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Date: September 1, 2023

To: Economic and Community Development Committee Members

Re: Heron Park Outdoor Pool Late Night Swimming and Extended Hours

Recommendation

1. City Council request the Mayor to consider including the necessary budget to support late night swimming at Heron Park Outdoor Pool, including the installation of lighting, in proposing the 2024 Budget for Parks, Forestry and Recreation, in consultation with the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer and General Manager, Parks Forestry and Recreation.

Background

Located at 292 Manse Road, Scarborough, Heron Park Outdoor Pool currently closes at 8:00 p.m., not allowing for public night swimming. The outdoor pool is very popular with the surrounding community of single-family homes, high-rises, and townhouses.

Addressing a community need by adding the necessary supports to allow for night swimming would benefit the community as a whole and enhance services offered by this existing city asset.

The closest outdoor pool with extended hours, allowing for night swimming, is located at McGregor Park Outdoor Pool, within a two-hour walking distance or thirty-five minutes by public transit.

I hope I can count on your collaboration in improving this existing city asset and addressing the needs of the local community.

I look forward to your support.

Sincerely,
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