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Date: May 13, 2013
To: Parks and Environment Committee Members
From: Councillor Paul Ainslie
Re: Official recognition of Friends of Morningside Park

Recommendation:

1. That the Parks and Environment Committee recommend Toronto City Council support the official recognition of Friends of Morningside Park.
2. Morningside Park Resource Group (MPRG) be recognized by the Parks and Environment Committee for their longstanding commitment and work to enhance the Morningside Park experience.

The Friends of Morningside Park was founded in 2010 under the umbrella of the Morningside Park Resource Group (MPRG). The resource group has been working to improve and enhance the park. In that time members of the resource group comprised of local residents, the local Councillor, Toronto District School Board, Toronto Region Conservation Authority, City of Toronto Parks Forestry and Recreation, Centennial College and the University of Toronto Scarborough Campus have held several information sessions on the Morningside Park Master Plan, consulted on the park paths, built a natural ice rink, participated in discussions on future park amenities and improved access signs and points for the betterment of Morningside Park.

Morningside Park Resource Group (MPRG) vision is "To become known as The City within a Park where residents' quality of life starts with a healthy lifestyle that includes participating in physical activity within a continuous greenscape that envelops communities by connecting neighbourhoods through Toronto's recreational facilities, parks, and greenspaces"

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 Morningside Park embodies the principles set out by the City of Toronto to better our communities through volunteers. I would like to commend the Morningside Park Resource Group (MPRG) for their work to enhance the park experience and recommend that the efforts be recognized by the Parks and Environment Committee.

Sincerely,

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