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September 9, 2016

His Worship Mayor John Tory
City Hall
Toronto, ON

Dear Mayor Tory,

John

It was with great interest that we read your recent announcement of the creation of Rail Deck Park in downtown Toronto, focused on protecting 21 acres of space in order to create a legacy park that will blanket the CN rail corridor between Blue Jays Way and Bathurst Street.

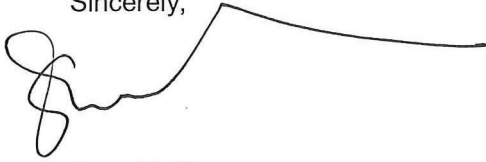
TD has a long history of supporting environmental projects both across the country and here in the City of Toronto. Beginning with the creation of TD Friends of the Environment Foundation over 25 years ago, the bank has taken an active role in supporting municipalities and community groups that are working to develop and enhance their local greenspaces. Here in Toronto, the Foundation alone has provided over \$9 million in funding to local organizations. We have also provided corporate donations for a number of larger projects and capacity building initiatives in the City, the most recent of which includes The Franklin Children's Garden with the City of Toronto and Grange Park with the Art Gallery of Ontario, as well as support for the Toronto-focused *Leading with Landscape* conference in 2015.

The announcement of the Rail Deck Park was of particular interest to us because it represents an opportunity to think of Toronto's greenspaces in a whole new way. With the intensification of our downtown neighbourhoods as well as the daily influx of people who work in the city's centre, the need for parks and open spaces, and their benefits to our health, is more critical now than ever.

The bold and creative vision behind Rail Deck Park will help all Torontonians envision how we can use space in innovative ways to create parks in neighbourhoods where large traditional parks are no longer feasible. It also represents an opportunity to rethink how we support the creation and ongoing maintenance of our park spaces, engaging the private sector, community-based organizations and local residents in the process to ensure their long-term success.

There is clearly much work to be done to ensure that Rail Deck Park becomes the world-class park that City of Toronto planners envision, with opportunities for input from a wide variety of stakeholders. Given our history of supporting greenspace development as well as other community-based initiatives, TD would very much like to be part of the conversation. As you move forward with this exciting initiative, please let us know how we can help.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Scott Mullin', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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