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To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the May 5, 2026 Economic and Community Development Committee meeting on item 2026.EC28.5 Early Local Registration Expansion Update and Outcomes.

I understand that my comments and the personal information in this e-mail will form part of the public record and that my name will be listed as a correspondent on agendas and minutes of City Council or its committees. Also, I understand that agendas and minutes are posted online and my name may be indexed by search engines like Google.

Comments:

I am a senior and live 2.1 km from Scarborough Village Recreation Centre. I consider myself LOCAL, as it is the closest recreation centre to me. Unfortunately, I am outside the arbitrary boundaries set for Early Local Registration, so the ELR has greatly impacted my ability to register in the highly popular Older Adult Fitness classes at Scarborough Village. It has also broken up a group of friends that got to know each other through years of attending these classes together. I speak for many of these friends and other co-participants with this comment.

I do understand that the ELR has enabled lower income people who live close to free rec centres and who might not have ready access to online registration, to register themselves or their kids in programs that they weren't able to before. However, I do not agree that folks within the ELR boundaries should be able to completely monopolize all the spaces, particularly in these high demand Older Adult fitness programs. It is not a fair or equitable way to administer Toronto Parks and Rec programs.

I sincerely hope that your committee members will consider the following suggestions for modifications to the ELR policy to make it more equitable.

- **Please offer 50% of spaces for ELR but reserve 50% of the spaces for the rest of us who also live close to these centres but just outside the arbitrarily set boundaries. This is particularly important for high demand classes such as the Older Adult fitness classes which traditionally fill up within minutes of registration opening and have long wait lists.**
- **Please establish a limit to the number of classes per day each person can register for during the ELR. For example, one class a day during ELR, then more classes if there is room when general registration opens up. We have observed some participants attending at least three fitness classes in a row on a given day.**
- **Please re-examine the boundaries that have been set and/or increase the catchment areas. In some cases, they make no sense whatsoever; well-to-do neighbourhoods are within the ELR boundaries, when these are not the residents this ELR is trying to assist. Boundaries that follow arterial roads, such as McCowan Road, suddenly take a big jog south of Kingston Road for no apparent reason.**

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Waters