow**, Executive Director, Centre for City Ecology, Jane's Walks; **Luigi Ferrara**, Director, Arts + Design, George Brown College; **Adele Freeman**, Director, Watershed Management, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority; **Claire Hopkinson**, Executive Director, Toronto Arts Council; and **Uzma Shakir**, Atkinson Economic Justice Fellow, Atkinson Foundation.

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Sincerely,

Paula Fletcher

