April 11th, 2015

Dear Ms. Mackenzie:

Re: Parkland Adjacent to 2372 Finch Ave West

I am requesting that this item be added to the agenda as it is urgent in nature. The area adjacent to 2372 Finch Avenue West is zoned as parkland. It was re-zoned previously to allow the community to enjoy the wood lot and green space. Currently there is a fence at the South end of the parkland facing Finch that was supposed to have been removed but never was.

Recently there has been vocal interest from local community groups to have the fence moved in order to utilize the parkland. In particular, the Elspeth Heyworth Centre for Women would like to be able to use the park space in partnership with the Emery Village BIA for art programs and the planting of wildflowers which will benefit the community, as per the attached letter.

RECOMMENDATION:

1) Etobicoke York Community Council directs Parks, Recreation and Forestry to work with the Emery Village BIA so that they may move a portion of the fence in front of the parkland located adjacent to 2372 Finch Avenue West (at their own cost, pending Board approval) so that the community may enjoy and use the green space and so that the Emery Village BIA can start programs with local groups such as the Elspeth Heyworth Centre for Women.

Kind Regards,

Councillor Giorgio Mammoliti, York West

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