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Subject: Re: Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan
Date: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 8:11:15 AM

To Members of City Council,
City of Toronto
c/o City Clerk (clerk@toronto.ca)

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

I am writing on behalf of The Davenport Village Community Association. We are asking that the Joseph J. Piccininni Community Centre, be included in the Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan 2019 – 2038.

The JJP CC is rated one of the best community centres in the City. It offers a wide range of programs to all ages of the community. In addition, it often provides a meeting place for broad-based community meetings and consultations. It was officially opened in 1980 as a recreation centre in Earls court Park. In three short years the JJP CC will be 40 years old. Although we believe that our centre is now in good condition, we believe that over the course of the plan's 20 years our centre will need major updates. As you are aware, our community is undergoing significant demographic changes. St. Clair Avenue West is undergoing an intensification as per the City's Official Plan, and condos are under development along the street. In addition, adjacent neighbourhoods such as ours are experiencing intensification with new neighbourhoods replacing former industrial lands. Young working professionals, and young families make up much of our community of what will soon be more than five thousand. We use and love both the park and community centre, and we anticipate this trend to continue. Anticipating the continuing heavy use, we feel that the inclusion of the JJP Community Centre in the Master Plan is essential to ensuring that necessary work, including ongoing maintenance repairs, meeting potential liabilities due to health and safety standards, and any future renovations to enhance or change the facility when needed, is achievable over the plan's 20 year timeframe.

We appreciate your consideration and hope that you agree to our request. We understand that the Master Plan will be considered by City Council at its meeting on November 7, 2017.

Sincerely:

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Matt Park
The Davenport Village Community Association