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

Recommendation:

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

Friends of Brooks Road Park will encourage opportunities for the local community to dedicate their time and energy to advance community interaction and usage of Brooks Road Park a 4.4-hectare park near Morningside Avenue and Military Trail featuring a children's playground and a large open green space, serving hundreds of families within the eastern portion of the Seven Oaks Community.

Friends of Brooks Road 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.

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 assist in the delivery of services to the community."

Recognition of the Friends of Brooks Road Park will promote volunteer engagement within the local community.

Sincerely,
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