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April 25th, 2023 to Infrastructure and Environment Committee

In my first letter of two days ago, I voiced my disapproval of the final report. Now that I have taken more time to analyze the artist renderings regarding the closure of west road and the enhanced bicycle lanes, I realize that this plan was most likely mandated from the start. Even the way the flawed survey was worded was geared to get the results “someone” wanted.

I’m incensed now, to think that this upheaval; removal of 250 parking places, disruption of an efficient flow of traffic through the park is to give the “racing” cyclists a more convenient route. **Makes no common sense.** These cyclists are not really there to enjoy the park, they just senselessly ride around at speeds well above the posted speed limit.

Cyclists who can afford to buy very expensive bikes “\$2000-\$5000” and spandex gear.

Why aren’t they out there fundraising like Friends of HP Zoo did to keep the zoo open (When Rob Rod took it out of the budget) for the enjoyment of everyone. So many volunteers (myself included) invested so much time to raise enough money for a new llama pen building. They should fundraise, look for sponsors and build a racing track somewhere else; the exhibition grounds, or one of the city’s electrical tower corridors?

It is a ludicrous idea to remove 250 parking places in the section of the park that has the most activities and requires parking. Even if park users can drive in, where are they going to park?

This plan and the cost so far, should be publicized on public media. Diagrams and details should be made obvious to the citizens of this city (who don’t have the time to comb over all of these links online). **It is irresponsible of the IEC to approve this plan until all of the infrastructure in High Park is repaired.**  
Eg:

- The cascading waterfall rockery hasn't worked in years
- Nor have the fountains in the sunken gardens
- Various stairways in the park need rebuilding
- Animal shelters in the zoo are in terrible deteriorating condition
- Retaining stone walls around the duck ponds are caving in
- More washrooms need to be built
- Spring Creeks embankments have caved in in many places, causing the stream to take directions of its own, weakening the root system of trees around it

If Gord Perks cared so much about High Park, why didn't he see to it that funds, taxpayers money, be allocated to all of these repairs before starting this movement study?

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