

From: Bishop Glenford Bingham
To: Economic and Community Development
Subject: My comments for 2021.EC21.5 on April 27, 2021 Economic and Community Development Committee
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To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the April 27, 2021 Economic and Community Development Committee meeting on item 2021.EC21.5, Recreation Capacity in Scarborough-Guildwood

I understand that my comments and the personal information in this email will form part of the public record and that my name will be listed as a correspondent on agendas and minutes of City Council or its committees. Also, I understand that agendas and minutes are posted online and my name may be indexed by search engines like Google.

Comments:

I would like to express my strong support for additional recreational space at Scarborough Guildwood.

I have been pastoring in the Scarborough Guildwood community for the past 27 years and do think that there is a need for additional space to serve the community.

Recreational activities help to address wellness in body, mind, and spirit. The additional recreation space as a tool to address public health issues such as obesity rates among children; to engage young people and promote healthy living among seniors; a means to promote community involvement and as an attractor and retention strategy for new residents.

We are asking the Committee to recognize the value of recreation as an essential public service for growing healthy, vibrant and connected communities. The capacity increase at Scarborough Guildwood will serve has a significant role to improving health and quality of life in the community. The children, youth and seniors in the community have fewer options in the larger recreation sector; their access is limited by income and transportation barriers; and the benefits of recreation are most significant when experienced early and are lifelong.

Please accept my thanks and appreciation in advance for your favorable decision.

Sincerely,
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