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May 17, 2017

Dear Councillor Mammoliti

As an Emery Business Improvement Area (Emery BIA) board member, you are aware of the exciting project the BIA is developing in our community, in consultation with First Nations peoples, that will bring to life the indigenous history of Emery.

In Emery, there was evidence of pre-historic Indigenous habitation on a parcel of land now occupied by a hydro right-of-way, located south of Finch on the east side of Weston Road, to the north of Emery Collegiate Institute. The Ontario Archaeological Sites Database (OASD) maintained by the Ontario Ministry of Culture has identified the site as Ak Gv-12. While documented information about this site is almost non-existent, there is considerable archeological reportage on nearby sites that can assist in creating an ethnographic profile of the era when this site was used. The Emery BIA would like to celebrate this history by creating an interactive park on these lands that serves to educate the general public about the daily activities of these First Nations people. The Emery BIA has engaged the Huron Wendat, Six Nations of the Grand River and Mississaugas of New Credit accordingly. See the enclosed letters of support.

The park would be part of a bike path plan adopted by the Emery BIA board that will connect the northwest quadrant of the city to downtown via the Humber River system. This connection to the downtown core and park itself will serve to attract customers/consumers to our businesses. Prospective employees may also be attracted to the ability to access the workplace via bicycle, as well as traditional modes of transportation.

The park will also provide much-needed green space to this community. Research suggests that mental health is improved and stress is reduced when there is access to green, natural settings, leading to improved employee wellness.

As you are aware, the BIA staff recently met with the City of Toronto parks department to explore the opportunity for a partnership. Accordingly, the BIA staff and its consultants would appreciate the opportunity to present the concept for this park to the Etobicoke Community Council and requests your assistance in having it placed on the agenda.

Please don't hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or concerns.

Regards,

Sandra Farina ↓ Emery Village BIA



Mississaugas of The New Credit First Nation

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EMERY PARK PROJECT - SUPPORT IN PRINCIPLE

February 7, 2017

Sandra Farina, Executive Director Emery Village BIA 1885 Wilson Avenue, Suite 209 Toronto, ON M9M 1A2

Dear Ms Farina:

On behalf of the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation, I am pleased to express our support in principle for the Emery Park project as it relates to our First Nation.

To date, our meetings with Sutherland and Terraplan have progressed well. We appreciate the BIA's efforts and are pleased to continue working collaboratively in this regard.

Sincerely,

Chief R. Stacey Laforme

Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation



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Madame Sandra Farina Directrice executive Emery Business Improvement Area 1885, avenue Wilson, bureau 209 Toronto, ON M9M 1A2

Madame,

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Le projet Emery Park commence à prendre forme et représentera un lieu de partage culturel, spirituel et social des plus stimulants pour les trois Nations qui y sont associées ainsi que pour la population canadienne.

La Nation huronne-wendat accueille favorablement cette idée et souhaite y travailler de près. Cette démarche permettra à la culture, à l'histoire et aux talents wendat de briller par leur force et leur vivacité. De plus, le concept de parc fournira aux trois Nations touchées l'occasion de parler d'elles, à leur façon, dans un but de partage, de tolérance et d'ouverture.

Les Hurons-Wendat désirent être impliqués directement, et ce, à chacune des étapes de ce projet rassembleur. L'emplacement choisi pour sa réalisation se trouve sur la terre foulée par nos ancêtres et ce lien intemporel nous interpelle profondément. Je suis donc en attente de la réception des documents pertinents et actualisés qui y sont rattachés.

Recevez, Madame, mes salutations, les plus cordiales.

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Konrad Sioui

Grand Chef



January 26, 2017

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Dear Ms. Di Mambro:

Re: Emery Park

This letter is to provide support for the Emery Village Business Improvement Area (EVBIA) for the creation of Emery Park located on Weston Road and Finch Avenue in Toronto. The Sutherland Corporation Inc. is representing the EVBIA in this initiative.

This support is for the overall concept only and does not constitute an approval for the final site plan. Six Nations is in support of the general concept which includes:

- location of the berms
- location and length of the pathways
- location of the gathering circle

Do not hesitate to contact Joanne Thomas, Consultation Supervisor, Six Nations Lands and Resources, at 519-753-0665 or email her at jthomas@sixnations.ca if you have any other questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Chief G. Ava Hill

Six Nations of the Grand River