May 3, 2016

To: Toronto and East York Community Council
Re: Coordinating Riverdale Park Upgrades with Pedestrian Safety Improvements

Dear Chair & Members,

The north-east section of Riverdale Park East includes many recreational facilities: tennis courts, a swimming pool, a skating rink, and a playground. These facilities are all heavily used by the surrounding community, generating lots of traffic entering the park.

This year there are a number of upgrades in this section of the park with an upgrade to the rink as part of State of Good Repair, and a redesign of the Broadview entrance to include accessibility.

The much more open and accessible entrance-way to the park, in combination with the upgrades to the rink, and the existing heavily used facilities, will mean an increase in foot-traffic off Broadview Ave.

Pedestrian safety when crossing Broadview has long been a community concern and was brought up during the community discussions on the park upgrades. This north section of Broadview has been under review for a traffic signal for some time and now is a perfect opportunity to coordinate efforts between departments for the alignment of traffic signals with the upgraded park entrance.

Therefore, I request:

1) Transportation Services staff coordinate efforts with Parks staff on the installation of traffic signals to ensure maximum pedestrian safety when accessing the north section of Riverdale Park East.

Sincerely,

Councillor Paula Fletcher
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