

HIGH PARK PRESCRIBED BURN NOTICE WEDNESDAY MARCH 21

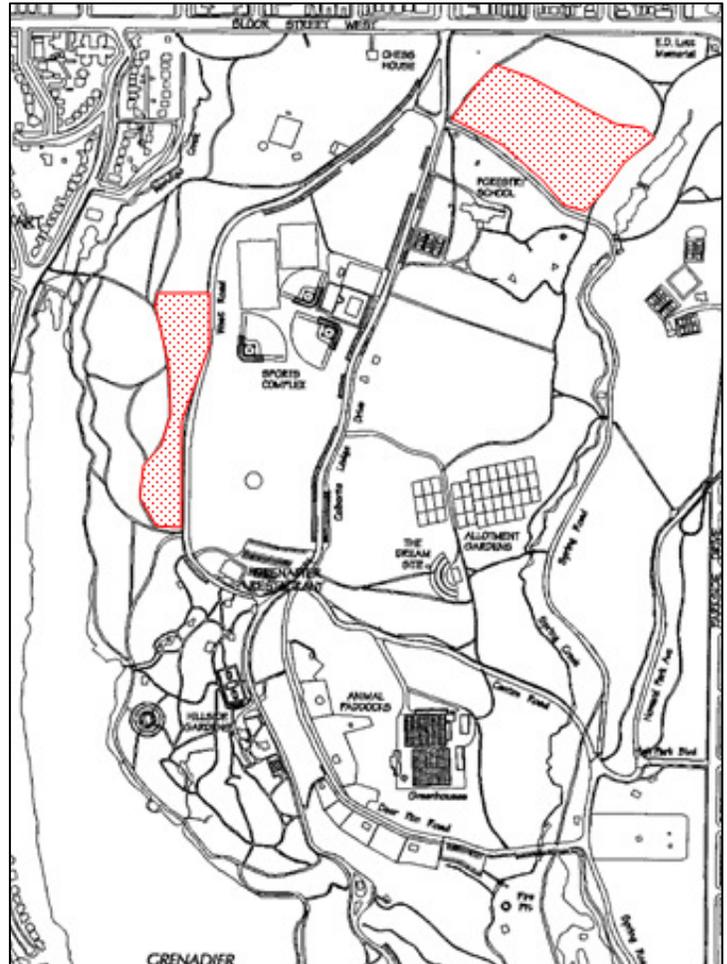
Please be advised that on **Wed March 21, 2012** City of Toronto's Urban Forestry will undertake a prescribed burn in High Park.

It is expected that the prescribed burn will occur between approximately 12:00pm – 2:00pm. DURING THE BURN SECTIONS OF HIGH PARK MAY BE CLOSED. There may be temporary rolling road closures in the park that will limit the flow of vehicular traffic near areas being burned. The park will remain open to pedestrian traffic all day but certain walking trails will be closed to limit exposure to park visitors near areas being burned.

The highlighted areas on the map detail the expected coverage of the burn. In consultation with Councillor Doucette we are distributing this flyer to notify local residents who might be most affected by smoke.

A prescribed burn is a deliberately set and carefully controlled fire that burns low to the ground and consumes leaf litter but does not harm large trees. This year's burn continues the well established program to restore High Park's Black Oak Savannah, a rare vegetation community that is one of the most endangered ecosystems in the Province of Ontario and at risk of extinction in Toronto. A Fire Boss with extensive provincial fire fighting and prescribed burning experience will conduct the burn with a qualified crew.

The burn will temporarily produce large amounts of smoke in the park and surrounding community. Under ideal weather conditions, the smoke from the prescribed burn will rise and will not affect surrounding neighbourhoods. It is possible however that weather conditions could change and some smoke from burning vegetation could reach some of the residential areas near the park.



**High Park Prescribed Burn Locations Spring
2012**

It is recommended that all residents close windows or leave the area at the time of the burn to avoid any potential sensitivity to the smoke.

For more information about the High Park prescribed burn program and ongoing forest restoration management, please visit www.toronto.ca/trees or call 311.