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City Councillor - Ward 38, Scarborough Centre

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Chair and Members of Scarborough Community Council 150 Borough Drive Scarborough, Ont. M1P 4N7

Dear Colleagues:

Please accept this letter as my formal request for your support to change an old Section 37 agreement in my ward from construction of a pedestrian bridge linking the Equinox condo to the Scarborough Town Centre LRT Station, to an obligation to contribute \$850,000 to local projects in my ward that include improvements to: the Scarborough Civic Centre library, the Scarborough Animal Shelter, the Cliffcrest Community Centre, the Scarborough Walk of Fame, the Centennial Community Centre and the parking lot at the Thompson Memorial Park Tennis Club.

As you may know, Scarborough Community Council and the City of Toronto approved a Section 37 agreement with the Goldman Group/Equinox Development Group prior to November 2003 which required the developer to build a pedestrian bridge into the Scarborough Town Centre LRT Station.

It has been over seven years since the agreement was signed and the bridge has not been constructed.

As the local Councillor I support reallocating the \$800,000 letter of credit the City holds to other projects as outlined below. The developer of the project has agreed to this reallocation. I am therefore requesting that Scarborough Community Council request Toronto Council to approved the following motion:

1.) City Council authorize staff to amend the Official Plan and/or Zoning By-law, as may be required, to amend the provisions contained within the Section 37 Agreement that applies to the Equinox project on Brian Harrison Way; such amendments, if approved, to require the developer to provide \$850,000 towards the following improvement projects:

- * \$350,000 for the Scarborough Civic Centre Library and adjacent lands
- * \$100,000 for the Scarborough Animal Centre
- * \$100,000 for the Cliffcrest Community Centre as a one-time grant
- * \$100,000 for the parking lot at the Thompson Park Tennis Club
- * \$100,000 for the Scarborough Walk of Fame as a one-time grant
- * \$100,000 for the cricket pitch and other property improvements at the Centennial Community Centre

2.) City Council direct City Planning staff to report on this matter and hold a public meeting at the Wednesday, May 25, 2011 meeting of Scarborough Community Council.

3.) City Council ensure the Equinox developer provide easements that ensure future public access to any future pedestrian bridge that might be built.

4.) City staff be authorized to use the \$800,000 letter of credit to fund these projects and that staff report to the budget committee to include these projects in the appropriate 2011/2012 capital budgets, with a net zero impact on the city budget.

As a fellow Scarborough Councillor, I am requesting your support for my motion. If you have any questions regarding this matter please feel free to contact me at 416-392-0204.

Cheers,

Alen D'Barrade

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