Date: October 24, 2011
To: City Parks and Environment Committee
From: Councillor Paul Ainslie
Re: Official recognition of Friends of Elizabeth Simcoe Park

The Friends of Elizabeth Simcoe Park is a small community group founded in 2011, dedicated to advancing community interaction and usage of Elizabeth Simcoe Park, a natural area with amenities to serve the families with the community located in the Guildwood Community Scarborough East.

Friends of Elizabeth Simcoe Park main focus will be to engage the community, address park amenities, and form a volunteer working group to introduce community driven projects maintained by the community in Elizabeth Simcoe Park.

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. Share your expertise or develop new skills we are interested in your leadership to enhance our programs and services."

The Friends of Elizabeth Simcoe Park embodies the principals set out by the City of Toronto to better our communities through volunteers.

Recommendation:

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

Sincerely,

Councillor Paul Ainslie
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