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First Place Program - Update

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On May 20, the City's Executive Committee received an Administration report responding to a Councillor inquiry about continued need for the First Place program and the program's impact on neighbourhood density and green space.

This report is available as part of the executive committee May 20th agenda and will be posted on the First Place Program website. Several Councillors voiced their support for the program and the benefits it brings to the City, and the implementation plan continues to move ahead.

There was discussion about the importance of communication with communities. Administration explained our efforts to improve communication through collaboration with the community liaison volunteers. I wish to thank those liaison volunteers who have ensured timely sharing of the information provided by the City with community league/homeowner associations and community residents, and encourage all liaisons to help ensure this valuable flow of information continues into the future.

Executive Committee has asked Administration to place signs on **all surplus school building sites** to ensure residents and home buyers understand where future buildings will be constructed and which space was assembled for open space. City staff are preparing a sign template that will include:

- a site diagram,
- text and
- contact information.

This template will be shared with various departments and community liaison volunteers for review and comment before signs are placed on site.

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