



STAFF REPORT INFORMATION ONLY

Report on Use of De Grassi Parkette for temporary construction staging for 999 Dundas Street East

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To:	Toronto City Council
From:	Jim Hart, General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division
Wards:	Ward 30 – Toronto-Danforth
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SUMMARY

The purpose of this staff report is to provide information with respect to the temporary use of parkland adjacent to 999 Dundas Street East.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact associated with this report

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting of November 6, 2012, Toronto and East York Community Council requested the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to submit a report directly to City Council for its meeting on November 27 and 28, 2012, with respect to the use of adjacent parklands for construction staging.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2012.TE20.16>

ISSUE BACKGROUND

In considering the October 11, 2012 report from the Toronto and East York District Director of Community Planning regarding **Final Report - 999 Dundas Street East - Common Elements Condominium Application and Part Lot Control Exemption Application**, the committee requested a report with respect to the use of parkland adjacent to the development at 999 Dundas Street East. This development borders De

Grassi Parkette, located at 125 De Grassi Street which is 1,294 square meters in size and includes a playground and open green space.

Initially the property owner/contractor at 999 Dundas St. East installed a 1.82m fence separating the construction site from the parkland. The Ministry of Labour determined that additional fencing was required to prevent children from accessing the construction site and requested that another fence be installed. Additional fencing could only be accommodated on parks property. A Park Access Agreement application was submitted by the property owner/contractor and approved for the installation of temporary additional fencing in compliance with the Ministry of Labour order.

COMMENTS

Park Access Agreement

A Park Access Agreement is an agreement entered into by a property owner/contractor with the City to obtain permission to carry out work by accessing Park property. A formal application is completed and frames an agreement between Parks, Forestry and Recreation and the property owner/contractor to return the park to its original condition after authorized use. Such agreements are authorized by Parks, Forestry and Recreation management.

The Parks Access Agreement stipulates requirements for liability insurance coverage, access and egress, vehicle regulations, site and tree protection, material storage, debris removal, site restoration and any other site specific requirements.

A Parks Access agreement was signed by Degrassi Developments Ltd on September 19, 2012, for the purpose of installing a 1.2m high snow fence approximately 4.5m from the construction site. A playground component was relocated to another area of the park to accommodate the fencing installation. This component and the rest of the park will be restored upon completion of construction.

Parks, Forestry and Recreation staff will continue to monitor the site regularly to ensure all Park Access Agreement requirements are being met.

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