

North York Community Preservation Panel

November 30, 2020

10th floor, West Tower, City Hall
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Toronto, ON M5H 2N2
Attention: Matthew Green

RE: IE18.2 North York Centre - Doris Avenue Extension (South Service Road - Environmental Assessment Addendum)

Dear Chair James Pasternak and Members, Infrastructure and Environment Committee

This is to express our strong support for the Environmental Assessment Addendum recommending a two phased approach:

Phase 1 – Interim Condition: Tradewind Avenue would be extended up to Sheppard Avenue East resulting in an offset intersection at Tradewind Avenue / Sheppard Avenue East and Doris Avenue / Sheppard Avenue.
Phase 2 – Future Condition: Doris Avenue would be realigned approaching Sheppard Avenue East to meet the northern extension of Tradewind Avenue, resulting in a single four-legged intersection, with a skew on the north-east quadrant.

This proposal will maintain the elevated (dome) of the Moorehead Park intact, which was to be sliced in two by the earlier (2015) North York Centre South Service Road EA proposal (see attached). Note that the Panel submitted a nomination of Moorehead Park as a Significant Cultural Heritage Landscape, and to The Cultural Landscape Foundation (TCLF) inventory.

We are pleased that ours and others' concerns were listened to and the design changes were made.

Respectfully submitted,

Geoff Kettel for

Alex Grenzebach, Interim Chair and
Geoff Kettel, Past Chair,

C.c. Councillor John Fillion, Ward 18, Willowdale
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Attachment

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June 25, 2015

Mr. Jason Diceman
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Dear Mr. Diceman,

Re : North York Centre, South Service Road

On behalf of the NYCPP it is requested that Moorehead Park shall remain untouched and preserved in accordance with the Heritage Policies of the City of Toronto Official Plan. OP Amendment #199

The reasons:

Moorehead Park represents a significant reliquary of the 1970-80's era in the City, now an example of sound City Planning practices.

Moorehead Park was designed specifically to high landscape architectural standards as a showcase entrance to the former CIL corporate headquarters.

Moorehead Park over time assumed unwittingly to be the front-yard of a second institution, namely the Catholic Board of Education.

Moorehead Park, designed by the prestigious Landscape Architects Firm of Moorhead. Fleming, Corban, Inc. 33 years ago has reached a maturity to make it a Toronto Landmark and a People Place. Remarkably the original Pavers of Nebraska Clay, known for their legendary quality have stood the test of time, while the vegetation, particularly the trees were able to reach maturity providing the visitors with their full potential of shade, essential oxygen and reduction of pollution unlike any newly planted trees which require again 30 years to reach the same quality.

Moorehead Park was named to commemorate a prominent Toronto family in the City in the 1800's.

With all due respect to the proponents of the Doris Ave. project, dissecting Moorehead Park will destroy a significant essential green space of which there are very few in the North Yonge corridor serving the massive high-rise developments.

Respectfully submitted



Karl Frank
OALA, CSLA Emeritus
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