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To the members of the Economic Development Committee care of Nancy Martins –
Meeting Secretary

I am emailing the Committee to offer my organisation's full support of the recent report commissioned by OCAD U and the University of Toronto. A number of the staff at The Bentway Conservancy have been able to review the report and we think the recommendations are well researched and carefully thought through. We hope that committee adopts these recommendations.

As a new location underneath the Gardiner Expressway, we are familiar with the impact that public art can have on both residents and visitors to this city. Great art work in the right context can engage the public and create a conversation that drives this city forward in terms of worldwide recognition. The City of Toronto has a long history of enabling both permanent and temporary artworks, we hope that this report enables further art works to be commissioned by the City, it's partners and the community at large.

Yours truly,

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