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PARKS AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE:

Subject: Parks and Environment Committee Item 28.3
Development of a City-wide Parks Plan (Ward: All)

City Council on February 22 and 23, 2010, adopted this Item as amended, and in so doing, referred the following motions to the Parks and Environment Committee for consideration at its March 10, 2010 meeting:

Moved by Councillor Moscoe:

That the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation be requested to:

- 1. develop a qualitative measure of existing parks and green spaces;
- 2. evaluate the physical condition of parks space, including equipment and amenities and establish minimum standards for each classification with a view to upgrading those below standards and ensuring that all citizens have access to quality park space irrespective of their location within the City of Toronto; and
- 3. evaluate the degree to which local park design and amenities relate to the diverse and evolving character of its neighbourhood and changing demographics, and develop policies and procedures that will allow the park space to reflect changing demographics and neighbourhood ethnicity so that local parks can best serve local needs.

Moved by Councillor Vaughan:

That the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation be requested to report to the Parks and Environment Committee, during this process, on the possibility of using the local levy provisions of the City of Toronto Act to create Parks Improvement Associations (PIAs), and to bring forward other ideas that might facilitate community partnerships aimed at assisting neighbourhoods as they participate in the design, maintenance and programming of local parks.

for City Clerk

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Attachment