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Dear Commissioners,

A quick note to let you all know that we have received a number of media calls re: the disappearance of the Dude Chilling Park Sign in Guelph Park. It appears that a vandal stole the sign by sawing through the four steel mounting tabs.

The vandalism requires re-creation of the sign and repainting the posts that hold the sign. The new sign should be up within 10 days, weather permitting.

The sign is a popular public art piece. In November 2012, the unauthorized Dude Chilling Park sign was erected in Guelph Park. The sign, which mimics standard park signs found in city parks, was removed by Park Board staff.

The Board received a request from Mount Pleasant residents, along with 1,500 signatures of support, to reinstall the sign permanently because it celebrates the unique characteristics of the park and neighbouring community. The sign was installed in Guelph Park in 2014.

Thank you.

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