

**City Council****Motion without Notice**

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**City Council Support for Evergreen Application to The Ontario Trillium Foundation - by Councillor Mary Fragedakis, seconded by Councillor Joe Mihevc**

*\* Notice of this Motion has not been given. A two-thirds vote is required to waive notice.  
\* This Motion is subject to referral to the Parks and Environment Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.  
This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

**Recommendations**

Councillor Mary Fragedakis, seconded by Councillor Joe Mihevc, recommends that:

1. City Council support the application by Evergreen to The Ontario Trillium Foundation for a Collective Impact Grant (the 'Grant') to support a collective impact strategy in support of the public use and enhancement of Toronto's ravines subject to the terms as approved by the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, such terms to include:

- a. the City's involvement in the Grant conform to the provisions of the Official Plan and its' amendments, as well as the by-laws, policies, and planning frameworks/initiatives currently in development or approved by City Council; and
- b. the City of Toronto Ravine Strategy, currently under the development and leadership of the City of Toronto, once approved by City Council, will act as the primary framework that guides all future City Commitments moving forward.

**Summary**

Parks, Forestry and Recreation, together with City Planning and Toronto Water is currently developing a Ravine Strategy in consultation with Economic Development and Culture and the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA). The development of the Strategy will also involve consultation with stakeholders and the public, and will be supported by a Ravine Strategy Advisory Group made up of internal and external stakeholders. Ravines provide many important ecological services and recreation opportunities. They are also a fragile resource. With population growth, new development and climate change putting increased pressure on ravines, a plan to guide their future management, use, enhancement and protection is critical. The City of Toronto Ravine Strategy will take into account the network of various related plans/strategies, regulations and by-laws and will contain a vision for the ravine system and a set of principles to guide planning and policy. It will also identify stewardship opportunities

and priorities for investment.

Evergreen is a national not-for-profit that has been working since 1991 to restore the connection between Canada's cities and the natural environment. Focusing on four program areas - Greenspace, Children, Food and CityWorks-Evergreen builds partnerships with diverse groups and engages key influencers and the public to inspire local action and create sustainable urban development.

Evergreen is submitting a proposal to The Ontario Trillium Foundation to support a collective impact strategy in support of the public use and enhancement of Toronto's ravines. This proposal will support "The Ribbon at the Lower Don", a Council-supported partnership initiative of Evergreen, the City of Toronto and the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority to improve the Lower Don through access, art and environment, as well as compliment the current work of the City staff to develop a city-wide ravine strategy.

This Motion is urgent as Evergreen must submit its proposal to The Ontario Trillium Foundation by early August.

### **Background Information (City Council)**

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<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2015/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-82059.pdf>