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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] ESA Management Business case #62

Dear Committee Members,

Please add this letter to the public agenda for your next meeting.

Budget planning is difficult and there are many needs. However, I am concerned about our green spaces, especially given that housing needs to be built for many. Therefore, when looking at the budget plans, I think it would be advisable to restore the ESA staffing team levels to the 2014 pattern by adding one more member in 2024, and to increase the ESA levels to one more person in 2026. This will cost an average of \$1.32 in property tax increase over a four year span.

There are 1900 hectares covering 12 city owned ESAs with only 4 ESA staff who monitor these important areas.

People absolutely need natural spaces to go to and explore and connect with our ever decreasing natural environment.

It has become more and more apparent that those who spend more time outdoors and less time sitting (literally), are generally healthier and happier. The medical community and therapists are becoming more aware of the need for people to get outside and away from screens etc.

I hope you will consider these issues in your decision making.  
Thank you! Margo Does. Bruce St London