

October 12, 2011

Dear Parks, Forestry & Recreation Stakeholder,

In 2010, City Council approved the development of a City-wide Parks Plan in order to meet the diverse needs of Toronto residents, including:

- protecting and expanding natural areas
- designing beautiful, unique, and sustainable park spaces
- balancing park uses to include play spaces, natural areas, sport activities, urban agriculture and cultural expression
- engaging the community through stewardship, volunteering, and partnerships
- ensuring the City's parks and trails are available and accessible to all residents

Your organization has been identified as a Parks, Forestry & Recreation stakeholder. We would like to invite a representative from your organization to attend one of the following stakeholder consultation sessions:

City-Wide - November 2, 2011 (North Toronto Memorial CC - 200 Eglinton Ave. W) **7pm - 9pm**
Scarborough - November 9, 2011 (Heron Park CC - 292 Manse Rd.) **7pm - 9pm**
North York - November 15, 2011 (Edithvale CC - 131 Finch Ave. W) **7pm - 9 pm**
Toronto East York - November 22, 2011 (St. Lawrence CC - 230 The Esplanade) **7pm - 9pm**
Etobicoke York - November 28, 2011 (Etobicoke Olympium - 590 Rathburn Rd.) **7pm - 9pm**

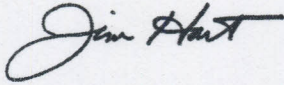
Due to the limited capacity for each session, we respectfully ask that you attend only one of the above consultation sessions, and limit the number of attendees representing your organization to one member. Please RSVP by email parksplan@toronto.ca or by phone 416-338-6608 a minimum of ten (10) days prior to the meeting date. If you require American Sign Language interpretation, attendant care, or other accommodation services, please include this information in your email or phone message.

Additionally, there are several other ways of providing input regarding the Recreation Service Plan. Detailed information is available at www.toronto.ca/parks/parksplan:

- From October 20, 2011 until December 16, 2011, the Parks Plan survey will be posted on-line. Hard copies of the survey will be available on request by calling 311 in English, French and 10 other commonly used languages in the City of Toronto.
- Four public consultations will be held, one in each Community Council district.
- Your organization may also wish to conduct self-directed consultations with your membership through the use of a toolkit accessible on-line. Self-directed consultation input must be submitted on or prior to December 16, 2011.

Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division encourages the participation of all stakeholders and their networks. We invite you to share this information with the network of your clients and stakeholders through all communication channels including mail, social media and other on-line methods. We greatly appreciate your involvement in the development of the Parks Plan.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Hart". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jim Hart
General Manager
Parks, Forestry and Recreation