

MACGREGOR PARK BULLETIN #3:

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WHAT HAPPENED TO THE FIELD HOUSE?

Last year park users found out that the city was planning to throw out the good, solid windows of MacGregor Field House during a \$134,000 "state of good repair" Stimulus Funds renovation. It was clear that the windows and the screens needed only to be cleaned and have the paint removed, so park users asked City staff to keep them. The project coordinator sent back this "scope of work" description:

"Windows and security screens to be refurbished (instead of new)."

But that's not what happened. Instead, new thick flat screens have been installed permanently. They won't allow the windows to open properly, they cut down on the light, and many of the windows were "refurbished" by painting them shut. The screens were an expensive design error and will reduce the usefulness of the building for community programs.



Front of Field House



Back and Side



Windows Painted Shut

Park users asked Parks management to take away the screens and get the paint removed from the sturdy metal window frames so they can be opened for fresh air. But the requests have been ignored.

Last year, City Council passed a new policy saying it's not necessary to consult with park users for Stimulus Funds projects. **Let's ask the candidates for Ward 18 what they think of this policy.** And let's ask Parks management --

- * **When and how are the windows going to be refurbished?**
- * **How can workers refurbish a window they can't reach, because screens have been installed that don't allow the windows to be accessed properly?**

To contact the Parks department: call Dave Hains at 416 392-0039

To contact the candidates: the next all-candidates' meeting is on September 13, 6 to 8 pm at Queen and Dovercourt (Theatre Centre)

To contact other park users: mail@macgregorpark.ca