



July 11, 2022 %

Executive Committee, City Council
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Re: EX34.4 Priority Downtown Parks and Public Realm Opportunities

Dear Executive Committee,

The Garment District Neighbourhood Association (GDNA) is a vibrant downtown community that is seeing exponential growth in development, and with the housing initiatives coming into play, will become even denser in the coming years.

We write in support of adoption of this item; downtown Toronto is currently lacking sufficient access to new Parkland and Public Realm facilities.

The GDNA's key goals include advocating to create new green spaces. We therefore appreciate and support the report recommendations by the City staff, to begin developing a master plan for parks and public spaces that will significantly increase access to new areas in the downtown core.

Expanding Toronto's existing parkland network is critical in supporting healthy, equitable, and livable neighbourhoods, in addition to improving overall environmental outcomes.

Sincerely yours,

Valerie Eggertson
Secretary