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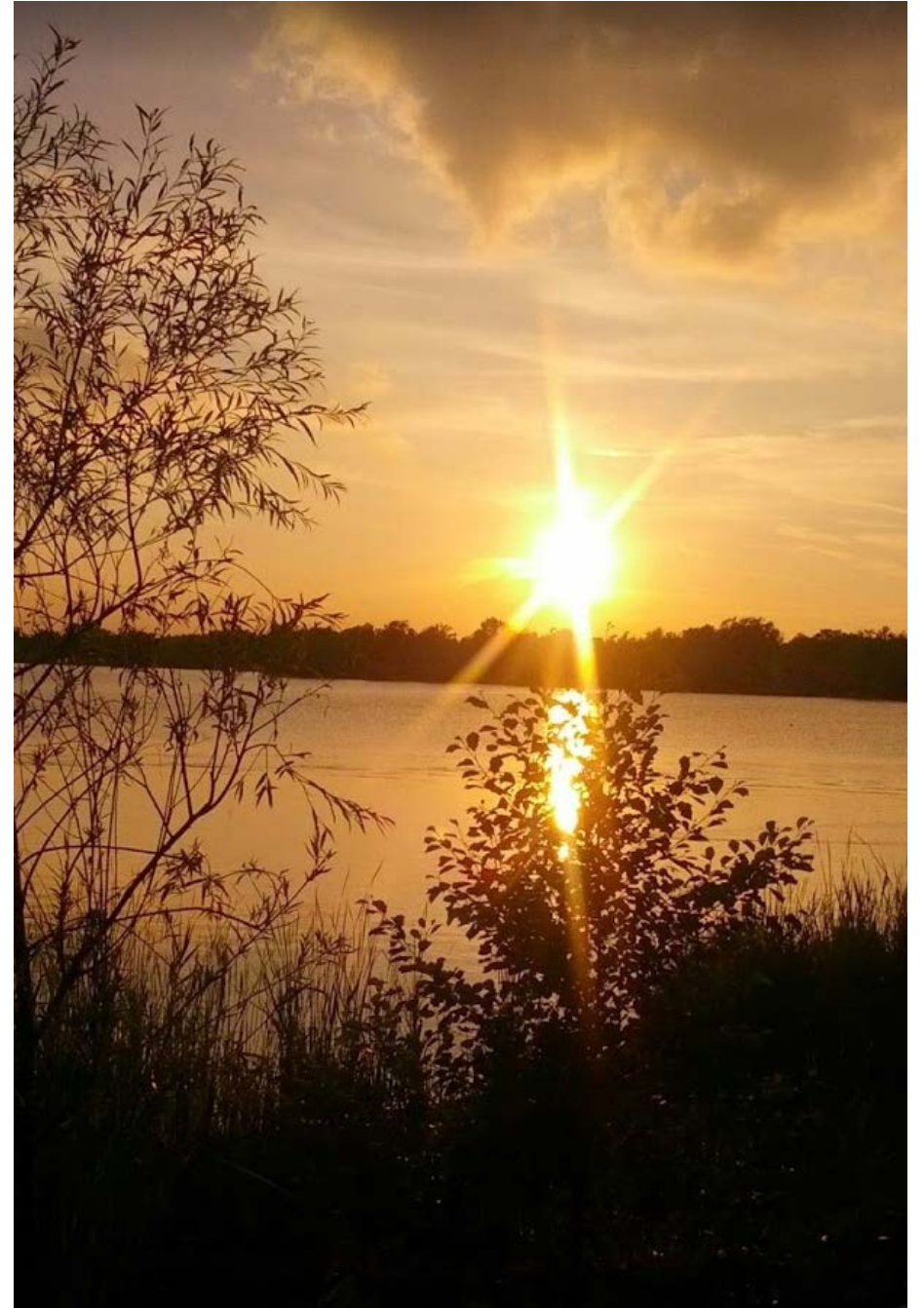
Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

I have lived in Oak Ridges for over 20 years, and I am lucky to live by the beautiful Lake Wilcox Park. Unfortunately, the park has become unmanageable as beyond capacity crowds descend on the park during warm months. The massive increase in traffic has resulted in cars being parked all over the surrounding area, and I have witnessed screaming matches between drivers in the established parking lots. My preference would be to keep parking free as our natural areas are for all people to enjoy. But the Lake Wilcox area needs help to reduce the dangerously large crowds. I am in favour of paid parking if that helps with park management. But Richmond Hill residents must never pay for parking. Ever. Which adds to the cost of paid parking. Could you consider an alternative that may be cheaper, provide jobs and is quicker to implement? A park manager with staff on weekends to patrol the parking lots and help maintain the health of the Lake and park environment? Also, more parking signage is needed in areas surrounding the park and increased parking enforcement. Please consider residents should be able to have their own guests park in front of their own homes on weekends. Please consider all options that allow everyone to enjoy the outdoors but maintain the integrity and sustainability of Lake Wilcox Park.

