From: EPIC Electromagnetic Pollution Illnesses Canada Foundation

To: <u>Clerk</u>

Subject: My comments for 2017.EX28.2 on November 7, 2017 City Council

Date: Wednesday, November 8, 2017 3:57:17 AM

To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the November 7, 2017 City Council meeting on item 2017.EX28.2, Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan - 2019 - 2038

I understand that my comments and the personal information in this email will form part of the public record and that my name will be listed as a correspondent on agendas and minutes of City Council or its committees. Also, I understand that agendas and minutes are posted online and my name may be indexed by search engines like Google.

Comments:

These comments are regarding Recommendation #75 in the Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan (FMP).

With respect, we note that Council, various Committees, Councillors, and department staff in the City of Toronto previously have been informed that WiFi and other radiofrequency electromagnetic field (RF-EMF) emissions create accessibility barriers, and that places and spaces can be digitally enabled via legacy or modern wireline methods that do not emit RF-EMF.

Via Communication to Executive Committee, we did request removal of one phrase from the FMP. Here below, our request is improved.

Regarding FMP Recommendation #75, we respectfully request the following amendment to the text that appears inside parentheses, so that (a) no suggestion is made to create a barrier to accessibility at the spaces, rooms, and areas/buildings in which those spaces and rooms are located and (b) no barrier to accessibility would be created:

replace "(e.g., WiFi access)" with "(i.e., wireline network access)" or "(i.e., wireline ICT access)"

Three notes:

- 1. "ICT" is "information, communication, and technology";
- 2. in addition to the obvious change in the main words, the "e.g." changes to "i.e.";
- 3. detailed rationales for the above request are in our original **Communication EX28.2.19** http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2017/ex/comm/communicationfile-73173.pdf

Thank you in advance for your attention to this accessibility matter.

We always welcome discussion, questions, ideas, and information. You can reach me at 416.788.4749 and contact@iexistworld.org.

Best regards,

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