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**Re: Parkdale Hub**

To the members of the CreateTO Board,

I am writing to convey my strong support for the Parkdale Hub project.

In 2017, I brought forward a motion to City Council to determine the feasibility of a coordinated City plan for the city-owned properties at the Queen/Cowan intersection. The goal being to build the City's capacity to think and plan in a more coordinated and effective manner. As a project focused on interdivisional collaboration, it provides CreateTO the opportunity to put the City-wide real estate model in action.

This cluster of public facilities, each of which requires state of good repair work and/or improvements, provides a unique opportunity to plan and build the City's assets in a coordinated manner, taking advantage of existing adjacencies to create spaces that more efficiently and effectively serve the Parkdale community. South Parkdale is a community with greater need for support and services as it is one of the neighbourhood improvement areas identified by the City. There is a real opportunity with this project to improve the lives of Parkdale residents through improved programming, the creation of new affordable housing, and stronger community supports for some of our most vulnerable residents.

As the project team has engaged the wider community in the development of this project through community consultations, we have received overwhelming positive feedback about this project. One of the aspects of this project that the community is most excited about is the creation of new community spaces on the project site. Currently, Parkdale organizations find it very challenging to find affordable spaces for their community programming. The community spaces created by this project will be a vital support to meet the on-going needs of community residents.

Overall, the City's investment in the Parkdale Hub project is one that will create so many benefits for the residents and organizations that call the community home. I am very excited for the next stages of this work, and look forward to continue working closely with the team at CreateTO to help this project become a strong anchor in our community.

Best,  
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