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RE: 12.4 SRCS.20.13 - Lake Wilcox Park Pay Parking

Dear Richmond Hill Council Members,

With regards to the above noted matter, I appreciate you considering my feedback below as it relates to Lake Wilcox Park Pay Parking.

While I am in complete support of instituting paid parking in an attempt to mitigate the chaos in Lake Wilcox Park and the surrounding streets, I am opposed to have two hourly rates and propose the rate of \$5.00/hour be instituted regardless of whether one parks in the Splash Pad Lot or the Unpaved Lot.

Furthermore I am also in favour of all users paying for parking, regardless of whether the vehicle belongs to a resident who resides in Richmond Hill or not for the following reasons:

- Issuing a permit to Richmond Hill residents encourages fraudulent usage whereby a resident can invite a friend or family member from outside of the region and provide them with the permit to avoid the parking fee.
- Residents will quite possibly forget to bring their permit and if the vehicle is ticketed, engage in a potentially harmful interaction with a Parking Enforcement Officer.
- Free parking for Richmond Hill residents encourages longer park visits and I'd question the length of stay for local residents outlined in the consultant's report.

No different than in the City of Toronto, for example residents engaging in activities on city owned properties where paid parking is enforced are required to pay the hourly or flat fee.

As it relates to Permit Parking and erecting signs on surrounding streets that outline the parking requirements, I have issue with the proposal allowing 3 hour parking and a fee beyond this time-frame. If I am hosting a party and my guests stay beyond the allotted time, I am being penalized by having to pay for parking on my guest's behalf. You're suggesting a Richmond Hill resident can park for free at Lake Wilcox Park, stay all day and I have to ante up some money because I live on a street that you're trying to "protect" from parking abusers at Lake Wilcox Park. Please give thought to eliminate the permitted time on weekends and statutory holidays and of course, vehicles parked overnight would be subject to ticketing.

I'd also like to mention the requirement for Permit Parking on the surrounding streets is extended to include Statutory Holidays to avoid the throngs of vehicles that attend Lake Wilcox Park on holiday weekends.

Thank you for considering this and I hope you're in agreement and will amend your proposal to include my comments.

Yours truly,

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