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Good afternoon,

People continue to sign our petition "Keep High Park Open to Vehicles". The number has risen to over three and a half thousand since the publication of The High Park Movement Strategy proposal - hundreds have signed in the past three days. There is concern being voiced that in spite of the fact that at the last public meeting/presentation staff made note of public comments, they were obviously not considered in the final report.

The report recommends keeping High Park closed to vehicles on Sundays for "Carefree Sundays" which makes High Park inaccessible for many visitors; it excludes anyone who isn't able bodied, those with mobility issues, many seniors, families with young children and those transporting heavy sports equipment or gardening supplies. The current weekend closures of High Park have been in place for the past three years and keeping Sunday closures will continue to prevent so many visitors from accessing and enjoying all the facilities the park has to offer. High Park should be available to all visitors every day of the week.

The current proposal to redesign the traffic flow needs to be in place seven days a week with traffic calming measures to ensure pedestrian safety. If a TTC bus running 12 months a year and a fully accessible free shuttle service are ever implemented, then maybe a car free park could be viable. The Howards deeded High Park for "The free use of all citizens", please ensure the park remains so.

We urge you to please read the comments in "Keep High Park Open to Vehicles" Petition- [www.change.org/equalaccess-highpark](http://www.change.org/equalaccess-highpark), some of them are heartbreaking...

Yours sincerely,  
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On behalf of "Keep High Park Open to Vehicles"

We give permission for this letter to be made public, thank you.