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City Clerk c/o Jennifer Forkes  
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Dear Jennifer:

**Re: Executive Committee Meeting Item 17.1**

### **Rail Deck Park: Work Plan for Official Plan Amendments and an Implementation Strategy**

Following on the announcement of the Rail Deck Park on August 3, 2016, the partnership of RioCan, Allied and Diamond Corp. ("RAD") issued our support to the City for this truly transformative venture to create 8.5 ha of parkland over the railway corridor. This is an incredible opportunity to realize a signature park that has the potential to garner worldwide attention. It is also a significant move towards eliminating a portion of Toronto's long standing barrier between the downtown and waterfront, while contributing in a substantive way to the City's Park system and public realm.

Collectively and individually, the RAD partners maintain strong commitments to city building. Recently, Diamond Corp.'s Garrison Point project was pivotal in securing funding and alongside the City and Metrolinx in ensuring delivery of a pedestrian and cycling bridge over the rail corridors east of Strachan Avenue. This city building initiative is currently under construction and will also contribute to bridging some of the gaps over the railway, that will connect several hectares of green space from Trinity Bellwoods Park in the north through to Coronation Park and the Lake in the south.

The RAD partners will support the City's updates to the planning framework as outlined in the staff report, and we look forward to an ongoing partnership with the City in the implementation of the Rail Deck Park.

Yours truly,

Stephen Diamond,  
President and CEO

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