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Re: Administrative Inquiry Regarding Parks and Recreation Funding Allocation

Dear Mr. Elvidge,

I am submitting this administrative inquiry under Municipal Code section 27-7.11 to seek information regarding the allocation of \$2 million in Parks and Recreation funding.

In February 2024, City Council passed the annual budget for 2024, which included an additional \$2 million annualized for the Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division (now Parks and Recreation) to advance the Mayor's stated goal of providing more opportunities for youth.

Question 1: How have these allocated funds been spent to advance the Mayor's stated priorities?

The Mayor's specific direction was to invest in more community-driven, locally-developed youth programming for priority neighbourhoods, including allocating funds for more community creation workers to design and run programs, more employment and skill-building programs, and better priority access for local residents to programs.

Question 2: What positions have been created and hired for to assist with these programs? Have any front-line unionized community recreation workers been hired?

My understanding is that a hiring call was put out and that candidates were screened and offered interviews, at which point the process ceased.

Question 3: How have local communities been consulted for the development of any additional programming? Are there any records from those consultations?

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Matlow', with a large, sweeping horizontal stroke underneath.

Councillor Josh Matlow
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