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MARLON KALLIDEEN, COMMISSIONER OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

NOVEMBER 22, 2013

HONOURABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

SUBJECT: COMMUNICATION - FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION MEETING, NOVEMBER 25, 2013

> Re: Deputation from Ms. Yvette Pritchard, Troyer Court, Thornhill Finance & Administration Committee November 12, 2013

The deputation identified several concerns related to Downham Green Park, most notably storm water management issues with ponding water and litter/debris from high levels of park use on weekends.

Staff is aware of the drainage issue and has requested that Engineering include this park as part of their review of the overall storm water management issues in Thornhill. Development in this area of the City occurred in the late 1970's and early 1980's and the storm water management system may have been designed to allow a certain level of water ponding during peak storm events. Staff will investigate whether or not the system is functioning as designed and will identify solutions to extensive water ponding that is affecting use of the park. This investigation will continue into 2014 with the results referred to the 2015 budget process if required.

In the meantime, Public Works staff will be undertaking a camera inspection of the storm water pipe infrastructure to confirm whether or not any obstructions or blockages are occurring and Parks Operations staff will monitor the litter/debris situation and increase litter pickup in this park as required.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlon Kallideen

Commissioner of Community Services