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Date: September 28, 2017

To: Parks and Environment Committee Members

Re: Official recognition of Friends of Guildwood Village Park

Recommendation:

1. That the Parks and Environment Committee recommend Toronto City Council support the official recognition of Friends of Guildwood Village Park.

Friends of Guildwood Village Park will encourage the local community to dedicate their time and energy to advance community interaction and usage of Guildwood Village Park. The 2.3 hectare linear park is located at 219 Livingston Road near Kingston Road and Eglinton Avenue East that features a children's playground and a walking path that connects to the streets in the Guildwood Village neighbourhood.

Friends of Guildwood Village Park will focus to engage the community, address park amenities, and form a volunteer working group to introduce community driven projects maintained by the community.

As the City of Toronto recognizes volunteers by "Promoting volunteerism and connecting people to volunteer opportunities." The City of Toronto's website states that "volunteers play an important role and assistant in the delivery of services to the community."

Recognition of the Friends of Guildwood Village Park will promote volunteer engagement within the local community.

Your support is much appreciated.

Sincerely,

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