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**Chair and Board of CreateTO**

**RE: Opportunity for Potential Relocation and Expansion of the Deer Park Library**

Dear Chair and Board Members,

The Deer Park Library is an important hub that offers programming and services to youth, seniors as well as serving the broader Yonge & St. Clair community. It also provides affordable office and meeting space for non-profit, NGO's and local community groups.

The TPL Board at its June 22, 2020 meeting endorsed entering into negotiations regarding a potential relocation of the Deer Park Library site and outlined a number of financial and operational issues that need to be addressed as part of the negotiations. I encourage CreateTO to work closely with the Toronto Public Library on any potential opportunity being explored to ensure that the end result delivers an expanded, modernized and improved library facility to the community, regardless of the development outcome at 1485 Yonge Street.

If the Board approves the recommendations from the Chief Executive Officer of CreateTO, it will be necessary to launch a public consultation process on the potential library relocation and any future uses at 40 St. Clair Av E. A high standard of public participation as well as following good planning principles are very important as it relates to the future use of publicly-owned lands. As the local ward councillor, I will be pleased to help facilitate timely and productive conversations with neighbours and stakeholders, including the Deer Park Residents' Group, as well as local tenant associations and condo boards.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Josh Matlow". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping flourish that extends to the left.

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