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Councillors:

The High Park Movement Strategy , a City led study to improve the travel network in High Park, prioritizing safety, accessibility and the preservation of the parks ecological integrity, apparently went "OFF TRACK" at the April 26th Meeting of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee when Councilor Perks proposed this motion:

City Council approve full closure (option 1) as the long term strategy for travel network improvements in High Park. As an interim measure, City Council approve the partial closure (option 3) and direct the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to continue the full closure of High Park to private visitor vehicles on Saturdays, Sundays and statutory holidays, exclusive of Spring Road parking lot, on an ongoing basis.

Which passed on a 3 to 2 vote.

The report makes no mention of retaining the closures of the past three years nor does it support the permanent closure that Councillor Perks supports. Staff supported Option 3, Councillor Perks Option 1.

The Staff Report was not presented at the meeting, it's doubtful the 7 to 8 hundred emails were read, there were 17 speakers, about 50/50 for or against the study's recommendation. One of the interesting speakers were The High Park Little League Board member; their group have been adversely affected by lack of access into the park as have The Nature Centre, Swimming Pool, Ice Rink and other sports activities, if these venues cannot continue it will a sad loss to the Community; and remember you can't Grandma for an outing for Sunday brunch at the Cafe!

In recent years Speeding has been a major concern , an issue that could be simply dealt with by re-installing the speed bumps that were removed for the 2015 Pan Am Games . Now the City now plans to spend an estimated \$10-\$15M (estimated over 4 years) while there is no money for shelters and affordable housing, they plan to spend this so cyclists have a place to train and break the rules of the road.

Common sense has vanished..

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