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Re: GM3.11 Ground Lease of Pantry Park in Exchange for the Release of Toronto District School Board Option on 80 Northern Dancer Boulevard

To the Mayor and Councillors

This Item should be deferred, or should be amended so that it has to return to the Government Management Committee or to TEYCC for a second vote, before any lease is executed.

This item is for a 999 year lease on parkland adjacent to a school, but neither the City Councillor nor the Parks Department has had any meetings on this – only the School Trustee held a meeting, and that was not attended by the Councillor.

When this meeting was at Committee on April 8th, nobody in the community had been informed beforehand.

This lease is too long and a schoolyard under the control of the TDSB is not the same as a Park.

There is no rush to pass this item and as written it can be executed without any further reviews or public input.

As you may well, know, The Beach has had its share of controversial leases involving parks, in particular, the deal to the Boardwalk Café (Tuggs) in 2008 which gave them monopoly rights to most of the parks along the Waterfront from Ashbridges Bay and towards the east for 20 years.

We cannot afford to have a repeat of this, particularly for a deal which cannot be opened for 999 years.

There are concerns that this deal will enable the TDSB to declare other parts of Kew Beach School as “surplus land” in the future, meaning a loss of open space. At the very least the City needs to understand the consequences of this lease and to get the TDSB to agree to something that will prevent them from redeveloping or selling off parts of the schoolyard along Queen street.

Regards

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