

HIGH PARK PRESCRIBED BURN NOTICE

Wednesday April 17, 2013

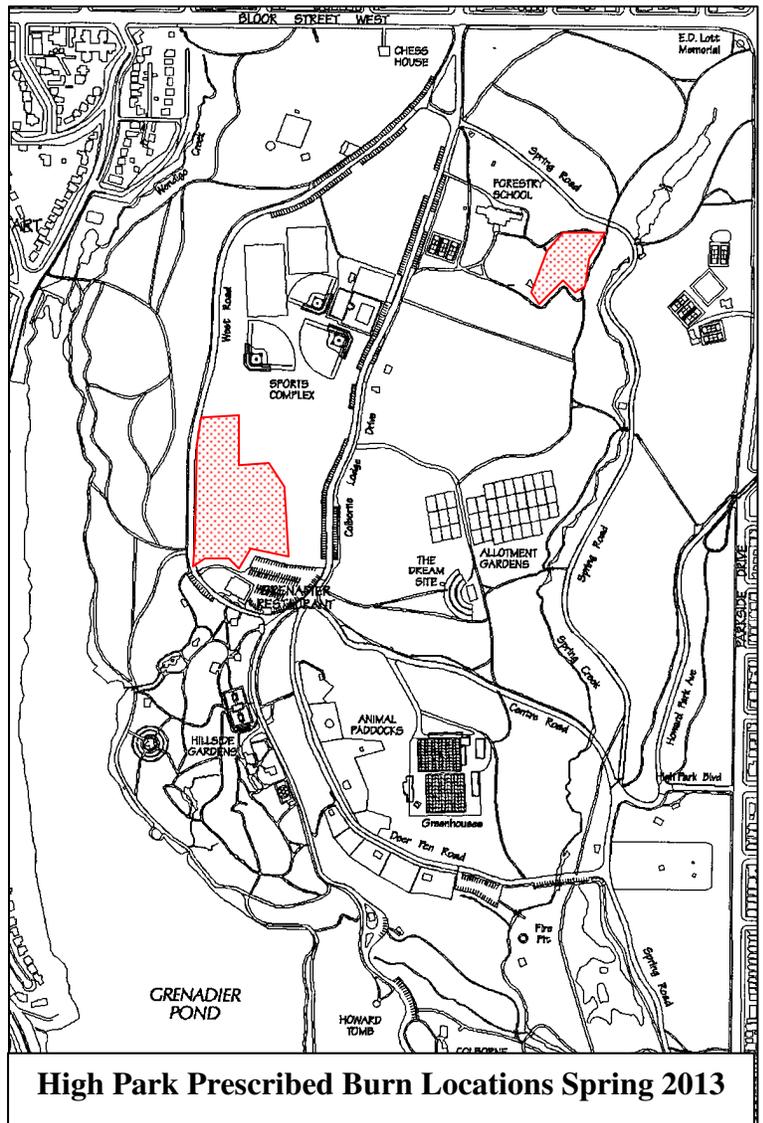
Please be advised that on **Wednesday April 17, 2013** City of Toronto's Urban Forestry is planning to undertake a prescribed burn in High Park. For more information please visit www.toronto.ca/trees or call 311.

It is expected that the prescribed burn will occur between approximately **2pm – 5pm**. **DURING THE BURN SECTIONS OF HIGH PARK MAY BE CLOSED**. Rolling road closures in the park might be used to 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 High Complexity Burn 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 should 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.



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.