



MIDTOWN RAVINES GROUP

A consortium of residents associations working for better ecological balance and improved park use in ravines in Midtown Toronto.

October 16, 2020

Councillor Jennifer McKelvie, Chair,
and Members
Infrastructure and Environment Committee
Toronto City Council
City Hall, Toronto

Re: Item 25.17 — Creating the East Toronto Railpath

Dear Councillor McKelvie and Committee members,

We are writing in support of Councillor Layton's request that City Council (1) ask the City Manager to explore the possibilities of purchasing or leasing the unused rail right-of-way from the CPR line north of Nesbitt Park down to and including the unused rail bridge over the Don River and (2) if purchase or lease is feasible, set up a Working Group to help design and develop the proposed East Toronto RailPath on the acquired land and bridge.

The potential for an additional trail accessing the Don Trail from lands to the north is exciting. And with the increased demand for outdoor recreation space resulting from what people have learned during Covid, there is a need for as many opportunities for walking and bicycling as possible.

We hope that you will adopt the recommendations before you.

Yours truly,

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The Midtown Ravines Group is an incorporated non-profit organization formed by seven Residents Associations in Midtown Toronto. The member associations are the ABC Residents Association, the Bloor East Neighborhood Association, the Deer Park Residents Group, the Moore Park Residents Association, the North and South Rosedale Residents Associations, and the Summerhill Residents Association.