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**TO: Chair and Members of the Parks and Environment Committee**

**RE: Skating on Grenadier Pond**

**FROM: Councillor Sarah Doucette**

Skating on Grenadier Pond has been a longstanding tradition in the Swansea and greater Toronto Community since Confederation. The Police Marine Unit monitored the ice conditions on the pond until 1996 when monitoring responsibilities were turned over to City. Monitoring continued until the newly amalgamated City stopped allowing activity on the pond in 2001 due to the staffing requirements needed to monitor and maintain ice thickness. Despite the lack of City approval, the century's long tradition of skating on Grenadier Pond continues, resulting in unregulated and potentially dangerous use.

I ask that the Parks and Environment Committee:

1. Request the Director of Parks, Forestry & Recreation to report back in the second quarter of 2015 on the best practices from other municipalities on testing, monitoring, and communicating the ice conditions on bodies of water, and the cost of implementing similar practices for the return of skating on Grenadier Pond.

Thank you.

Regards,

Sarah Doucette