

May 25, 2020

City of Richmond Hill
Mayor & Council
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Dear Mayor and Council,

RE: SRCS.20.13 Lake Wilcox Park Pay Parking

Although I am in support of paid parking, I don't see how that will control overcrowding or use from people outside the community. While at the Youth Park with my grandkids last year, I talked to a dad who had brought his son all the way from **Burlington**. When I had a B&B in my former home on Lakeland Crescent I got a call from someone in **Scarborough** who wanted to know if there was swimming at Lake Wilcox because their local beaches were closed. My point here is that people are travelling long distances to use this park and paid parking, although a source of revenue to cover costs of monitoring, is hardly going to control crowds.

Just last week I witnessed many people walking towards the lake from cars parked the length of Olde Bayview Ave. north of North Lake Rd. because the parking lot is closed. There is diminished parking access for homeowners in front of their dwellings for their own visitors as vehicles park on residential streets since parking was disallowed on Bayview Ave. I believe this was a mistake. I would much rather see paid parking along Bayview than have spaces taken up by vehicles on all our side streets.

Sincerely
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