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Dear Stakeholder,

I am pleased to report that the Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division has completed its 2013-2017 Parks Plan, which will be considered by the City of Toronto's Parks and Environment Committee on **Monday, April 22, 2013**.

The Parks Plan aims to connect people and communities with parks, advance greening and environmental sustainability, improve the quality of parks, and strengthen the parks system as a legacy for Toronto. It builds on work already being done to maintain and improve the parks system, outlines priorities, and will inform policy-making, guide decision-making and define a program of investment.

The Parks Plan is the result of public engagement, consultation, research and development. For information about how to submit comments or request to speak at the upcoming committee meeting, please visit: <http://toronto.ca/legdocs/tmmis/have-your-say.htm>.

A copy of the Parks Plan and Staff Report can be found at: <http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2013.PE20.1>. Simply click on the links under Background Information.

City Council approved the development of a city-wide Parks Plan in 2010, guided by seven principles: parks and trails as city infrastructure; equitable access for all residents; nature in the city; placemaking; supporting a diversity of uses; community engagement and partnerships; and environmental goals and practices. The Parks Plan will guide the City's service improvement and planning efforts over the next five years.

In November and December of 2011, members of the public and Parks, Forestry and Recreation stakeholder groups participated in the development of the Parks Plan by attending and providing feedback at one of four public and stakeholder consultation sessions or by completing a survey that was available online.

The City of Toronto greatly appreciates the involvement of residents and stakeholder groups in the development of the Parks Plan.

Yours truly,



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