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To His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

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Meeting (if known) March 22nd - City Council Meeting

Comments

Mayor Clark and City Councillors,

As a resident of Adelaide Park Churchill Community Association I am concerned with the public engagement, sharing of information, and general timing of this Flood Control Strategy that involves Churchill Park.

Churchill Park, recently landscaped and enhanced (Initial cost of \$750,000), will now be deconstructed if this recommendation moves forward - 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 feels like the city is avoiding important conversations.

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. As you know this park is used by local schools, churches, SYSI, SMF, and many sporting leagues. A seniors condominium now neighbours this amazing accessible park. Storm strategies began years ago, before COVID-19, the information gathered to help determine the value of this field is out of date. This field is a premium. With WW Ashley Park turned into a Dry Pond it limits team sports. Outdoor activity is keeping us connected during this pandemic. To speed through this Flooding Project in Churchill Park 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 residents need opportunities to celebrate positive outcomes from proper public engagement - not the surprise and disappointment that your current process is generating.

Thank you for understanding my concern and need for transparency.

I would like to speak at the City Council Meeting on March 22.

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