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To: [Economic and Community Development](#)
Subject: [External Sender] Access to Outdoor Ovens in Toronto Parks
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Dear Council Members of Economic and Community Development Committee,

On behalf of the Thorncliffe Park Women;s Committee(TPWC), I would like to thank you for looking at the policy around usage and access to the outdoor ovens.It's a great start.

I would also like to thank Malaika Hill ,Policy Development Officer for reaching out to hear about our experiences accessing our Tandoor oven.

I would like to recommend that TPWC would require a Management Agreement like in Regent Park. As the lease holder for about 12 years (though our lease wasn't renewed), we took the responsibility of maintaining, managing, repairing (did minor repairs) , curing the oven each year to keep it in good condition.

Tandoor ovens are very unique and require special skills to operate. It's not like the other ovens in the Parks.

TPWC is asking for a **Management Agreement** for Tandoor Oven.

Recommendations:

Parties interested in having permitted occasional use of an outdoor oven on City-owned / operated parkland should be responsible for the following:

- Obtaining a permit through TPWC .
- Providing proof of general liability insurance, adding the "City of Toronto" as an additional insured, with a minimum of \$2,000,000 (two million dollars) per occurrence coverage.
- Hire TPWC staff, at the permit holder's cost, to run the outdoor oven at their event or provide proof that they are trained in the proper usage of an outdoor oven.
- Cover the cost of TPWC's staff supervision (for the time the oven is used)-mandatory
- Cover the material cost for Bread Baking(only Bread Baking)
- Follow all the health and safety food handling guidelines
- provide proof of Food Handler Certification

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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