REFERRAL OF MEMBER MOTION BY CITY COUNCIL

Identification of the Antibes Community Centre as a Priority Centre

Date:	March 10, 2011
To:	Community Development and Recreation Committee
From:	City Council
Wards:	10

City Council Decision

City Council on March 8 and 9, 2011, referred Member Motion MM5.4 to the Community Development and Recreation Committee.

Recommendations

Councillor James Pasternak, seconded by Councillor Jaye Robinson, recommends that:

1. City Council recognize the importance of the Antibes Community Centre in the Westminister-Branson priority neighbourhood, and request the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to report to the Community Development and Recreation Committee on the feasibility of identifying this facility as a Priority Centre.

Summary

Although Bathurst-Finch is one of the 13 Priority Neighbourhoods, our community centre, Antibes Community Centre, is not a Priority Centre. This means that most programs have fees, and these fees continue to go up. In addition, formerly free programs have had fees introduced in recent months and years affecting, in particular, programs for children and youth and affecting participation rates. The average annual income for families in this neighbourhood was $65,772, while in Toronto it was $96,602.

What this means in practical terms for residents in Bathurst-Finch is drastically reduced access to recreation for people who cannot afford fees.

(Submitted to City Council on March 8, 2011 as MM5.4)