WHEREAS: The relatively new development of Creekwood in the west part of Duffin Heights neighbourhood is a relatively high density neighbourhood presently containing 472 households and about 1,500 residents;

WHEREAS: The neighbourhood presently contains one village green. The larger neighbourhood park is in the east part of Duffin Heights on the opposite side of Brock Road and is not easily accessible by residents on the west side of Brock Road;

WHEREAS: The expected buildout of Duffin Heights West is presently expected to include an additional 2,000 households, 5,600 residents and two additional village greens;

WHEREAS: Although there is a community park in the new development of Creekside in Duffin Heights East, it is not readily accessible to residents on the west side of Brock Road;

WHEREAS: An anticipated public school with a schoolyard active recreation area is expected to be located on the decommissioned City Operations Centre, although the present timing is unclear;

WHEREAS: Many residents are concerned that there are not presently sufficient outdoor recreation areas, playgrounds, or parks for this highly populated neighbourhood nor will be in place in the short term;

NOW THEREFORE that City Staff contact and work with the developers, the Province of Ontario, Hydro One and the Public School Board to plan and provide appropriate outdoor recreation areas/parks in the neighbourhood;

NOW THEREFORE that the City of Pickering review its present policies, including park land dedication and inclusion, to ensure that higher density neighbourhoods have appropriate outdoor recreation areas/parks.

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