

16 January 2018

Re: Rail Deck Park TEYCC 16 January 2018 TE29.15

To the Chair and members of the Toronto and East York Committee of Adjustment:

The staff recommendation at TE29.15 for refusal of the Rail Deck private initiative is too pessimistic. Our Association and other residents associations we've talked to think this need not be a zero sum game. Both the City and the PITS/ORCA team have something to contribute.

The ORCA team's planning and technical work – including the structural study by the Swedish firm Mammoet – is too valuable to lose. Instead of rejecting this work with its financial implications, Community Council might receive the staff report for information and urge the parties to continue working together for the public good.

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