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COUNCILLOR, DON VALLEY EAST, WARD 34

October 12, 2012

To: Chair and Members, North York Community Council  
Francine Adamo, Administrator North York Community Council

Re: **Ceremonious dedication of the Don Valley Parkway Bridge over Underpass Gate**

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My office received requests from the families of two fallen Toronto police officers, that the City of Toronto recognize those officers for putting the safety of the community before their own.

On February 27<sup>th</sup>, 1972, Detectives Michael Irwin and Douglas Sinclair were killed by an armed suspect in the line of duty while investigating a domestic dispute at 267 Roywood Drive. As a gesture of our respect and admiration, we seek to honour Detectives Michael Irwin and Douglas Sinclair by ceremoniously dedicating the Don Valley Parkway bridge over Underpass Gate, located just north of 267 Roywood Drive, in their memory.

As residents of the City of Toronto we are forever grateful to Toronto's police officers who have demonstrated extraordinary courage by giving their lives to preserve our free and peaceful society. We must never forget the contribution of those men and women to whom we owe so much.

The Province of Ontario has permitted bridges and other highway structures to be named in memory of fallen police officers since 2002. My office has consulted with the community and only positive feedback was received.

## RECOMMENDATION:

1. North York Community Council request the General Manager, Transportation Services take whatever action is necessary to place a memorial sign on both the east and west facings of the bridge on the Don Valley Parkway over Underpass Gate which reads, "Detectives Michael Irwin and Douglas Sinclair Memorial Bridge", and includes the crest of the Toronto Police Service.

Sincerely,

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