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Attn: Parks and Environment Committee

Re: Enforcing Existing Policies Regarding Vehicle Use in Toronto's Parks

BACKGROUND:

Motorized vehicles should only enter Toronto's parks when absolutely necessary, and when operating in parklands must respect the public's enjoyment of our shared space. Irresponsible use of cars, trucks and other motorized vehicles in parks can destroy the natural environment, threaten public safety and reflect poorly on City of Toronto staff.

Complaints of speeding, reckless driving and simply unnecessary vehicle use in Toronto's parks are common. Current policies regarding vehicle use in parks are adequately stringent, however too often they are ignored.

Therefore, I recommend that:

1. The General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation be requested to report back to Parks and Environment Committee before the end of January 2014 with a training, communication and enforcement plan regarding vehicle use in parks.
2. Information on existing policies regarding vehicle use in parks be immediately circulated to any and all groups which operate vehicles in parks.

Sincerely,

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