



September 1, 2015

Chair & Members
Community Development and Recreation Committee
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Dear Chair and Committee Members:

Re: Improving Preparedness for Heat Alerts in September

In the last few years, we have had both Heat Alerts, including Extreme Heat Alerts, in September. With climate change there is a real possibility there will be more.

As the City's website advises, "Taking a dip in Toronto's pools is a great way to stay cool and be safe during the hot summer months in the city." During extreme heat alerts, the hours at many City outdoor pools are extended to help the public cope. Many residents have come to depend on our City outdoor pools for relief from the heat but alas they will all be closing on September 6th. If we cannot extend the outdoor pool season, we should look at other ways to help residents stay cool and be safe during September heat alerts.

I urge the committee to move the following motion:

1. The General Manager, Parks, Forestry, and Recreation report to the Community Development and Recreation Committee on:

- the availability of programs, services and public facilities designed to provide relief for residents in the event of heat alerts during the month of September, particularly the use of the City's outdoor pools; and
- communication tools used to inform the public about such programs.

Sincerely,

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