



June 27, 2013

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Executive Committee Secretariat
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RE: Pan Am Path, 2015 Legacy Projects, Executive Committee Meeting 33, July 3rd

Dear Members of the Executive Committee:

We are so lucky to live in the City of Toronto. Around us, vibrant and diverse neighbourhoods spread from the core out to the suburbs, and with the 2015 Pan/Parapan American Games swiftly approaching, the time is rife to more consciously activate these communities by *physically* connecting them.

Today I write you on behalf of Jane's Walk, to both praise and strongly advocate for the Pan Am Path initiative that would achieve this connection by way of a continuous citywide trail. This project is simple, but truly powerful in its feasibility and impact.

As ardent promoters of walking the urban environment, Jane's Walk is a homegrown phenomenon which has taken Toronto's passion for walkability to over 100 cities around the world. In our own backyard, we'd like to keep showcasing our city as a leader in pedestrian culture and a supporter of accessible, living infrastructure. Stretching from Rexdale to Port Union, the Pan Am Path will help bridge the divide between our downtown and the inner suburbs, promoting active transportation and increased walkability and in turn improving the health of our city's residents. A network of small businesses and unique local economies will flourish when people can move easily by foot or on a bicycle between neighbourhoods, not to mention the value of this walkable ribbon as an urban landmark that may host pop-up attractions and events of its own.

It is our common goal to have an inclusive and beautiful city ready for the 2015 Pan/Parapan American Games. A few strategic connections will help accomplish this, unlocking access to over 75 kilometers of continuous trail and connecting key Pan Am sites too. Let's collaborate to ensure this unique and monumental project is seen through to completion. Please make the right choice.

Thank you for your time and consideration today.

Very best,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Denise Pinto".

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