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Date: June 8, 2017
To: Members of Etobicoke York Community Council
From: Councillor Mark Grimes
Subject: Maintenance of Jean Augustine Park Pond

SUMMARY:

The pond in Jean Augustine Park in Humber Bay Shores is owned by the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) and maintained by City of Toronto Parks (Parks) staff. The pond is currently naturalized, with a small fountain feature to prevent accumulation of standing water.

Every year, the pond becomes densely filled with reeds and algae. The fountain does not provide enough circulation to prevent this, resulting in excessive and unsightly growth. Many of the bushes planted around the perimeter of the pond are overgrown or dead. As such, the seating areas around the pond are rendered unusable by the growth both within and around the pond.

Annual maintenance is required to remove the excess pond growth. This requires approvals from the TRCA, and specialized service equipment for Parks staff. Thus, the required maintenance is not conducted frequently. As a result, I have received messages from concerned residents regarding the lack of maintenance and deteriorated condition of the pond.

The local community and I would like the pond to be converted to a more ornamental fountain, which would require considerably less ongoing and specialized maintenance. I hereby request Parks staff, in conjunction with the TRCA, prepare a conversion and long-term maintenance plan for the pond, and report back to the next meeting of Etobicoke York Community Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

Etobicoke York Community Council request:

1. Parks, Forestry, & Recreation remove dead and deteriorated bushes surrounding the pond, and dead reeds and algae within the pond;
2. A report by Parks, Forestry, & Recreation staff, in conjunction with the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, on converting the Jean Augustine Pond to an ornamental fountain, and a long term maintenance plan for the pond and immediately surrounding area, and report back to the next meeting of Etobicoke York Community Council.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "M. Grimes", written over a light grey circular stamp.

Mark Grimes
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