Thank you,
Carol Davidson
Oak Ridges Resident

Lake Wilcox Park Paid Parking

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Paid Parking Is A Last Resort, Only Useful As A Tool
For Park Management
But Must Not Discourage All From Enjoying The Park

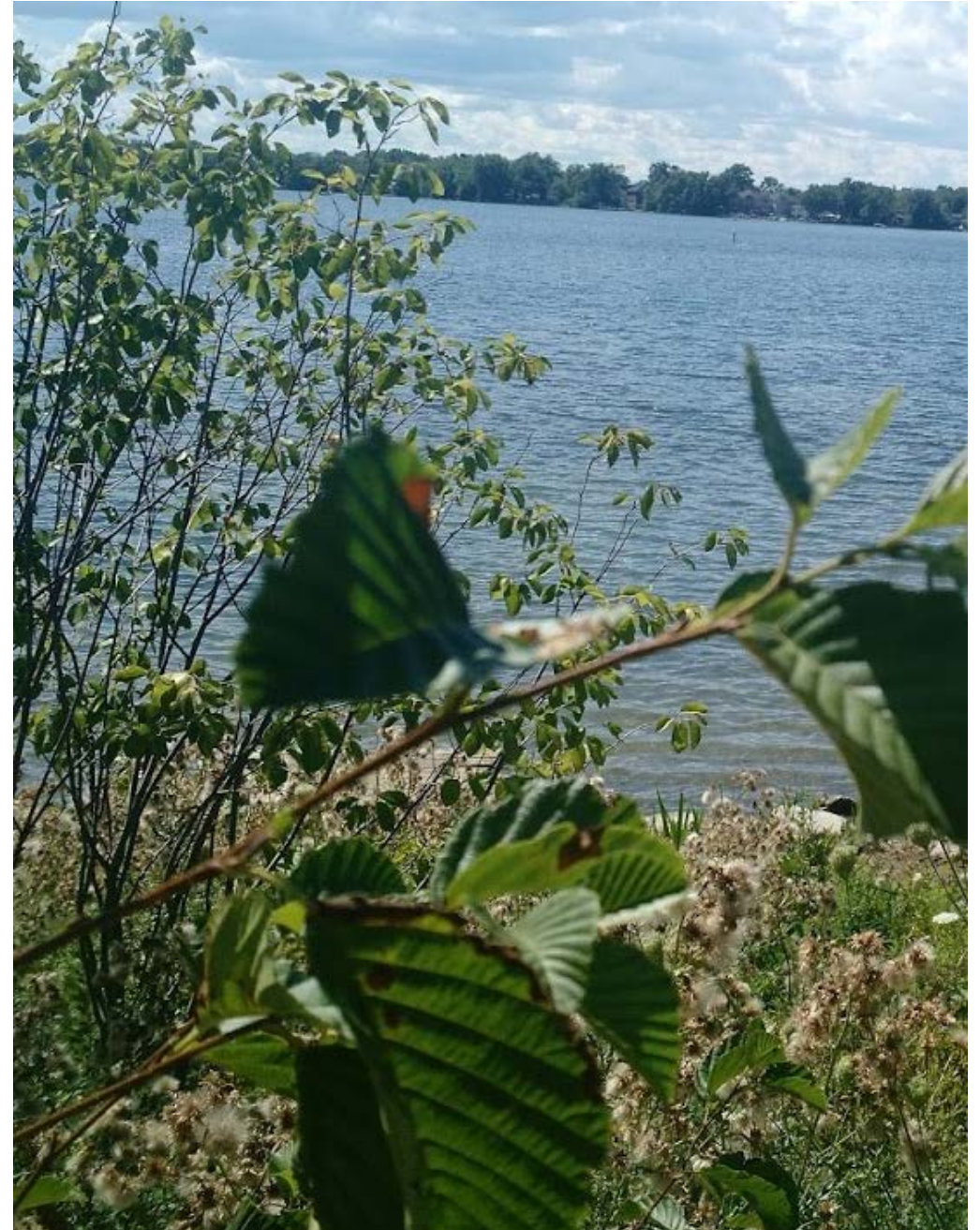


Richmond Hill Residents Must Never Pay For Parking

Taxes already paid for the park



Free Parking Is
Preferable But
Lake Wilcox Park
Extremely Overcrowded
In Warm Months



Parking Lots Always Full & Disorganized



No Parking & No Stopping Signs Ignored



Wedding Buses Often Block Driveways



Cars Park Everywhere



Parking in Emergency Routes



More Parking Signage Needed



Huge Crowds Indicate More Parks & Greenspaces Are Needed In Richmond Hill Especially In High-Density Areas



Alternative:

- *On-site Park Manager With Staff To
 - *Monitor Parking
 - *Control Crowds
 - *Protect Park Environment
- *More Parking Signage Around Park

