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**TO:** Michael Schreiner, Manager of Capital Projects, Parks & Recreation Division  
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**ATTN:** Trevor Schmidt, Project Manager, Capital Projects, Parks & Recreation Division  
Julia Madden, Business Development Officer, Parks & Recreation Division

**FROM:** Councillor Michael Walker


**RE:** Oriole Park – “Neshama Playground for All Children”  
- Oriole Park Working Group Submission

Attached please find the submission with attachments from the Oriole Park Working Group concerning “Neshama Playground” project for Oriole Park.

The members Oriole Park Working Group have done an extremely commendable job since Working Group’s voluntary inception at the June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008 public meeting I held on this proposal. The members met amongst themselves several times and twice (July 14<sup>th</sup> and July 28<sup>th</sup>) formally with my Executive Assistant, Chris Sellors, and Mr. Trevor Schmidt of Parks Capital Projects. The attached submission is a consensus of their ideas and is a testament to their intelligence, dedication and genuine passion to ensure the successful future of their neighbourhood.

This document is comprehensive and is to be used to outline the terms of reference for the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the consultant soon to be hired who will conduct the final stages of the public process and design for this project. Please note that the RFP needs to include (not exclusively) direction for the consultant to: host public meetings in the community; create and maintain a project website; gather input from disability groups, area residents, and the Oriole Park Working Group; investigate all disabled and non-disabled parking opportunities bordering the park (including all City-owned properties); design the new playground around the existing tennis courts (to be reconstructed in same location) and away from the many trees in the park; and use the Oriole Park Working Group’s document with its two attachments (“Oriole Park Brief” and “Crime Prevention Association of Toronto – Oriole Park Safety Audit”) as a guide in his/her assessment and design plan for this project. The consultant is to use these documents and the public input in order to appropriately fit this project into this mature and well-used local park.

Sincerely,



Michael Walker  
Councillor – St. Paul’s

3 Attachments: 1) Neshama Playground: Community Working Group Evaluation  
2) Oriole Park Brief  
3) Crime Prevention Association of Toronto – Assessment of Oriole Park, Mar. 12, 2008