

May 16, 2008

Dear Resident,

RE: St. George's Park

After the loss of their son, Nicholas, in a hockey accident on the community ice rink in St. George's Park, the Lambden family initiated talks with city staff regarding a memorial on the site where Nicholas was fatally injured.

Now and again staff receive a willingness by individual(s) or a corporation(s) to donate funding, time and/or materials for park upgrades. Where these park upgrades or changes to a park master plan are proposed, that are not included in the 10 year capital forecast, it is standard practice to seek direction from Council on the initiative. This normally involves a request to survey the surrounding neighbourhood and/or groups that may be affected by proposed changes, as public involvement is needed before changes can occur to an approved master plan.

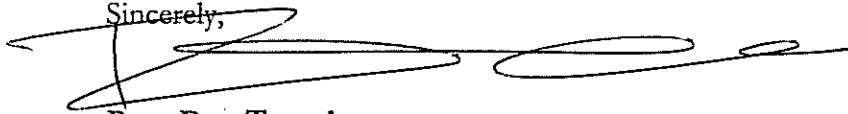
On April 11, 2008 the Community Design and Environmental Services Committee adopted a resolution that authorized staff to circulate via a survey, the plans provided by the Lambden Family, indicating proposed upgrades in St. George's Park, to the surrounding neighbourhood and relevant internal departments.

Before such a survey was circulated to you and others the Lambden Family requested this resolution be rescinded due to negative feedback and publicity they had been receiving surrounding the proposal. This request to staff came in the form of a letter signed by Andrew Lambden (attached).

On May 9th, 2008, the letter was presented to the Community Design and Environmental Services Committee and a new resolution was adopted (attached).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at
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Sincerely,



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May 8, 2008

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Dear Rory Templeton:

RE: St Georges Park Concept Plan

This letter is to confirm that we do not wish to proceed with the concept plan for St George's Park that was presented to Committee on April 11. Furthermore, we do not want a survey circulated to residents. Our decision to retract the proposal was made due to the negative and inappropriate feedback and the publicity surrounding the proposal.

We would like to proceed with our own consultative exercise with residents. The City will be invited to participate. We will hire a facilitator to manage this process. To this end, I have contacted Glen Pothier and have a meeting scheduled with him on Friday May 9th 2008 to decide how to proceed.

Thank you for your assistance. We will keep you advised of our progress.

Sincerely,



Andrew Lambden
The Lambden Family

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May 12, 2008

Mr. J. Riddell
Director of Community Design &
Development Services

Dear Mr. Riddell:

At a meeting of the Community Design and Environmental Services Committee held on May 9, 2008, the following resolution was adopted:


"THAT the correspondence from Andrew Lamden dated May 8, 2008 regarding the St. George's Park Concept Plan be received;

AND THAT the resolution passed by the Community Development and Environmental Services Committee on April 11, 2008 regarding Proposed Upgrades Within St. George's Park be rescinded;

AND THAT individuals that have communicated with City Staff in any manner regarding this matter be provided with a copy of the letter from Mr. Lambden, and be advised that the City will take no further action on this matter;

AND THAT staff place an advertisement on the City News Page to this effect."

Yours truly,


Tina Agnello
Deputy City Clerk

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