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To Councillor Buxton Potts and members of the committee;

My understanding is that the city is looking to design complete neighbourhoods to meet the needs of people of all ages, income, and abilities, allowing for aging in place and accessibility to amenities, facilities and services.

Therefore I would like to bring to your attention to the current "High Park Movement Strategy", a survey that produced six thousand responses to be utilized to make decisions on traffic movements in High Park. This survey only reached a very small fraction of the *millions of yearly park visitors*. A major topic has been the closing of the park on weekends to cars. There is also a Petition, "Keep High Park Open to Vehicles", signed to date by almost 1000 people, which I would ask you to visit at : www.change.org/equalaccess-highpark there you will find comments which uphold the view that closing the park to cars creates a great deal of hardship.

Closing the Park to cars is a barrier to the many people who only visit the park if someone can drive them there. Few local people participated in this study, I have lived five minutes from High Park for 40 years, know many neighbours, and have yet to speak to another resident who knew about this study.

Closing the Park affects all the Park venues, visitors to High Park Zoo, Childrens Garden and Colborne Lodge have long walks and the Sports Facilities and Allotment Gardens have equipment to carry. It also makes weekend events at these venues very difficult to manage.

The concept of designing neighbourhoods to meet the needs of all, while proposing to close our main Park to people of all ages, income and abilities, seems to be in conflict.

Please share my comments with the public

Thank you for your attention,

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