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Attn: Ellen Devlin
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RE: Request for Municipal Significance/Non-Objection for The Bentway Winter Season

Dear Ms. Devlin,

The Bentway, formerly known as Project: Under Gardiner, is a unique and innovative public space that will transform the vacant and forgotten area underneath Toronto's Gardiner Expressway into a new gathering place for our city's growing population. The project is overseen by a new non-profit organization called The Bentway Conservancy in collaboration with a range of partners including the City of Toronto, Waterfront Toronto, and our closest neighbour Fort York National Historic Site.

On January 6, 2018, The Bentway will open its signature ice skating trail to the public, marking the first in a series of sections of the site to be completed. Kicking off with a grand opening celebration on January 6 as well as the Mayor's Annual Skate Party on January 7, The Bentway will continue to host a full season of free programming through to mid March.

As part of our ongoing winter programming, The Bentway is planning to obtain a special occasion permit to license a 1,472 sq ft outdoor section of our site adjacent to Fort York Visitors Centre at 250 Fort York Blvd (please see the attached site map for more details). Alcohol service is planned on Fridays and Saturdays from 5pm to 11pm as well as Sundays and Mondays from 5pm to 9pm between January 6 and March 17, 2018. To allow for occasional special events, the AGCO has advised that we licence for the duration of our winter season.

The Bentway has hired licensed security and SmartServe-certified bar staff to ensure the safety and enjoyment of visitors to our site. The Bentway has also obtained noise exemption permits for our activities. We will actively work to ensure that sound is always ambient in nature and be respectful of the adjacent neighborhood.

On behalf of The Bentway Conservancy, I would like to request that The Bentway be considered by the Toronto East York Community Council for municipal significance. We look forward to working closely with our partners at the City of Toronto to ensure a safe and enjoyable series of events at The Bentway this winter.

Sincerely,

Julian Sleath
CEO, The Bentway Conservancy