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## Re: Policy on public bake-ovens in City parks

Dear Councillor Fletcher,

It has come to my attention that the Parks Division has recently set up an internal policy development group to examine issues surrounding the operation of public bake-ovens in some of the City's parks.

As you know, in parks where these bake-ovens do exist, they have become a much-loved community asset. They provide the opportunity for many fun and educational events in our parks involving fresh, healthy food. They are also often an important component of successful farmer's markets in our parks.

Understandably, the members of the park's community who are most involved with issues to do with bake-ovens, farmer's markets and urban agriculture are becoming concerned that the Parks Division is developing a new policy behind closed doors.

I wanted to bring this issue to your attention as the Chair of the Parks and Environment Committee. I suggest that it does not make sense to look at the issue of bake-ovens in isolation. A more productive approach might be to integrate this issue into the broader policy development work being done right now to put together an urban agriculture strategy for the City as a whole. Of course, it's also always helpful to consult thoroughly with the community on these sorts of issues and, in this case, particularly with those who have first-hand experience operating public bake-ovens.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours truly,

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