

**Subject: Letter to Council re: William Griffin Parking Problem**

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I have already submitted a hard copy of the attached letter to the Clerk's office for distribution; however, I thought each of you would also appreciate receiving it by e-mail.

-Brian Platts

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# William Griffin Rec. Centre Community Advisory Committee

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March 24, 2003

Mayor & Council:

## **RE: Parking & Traffic Problems at the William Griffin Recreation Centre**

I am writing on behalf of the *William Griffin Rec. Centre Community Advisory Committee* to bring your attention to the urgent need for improvements to parking and traffic management at the facility located on Queens Road.

The William Griffin Rec. Centre and the adjacent artificial turf field are both enormously popular with the public. Peak visitor hours have expanded to the point where off-peak times almost no longer exist. The parking lots at Griffin are now totally inadequate and out-of-date, resulting in parking spill-over on to busy Queens Road and nearby single-family residential streets.

William Griffin is the only recreation facility on the North Shore which is fully accessible to all people with disabilities, offering specialized equipment for wheelchair users. As a result, for those many Rec. Centre users requiring disabled parking, the three regular disabled spaces and two others designated for vans with wheelchair lifts are most often at full capacity.

The acute parking shortfall at the facility is made only worse by the serious traffic / pedestrian safety concerns along Queens Road, particularly at the mid-block special crosswalk where pedestrians, cars, buses and even those motorists attempting to make a quick drop-off or pick-up all compete in one congested area.

In spite of staff's efforts to encourage more users to walk or ride bicycles, the William Griffin Rec. Centre has seriously outgrown the number of on-site parking spaces. The addition of the artificial turf field has served to dramatically increase this deficiency, forcing users to find parking on busy Queens Road.

The Recreation Commission has examined plans to expand the upper west parking lot to increase both regular and designated disabled spaces. In addition, a drop-off and pick-up zone is also being considered to reduce the current safety hazard on Queens Rd. The Parks Department also has plans (in the unfunded list of the Capital Budget) to

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expand the lower parking lot for the users of the artificial turf field. In the view of the Advisory Committee, these parking upgrades are absolutely critical to provide the level of parking necessary to accommodate the increasingly large numbers of people who use the Rec. Centre and the artificial turf field.

In closing, Council should be aware that the Recreation Commission has budgeted \$20,000 towards expansion of the upper west parking lot, however, additional funds are required for this expansion to go ahead. The William Griffin Community Advisory Committee therefore urges Council to include in the District's '03 Budget the necessary funds to both the Rec. Commission and the Parks Dept. to expand the parking for both the Griffin Rec. Centre and adjacent artificial turf field.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brian Platts". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Brian Platts