



10 December 2015

The Mayor and Council
City of Markham
101 Town Centre Boulevard,
Markham, Ontario, L3R 9W3

Dear Mr. Mayor and Council,

Toogood Pond Winter Maintenance for Skating

The Unionville Ratepayers Association, the Unionville Villagers Association and the Unionville Business Improvement Area were both disappointed and encouraged by the discussion of skating on Toogood Pond at the General Committee meeting of December 7. We were encouraged that the staff report on the topic did identify procedures for safely maintaining the ice for skating on the pond. We were disappointed by the staff recommendation and subsequent motion that banned skating on the pond.

We believe that, rather than ban skating, a more productive route would be to follow Councillor Campbell's suggestion that the issue be studied further, with a view to reducing the cost of winter maintenance of Toogood Pond, and the pond in Mount Joy, while ensuring the safety of skaters.

We understand that Councillor Campbell intends to introduce a motion to that effect at Council on December 15. We would like to request your support for Councillor Campbell's motion.

We also respectfully suggest that the General Committee motion banning skating on the pond should be reversed. As a matter of principle Council should never pass a bylaw it is not prepared to enforce.

We are somewhat lucky this winter in so far as skating on the pond is unlikely to become a burning issue any time soon. We suggest that the time be taken to develop an affordable plan to restore skating on Toogood Pond.

Yours sincerely,

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President, URA

Peter Wales
President, UVA

Elisabeth Mensher
Chair, UBIA