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Hello

I would like to submit this as a communication before council as I have yet to receive the clarity I asked for. I am looking for a definitive statement, was the fire that burned down the woodlands park bathroom too close to the playground as per the protocol or not? Compliant location or not? The photo demonstrates the proximity of the bathroom to the playground, measured in the google earth app.

On January 20th, 2024 I sent the following email and photo to **Michelle Baird, Nrinder Nann, David Buckle, Rj Reddy**

"Hello

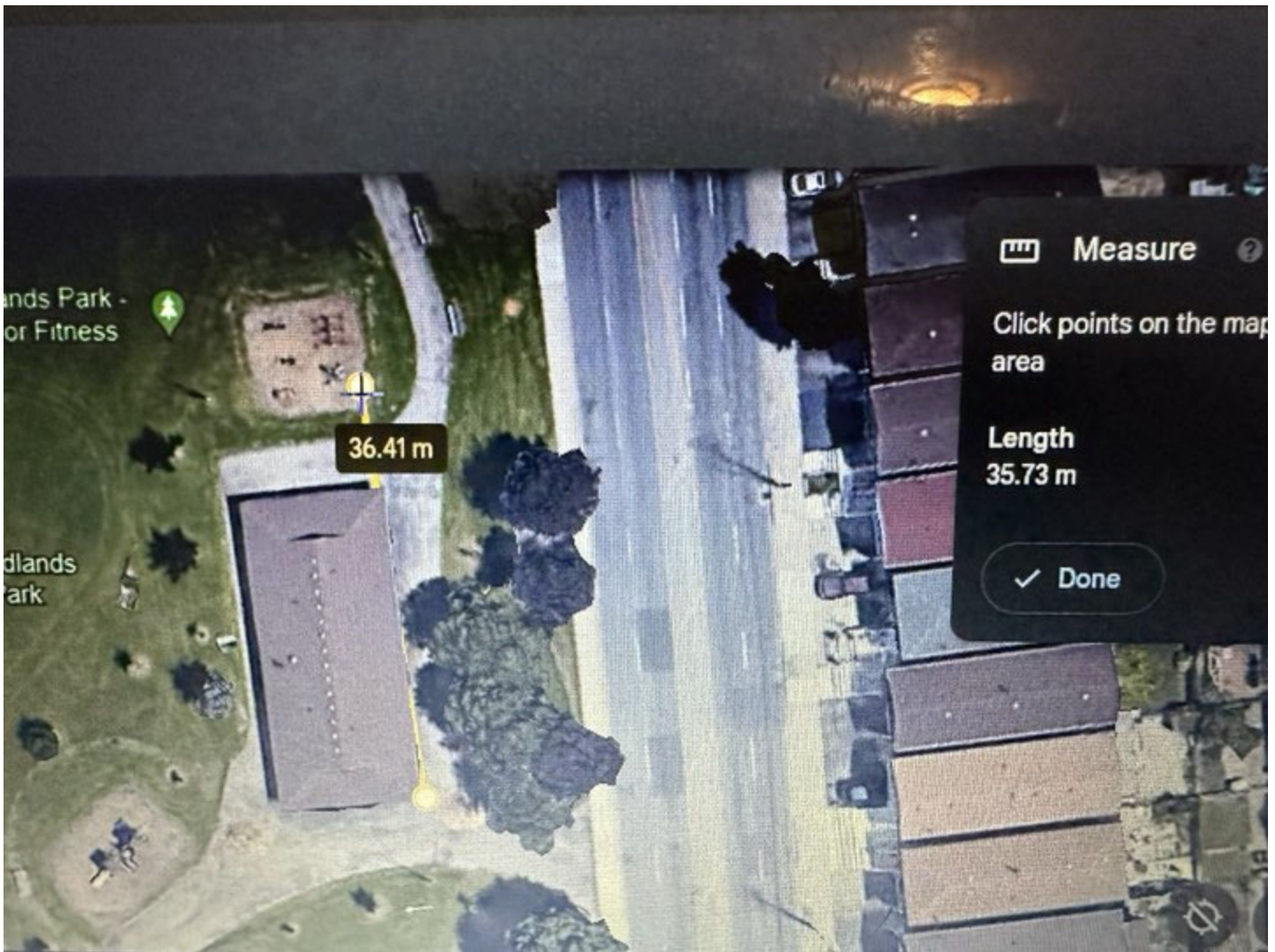
I am looking for clarity on a statement made during the Jan 17th meeting. Ms. Baird, you stated the unfortunate fire occurred at a compliant area of the park but was non-compliant in form.

I understand the encampments need to be 50 away from playgrounds and playing fields. This encampment was less than 50m away from the playground for sure but also likely less than 50m away from the playing field at Woodlands.

Can someone please clarify for me, and the general public who are interested, how this was a compliant site and why it was allowed to remain for so long after all the other encampments were cleared?

Thank you

Kelly Oucharek"



I received the following response from Danielle Blake, answering on Michelle's behalf, which really didn't provide a direct answer.

"Hello Kelly. Michelle asked me to reply on her behalf.

To clarify, the site was not in a compliant area of the park, due to the proximity to the building, but the park itself does have compliant areas. I believe that was what Michelle was referring to at Committee...Take care."

I sent a further reply January 22nd, which has not had a response. Nrinder Nann originally asked her question for the public record so I presumed it would be important to clear up-for the public record also.

"Thank you. Considering this question was for the public record and that she said "the tent was in a compliant area of the park" (which it was not) as it is too close to the park, -will this be corrected for the public record? The site can't be considered compliant and non compliant. The protocol states 50 m away from playground, it is obviously not.

Thank you  
Kelly"

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