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Subject: [External Sender] High Park Movement Strategy IE3.7
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Good morning,

I am writing to share my comments on the High Park Movement Strategy report, item IE3.7, coming to the April 26th Infrastructure and Environment Committee meeting.

The report recommends keeping High Park closed to vehicles on Sundays for what are described as “carefree Sundays”. This closure is anything but carefree for visitors who are unable to access the park, including those with mobility issues, many seniors, families with young children, those transporting heavy sports equipment or gardening supplies. It pretty much excludes anyone who isn’t able bodied. The current weekend closures of High Park have been in place for the past 3 years and keeping Sunday closures will continue to prevent so many visitors from accessing and enjoying all the facilities the park has to offer. However, what it has done unfortunately is make the roads within the park a free, outdoor velodrome for sport cyclists. Creating unsafe conditions for those lucky enough to get into the park.

Enough is enough, please end this blatantly ableist situation. I urge the committee to recommend making the park available to all visitors every day of the week. The current proposal to redesign the traffic flow needs to be in place 7 days a week with traffic calming measures to ensure pedestrian safety, including those to slow down speeding cyclists. If, in the future, a fully accessible FREE shuttle service is available within the park I believe closing the park for vehicles could then be considered. Until then, please stop this continued discrimination against so many individuals wanting to visit and enjoy High Park.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

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