

Hello Jane,

Sabina Mujahed says you asked her for a list of people who attended our Councillor bake oven briefing on November 1: Councillor Matlow's assistant, Councillor Mihevc's assistant, Councillor Mihevc came for 10 min, Councillor Doucette's assistant, Councillor Bailao, Councillor Parker and his assistant, Councillor Perks' assistant, for the last 20 min. Also Parks Director Richard Ubbens, Jeff Madeley, head of Risk management, and Mena (?) who works with him, bake oven policy drafter Diane Stevenson, Mark Lawson (head of PRF permits, called "customer service").

We noted that not a single member of the Parks and Environment Committee came, nor any of their assistants. Also, in September we asked each Parks committee member to let us brief them individually for 15 minutes, at a time convenient to them, and we got no reply from any of them. Our follow up phone calls in October produced no results either.

Diane Stevenson held a follow-up meeting with some of the bake oven users, as she was directed by the Parks Committee in September. The meeting came to no agreement. This item will come up again on Nov.22. We've been told that the route to making changes to the policy is for the Parks Committee to amend it. The amendments that bake oven users feel are necessary are between 6 and 10.

Could we meet with you and Councillor McMahon this week to discuss this issue?

I've attached the remarkable "Lease agreement" relating to the Thorncliffe Park tandoor, although I imagine you've seen it already. It's an example of what's not going to work here.

Jutta

My goodness, it seems that the new staff report about ovens <http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2011/pe/bgrd/backgroundfile-42200.pdf> is an odd kind of refutation-dialogue mainly with me! I am identified as "a bake oven user" who is perhaps out of step with the rest. Here's an excerpt:

[the Division hosted a group consultation with community outdoor oven users in August 2011, where the proposed processes for managing requests to build a new outdoor oven and for operating outdoor ovens in City parkland were reviewed and discussed. **The discussion and feedback at the group consultation was positive** and participants were invited to send additional feedback to Parks, Forestry and Recreation.](#)

Diane Stevenson has emphasized to me and others that the existing ovens would not be affected by the policy. But since the policy will make it quite tricky to operate other park food programs involving ovens, maybe we should stay in the discussion despite our immunity. Let's see if Councillor McMahon will meet with us, hopefully on Friday?

Jutta