May 20, 2016 Dear neighbour,

RE: Paddock Park Restoration – Neighbourhood Update

We are happy to announce that as a community you have shown great support for the natural restoration of Paddock Park. As such, we will be commencing with the first stages of the restoration plans.

This spring grading and seeding of Paddock Park will take place to help secure soil and reduce the development of weeds over the upcoming summer. Seeding in the center of the park along the stream will be a native naturalization mix with wildflowers and tall grasses. A maintenance buffer of lawn grass will be established adjacent to neighbouring properties. This maintenance buffer area will be mowed on a standard 14 day maintenance cycle.

Unfortunately, due to funding constraints, we will be unable to plant trees and shrubs this spring. Planting will occur in the fall through the TD Friends of the Environment project. If you are interested in participating in this planting event please contact Jeff Guarasci <u>jguarasci@niagarafalls.ca</u> for more information. Further planting will occur as funding opportunities come available.

On the reverse side of this letter is a sketch illustrating restoration work planned for Spring 2016. Information on the Paddock Park restoration project and other City conservation efforts can be found at www.niagarafalls.ca

To assist in the restoration works, staff from Matthews, Cameron, Heywood - Kerry T Howe Surveying Ltd. will be on site to confirm park property boundaries. As discussed at the Public Information Center on April 28th, the City will be following up on all encroachments within Paddock Park. We kindly ask that any encroachments (including lawn furniture, hard surfaces, ornamental gardens, structures, etc.) be removed **before June 1st, 2016** as work on the site will commence shortly.

We thank you for your time and dedication to this project. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

David Antonsen, Landscape Architect