

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Soupie Program

From: Viv Saunders

Sent: July 15, 2021 10:48 AM

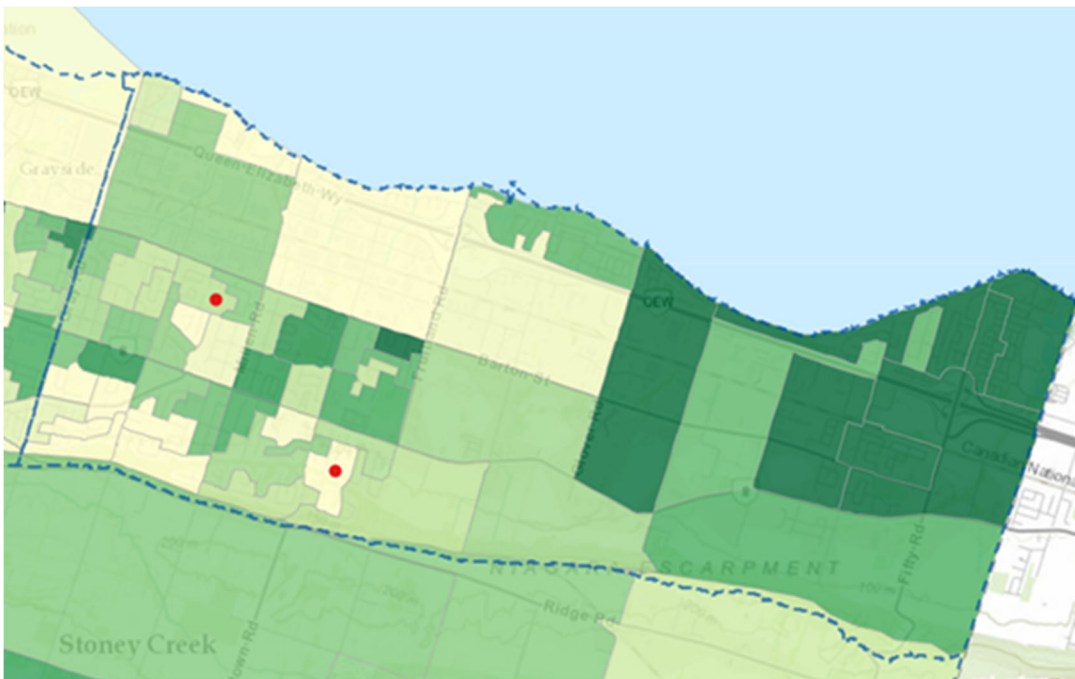
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Oops! Sorry about that. Neglected to include the mapping. It is here now. Also, c.c.'d clerk to add this correspondence on to your next Agenda.

Thanks. Viv



On Thu, Jul 15, 2021 at 10:45 AM Viv Saunders wrote:

Dear Chair Nann & E&CS Council Members
c.c. Clr Maria Pearson, Ward 10

It's wonderful to see the Soupie Program back! Thank you to all involved.

The reason for my correspondence is to bring to your attention the disconnect between locations and census data on the # of youths (at least within Ward 10) and request that Committee, for next year perhaps, establish some city-wide guidelines on the locations.

Specifically, in Ward 10 there are 2 locations. Ferris Park and Mapledene Park as indicated with red dots on the mapping attached. The map itself is also a depiction of the census data. The darker the green, the higher the percentage of youths under the age of 19 living in the area.

Since percentages are not always a indicator of the actual number of youths, I am also providing details on the Soupie Program Park locations:

Ferris Park - there are 444 children under the age of 14 within the square block

Mapledene Park - there are 345 children under the age of 14.

By comparison, other neighbourhood parks within Ward 10 have 1,000+ children within the census tract data's walkable/cyclable area.

In addition, both of the parks for the 2021 Soupie Program have zero amenities according to Hamilton Open Data. As I'm typing this email it is 29 degrees outside. Neither of those 2 locations have a Water Feature (Spray Pad), or a Shade Structure, or Drinking Water (fountains), or Washrooms.

I also took a look at the percentage of Lone Parent families which sometimes is an indicator of the need for Soupie programs and may be a factor in choosing which parks to offer this service. Both of the park locations chosen are in the lowest % at .04% of the census tract population distribution..

So in conclusion, I am respectfully requesting that Committee consider reviewing and/or establishing guidelines for basic core amenities and locational criteria for Soupie Program locations.

Sincerely,

Viv Saunders
Concerned Resident