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Date: September 16, 2013
To: Parks and Environment Committee
From: Councillor James Pasternak
Re: Official recognition of Friends of Earl Bales Park

Summary:

Friends of Earl Bales Park is a volunteer group dedicated to increasing the use of their local park through community outreach. The group is supported in part by Adventist Community Services, Mountain Province Association of Canada, North York Filipino Community Centre, Successful Woman Council, BIBAK Toronto, School & Education Partnership in York Region in collaboration with Bathurst-Finch Action for Neighborhood Change, Park People, City of Toronto, Live Green Toronto and the local Councillor.

Over the past year, the Friends of Earl Bales Park has organized a number of successful events in the park including community clean-ups and performances as well as assisted with launching the inaugural Earl Bales Park Arts and Music Festival in August.

I fully support the group's plans to increase activities in the park by local residents. With facilities suitable for use throughout the year, including a playground and sensory garden, ski hill, trails, community centre, amphitheatre and dogs off-leash zone, there are plenty of opportunities for activities and programs beyond those currently offered.

Recommendations:

That the Parks and Environment Committee recommend Toronto City Council support the official recognition of Friends of Earl Bales Park.

Sincerely,

James Pasternak
Councillor, Ward 10