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Councillor Giorgio Mammoliti  
Chair, Parks & Environment Committee  
100 Queen St. W B27  
Toronto ON M5H 2N2

Dear Chair & Members,

RE: Allowing Flexibility in the Operating Budget for Municipal Skating Rinks

This year Toronto's winter has been much colder than in previous years, and many residents have expressed a desire to continue making use of City rinks into March. Unfortunately, the City's policy is to establish a firm closing date for our rinks with no flexibility for changing weather.

Given the unpredictable nature of the weather in March during budget planning in November and December, it would seem logical to build-in flexibility in the Parks, Forestry & Recreation budget to allow the staff to make a decision based on weather conditions.

Recommendations:

- 1) Request the General Manager for Parks, Forestry & Recreation consider including "cold weather" contingency funds into the 2015 Operating Budget to extend the outdoor skating season when weather permits

Sincerely,

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