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Date: January 10, 2013
To: City Parks and Environment Committee
From: Councillor Paul Ainslie
Re: Acknowledging the Contribution of the Friends of Guild Park and Gardens

The Friends of Guild Park and Gardens is a small community group founded in 2012, dedicated to advancing community interaction and usage of Guild Park and Gardens, a natural area with amenities to serve the families with the community located in the Guildwood Community Scarborough East.

Friends of Guild Park and Gardens' 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 Guild Park and Gardens.

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 in assisting 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 Guild Park and Gardens embodies the principles set out by the City of Toronto to better our communities through volunteers. I would like to commend the Friends of Guild Park and Gardens for their efforts, and have forwarded this to the Parks and Environment Committee so that they can be aware of the efforts of this group in enhancing Guild Park and Gardens.

Recommendation:

1. That the Parks and Environment Committee thank and congratulate the Friends of Guild Park and Gardens for their efforts.
2. That the Parks and Environment Committee receive this item for information.

Sincerely,

Councillor Paul Ainslie
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