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Sent: Sunday, April 28, 2024 7:31 PM
To: Clerks Richmondhill <clerks@richmondhill.ca>
Subject: RICHMOND HILL MAY 1ST COMMITTEE MEETING

Good afternoon,

I thank you for inviting comments for your May 1st Committee Meeting.

I'm sorry to say that it saddens me to point out that Mary Dawson Parkette has fallen into disarray; especially with it's no-mow policy. There are many parks in the Richmond Hill area that are maintained well, yet Mary Dawson Parkette is becoming more-and-more unkept with weeds overtaking areas that were initially maintained by the city. Given that \$1.2 million was spent to enhance this parkette, it's a shame that attempts to make improvements have disappointed many residents that back on to the Mary Dawson Parkette, because it has become more difficult to maintain our own back gardens with the no-mow policy where weeds, thistles, etc., are growing unchecked.

Please, I ask that your Committee consider taking action to restore Mary Dawson Parkette to a more welcoming and enjoyable venue.

Submitted without prejudice,

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From: Lidia Finlayson
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2024 11:16 AM
To: Clerks Richmondhill <clerks@richmondhill.ca>
Subject: Re: RICHMOND HILL MAY 1ST COMMITTEE MEETING

Good morning Stephanie,

I appreciate and thank you for your prompt response to my requested agenda item.

I must admit, I recently joined Richmond Hill's Good Neighbour Group through Facebook and noticed your upcoming meeting. I was hopeful to have my topic included on the agenda, given that I believe it is a strong point for consideration. I've checked Facebook to reference the agenda, but have not been successful in locating it today, so I am unable to offer where my topic relates for discussion; and perhaps this agenda is not the correct platform for this topic at this time, but it is Spring and the best time to address correspondence for the Mary Dawson Parkette.

I am reaching out to you, given that since the no-mow zones were introduced my efforts to have them removed have failed. Since 2015, I have been requesting attention for this parkette, only to be informed that there is no budget for additional maintenance by Access Richmond Hill, i.e., "*Mary Dawson Park No-Mow Zones Case Number for Tracking Purpose is: 00202653*".

My husband and I have lived and raised family in Richmond Hill for over 35 years, and we are proud to be residents here, however the outer areas closest to houses backing on to this parkette are overgrown with weeds due to the no-mow policy, which affects our back gardens. We ask for additional budget consideration for maintenance of Mary Dawson Parkette, to improve its appearance and reduce the spread of weeds. Children play here and dogs are walked in these areas, where thistles and burs are thriving - quite an "eye-sore" within our community; so say neighbours and friends.

Respectfully submitted without prejudice,

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