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To: Paul Beswetherick; Jack Crompton
Subject: Lakeside Park Concession

Dear Mayor, Council & Staff,

I am aware of a petition circulating against the operation of commercial concession at Lakeside Park and in Alta Vista. While I believe some of the concerns and annoyances of a busy park are affecting the neighbourhood, I do not believe it is related to the current commercial concession.

I have lived in Alta Vista for over 13 years and walk through and use the park many days of the week. I've also been a park user for 25 and worked at the previous concession when the park was smaller and less of an attraction. A concession has operated there for many years and this is not an additional use leading to park challenges.

The concessionaire is a guardian to the beach park in the summer season and as part of their contract, picking up garbage, cleaning washrooms and reminding users of bylaws. This duty could be enhanced if needed.

In reality the lack of a concession would lead to even more disorderly behaviour. Areas of improvement to address neighbourhood concerns by the RMOW may include:

- Better street signage restriction to the cul de sac in front of the park, as many disregard the signage and use that area for drop-off and pick up.
- Better signage and speed restriction approaching the neighbourhood to direct traffic to the parking & loading area and avoid the neighbourhood, a 30km speed limit in Alta Vista and summer speed humps could help.
- Bylaw enforcement extended from 4pm to 11pm in summer (parking, park parties and house parties)
 - Better speed control systems for the Valley Trail and a "Commuter" routing on Lakecrest Lane to avoid the through riders.

Additional costs could be paid for by park user fees for parking in the lot on busy days and better enforcement of no-parking on neighbourhood streets.

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