156 Communications were received from April 24, 2023 3:17pm to April 25, 2023 at 2:41pm with text similar to the following:

Dear Councillor Perks and Members of Infrastructure and Environment Committee,

I am glad to see that the Final Report for the High Park Movement Strategy includes promising traffic calming and pedestrian safety measures, as well as a significant reduction in motor vehicle parking. I was very disappointed to learn that the city is not recommending a permanent car-free option for the park and is planning to reduce the car-free weekends to only Sundays.

Our parks should be for city residents to freely enjoy green space and recreational activities, uninterrupted by cars. There are currently 561 parking spaces in High Park (just 22 spaces - 4%- of which are reserved for people with disabilities), consuming 3km of valuable park land. We can reduce the amount of space dedicated to cars AND improve accessibility. As the Car Free High Park Coalition proposes, certain parking lots could be designed to be exclusively accessible, with convenient pick-up and drop-off locations.

I hope that Toronto will follow the strong example set by cities such as New York, and make High Park a space that is for people, not cars. If we want to meet our ambitious climate, public health, and equity goals as a city, we must start prioritizing green spaces and active modes of transportation.

Thank you for supporting a safer, healthier, and more vibrant community.

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