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Comments:

Hello Mayor Clark and all members of the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services,

I understand there is a meeting on Monday March 1 that involves Churchill Park. Churchill Park, recently landscaped and enhanced, will now be deconstructed - leaving our neighbourhood (again) without a park for 2-3 years. Covid-19 has brought families to this park, it is a source of physical, mental, spiritual, and cultural therapy. The vision the city and residents had for Churchill Park has come to life. This new proposal is rushed and needs to be stopped in order to bring us together and discuss options. The lack of communication from the city clearly shows that citizen engagement is not a priority. Churchill Gardens condominium was notified however the residents across the streets and the entire community were purposely uninformed so that this proposal could move ahead. This is confusing and clearly proves the city is avoiding difficult conversations.

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In order to have citizens on the same page as the city, it is important that all local residents understand the proposal. Many of us are concerned that not all avenues to solve this flooding problem have been investigated, and we need to be given a chance to engage. I hope someone on this subcommittee can make the motion to slow down this process and communicate more effectively with the community. As you know this park is used by local schools, churches, SYSI, SMF and many sporting leagues. Outdoor activity is keeping us connected during this pandemic. To

speed through this Flooding Project due to available government funding is wrong, because there are other important considerations for this type of work. Considerations that are at least as important as the availability of funding.

There is so much to learn from this incident. It is time to start putting into action the citizen engagement we hear is a top priority for this governing body. Our community association needs more opportunities to celebrate positive outcomes from proper public engagement - not the surprise and disappointment that your current process is generating.

Attachment:

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