

March 23, 2018

Marilyn Toft 12th floor, West Tower, City Hall 100 Queen Street West Toronto ON M5H 2N2

Re: <u>PW27.1 REimagining Yonge (Sheppard to Finch) Municipal Class Environmental</u> Assessment Study

Dear Mayor Tory, and Members of City Council:

Having reviewed the report and assessment on the REimagining Yonge Street project, the Eglinton Park Residents' Association encourages you to support the City staff's recommendations and **approve the** *Transform Yonge* **option**.

The conclusions of the REimagining Yonge report are rooted in extensive research done not just once, but twice, proving that *Transform Yonge* is the better option for improving walkability, cycling and accessibility, while still maintaining vehicular traffic flow. As noted, this is the opportunity to create the 'attractive and consistent streetscape' that the City of Toronto wants... and needs. Statistics on Yonge Street collisions (compared to Beecroft Road) speak for themselves. *Transform Yonge* would be a cornerstone in achieving the Vision Zero Road Safety Plan. Approving this option should still leave some room for perfecting the final plan, but the foundation needs to be set.

To become a 'vibrant urban environment,' Yonge Street in the North York Centre needs transformation, as aptly described. Toronto is a world-class city, and needs to do its part to maintain its status.

Sincerely

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