



August 5, 2014

Chair, Planning and Growth Management Committee
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RE: PG 35.12: 844 Don Mills Road and 1150 Eglinton Avenue East - Official Plan Amendment Application - Preliminary Report

Dear Councillor,

We submit the following comments to ensure that the Committee is aware of the significance of this property in the context of the Don Valley trail system and the opportunity afforded by the rezoning to connect a missing link and create a truly functional trail network in the Don Valley.

The property is strategically located near, but not on, the Don River trail system (to the south), and across the CP Rail line from the Don Mills trail (formerly Leaside spur line) to the west and north. The latter currently has no "outlet" to the south (or even west to Leslie at the south end). The Celestica property with its private road access to and under Eglinton Avenue could become the connector providing the Don Mills trail with connectivity to the Don Trail system. There would need to be consideration for a crossing of the CP Rail line, either by bridge or under-pass.

We recommend that PGM Committee

- recommend to City Council that staff investigate and report back to Public Works and Infrastructure Committee in 2015 on the opportunity for enhanced trail connection between the Don Mills trail and the Don Valley Trail system in conjunction with the OPA application.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Submitted by

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For Geoff Kettel, Louis Fliss and Kyla Winchester, Co-Chairs

c.c. Councillor John Parker
Councillor Jaye Robinson
Councillor Denzil Minnan-Wong
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