



# Ward 18 Parks Conservancy

**Parks are under threat:** too many cuts (closure of MacGregor Park wading pool), too many permit fees (for community use of park clubhouses, for local community events)

too many programs cancelled (no staff-supported bake oven use, youth drop-in sports), too many add-on fees on top of permit fees (kids' soccer). To make the most of our Ward 18 parks, it's time to create a parks

conservancy. *Webster's Dictionary* says a conservancy is "a careful preservation and protection of something; especially....of a natural resource to prevent exploitation, destruction, or neglect."



**What do we want a parks conservancy to foster?**



Using what we have: best use of existing buildings, talents of staff, talents of community. Thrifty: fewer levels of bureaucracy, better repair and maintenance, open budget information. Simpler structure: easier access, local connection between community and city staff, working together. Ingenuity: taking the best advice from other conservancies elsewhere in Canada and abroad, and adding it to the best local practices: the "Toronto model." Keeping our tax-funded parks **PUBLIC.**



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