

Parks and Environment Committee

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Policy on Outdoor Ovens in City Parks

City Council Decision

City Council on November 29, 30 and December 1, 2011, adopted the following:

1. City Council approve the Outdoor Ovens in City Parks policy outlined in Attachment 1 to the report (August 29, 2011) from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, subject to any necessary minor substantive, or stylistic refinements as may be identified by the General Manager, with the policy amended to require the following provision in agreements with community groups:

That where bake ovens are solely funded by a community group, that the City of Toronto be under no obligation to replace that bake oven upon the end of its life cycle.

2. City Council direct the City Solicitor to make the corresponding amendments to Municipal Code Chapter 608 - Parks to implement the inclusion of "ovens" and the provisions related to "ovens", as outlined in Attachment 2 to the report (August 29, 2011) from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, subject to any necessary minor substantive or stylistic refinements as may be identified by the General Manager and the City Solicitor.
3. City Council refer consideration of the new Parks, Forestry and Recreation permit fees for the use of outdoor ovens in City parks to the 2012 budget process.
4. City Council direct that the report (August 29, 2011) from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, be the starting point of a working policy that allows the city to permit bake ovens to operate and flourish in Toronto parks in the spirit of collaboration and cooperation with the communities.
5. City Council direct the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, in collaboration with the community representatives, local stakeholders and councillors, to report back to the Parks and Environment Committee two years after implementation of the policy on how the details of the permitting, fees, construction and operations are working.
6. City Council request the General Manager, Parks, Forestry, and Recreation to reaffirm and communicate to permit holders that public participants can make a donation to outdoor oven event organizers.

7. City Council request the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to reaffirm to all groups using and/or considering constructing outdoor ovens that paid "naming rights" are an acceptable and viable way of securing operating and/or construction costs.

Committee Recommendations

The Parks and Environment Committee recommends that:

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Origin

(August 29, 2011) Report from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation

Summary

Requests from the public to install outdoor ovens in various parks across the City have increased in recent years. Parks, Forestry and Recreation recognizes the need to implement a policy that provides clear, consistent protocols that will guide the installation and use of outdoor ovens in City-owned / operated parks ("City parks"), while ensuring that all necessary safety practices and requirements are followed. This report responds to a request from the Parks and Environment Committee at its June 24, 2011 meeting to report back on a public bake oven policy in City parks.

Background Information (Committee)

(August 31, 2011) Report from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation on the Policy on Outdoor Ovens in City Parks, including Attachment 1 - Outdoor Ovens in City Parks Policy and Attachment 2 - Proposed Amendments to Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 608, Parks

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2011/pe/bgrd/backgroundfile-41502.pdf>)

Communications (Committee)

(September 13, 2011) Letter from Jutta Mason (PE.Main.PE9.1.1)

(November 21, 2011) Submission from Jutta Mason, Centre for Local Research (CELOS) (PE.New.PE9.1.2)

(November 22, 2011) E-mail from Ayal Dinner (PE.New.PE9.1.3)

Speakers (Committee)

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Councillor Ana Bailão

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1a Policy on Outdoor Ovens in City Parks - Supplementary Report

Origin

(November 4, 2011) Report from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation

Summary

In September 2011, Parks, Forestry and Recreation brought forward a policy related to outdoor ovens in City parks to the Parks and Environment Committee (see Attachment #2). The proposed policy outlines a process for managing requests to build a new outdoor oven on City parkland, and proposed operating models for the usage of an outdoor oven.

At the Committee meeting, a deputant (a Dufferin Grove Park bake oven user) mentioned several concerns with the proposed enabling outdoor oven policy pertaining to the following aspects: i) proposed user fees; ii) insurance requirements; and iii) proposed amendments to the Municipal Code, Chapter 608, Parks. This report addresses these concerns.

Background Information (Committee)

(November 4, 2011) Report from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation on the Policy on Outdoor Ovens in City Parks - Supplementary Report, Attachment 1 - Item PE8.1.1 Letter from Jutta Mason and Attachment 2 - Outdoor Ovens in City Parks Policy

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2011/pe/bgrd/backgroundfile-42200.pdf>

(November 4, 2011) Attachment 3 - Proposed Policy on Outdoor Bake Ovens

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2011/pe/bgrd/backgroundfile-42201.pdf>