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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.

As part of the second phase of the feasibility study, the project team has completed a comprehensive design # exercise which included advancing architectural design work, a construction phasing strategy, # environmental due diligence, negotiations for a strategic property acquisition, a preliminary civil # engineering assessment, high-level costing analysis, while engaging the community and key stakeholders.

The project team has engaged the community in the development of this project through community # consultations and various working groups and we received overwhelming positive feedback about this # project. The community is particularly excited for the next phase of the study as it will facilitate the delivery of affordable housing through a City initiated rezoning process and the procurement of non-profit # housing development partner. #

This project will create an opportunity to bring the cluster of public facilities at the Queen/Cowan intersection to a state of good repair in a coordinated manner while creating affordable community spaces # where Parkdale organizations can continue to provide programming to meet the needs of residents in the # neighbourhood. #

Overall, the City's investment in the Parkdale Hub project is one that will create many benefits for the residents and organizations that call the community home. It is a project unique in its scale, in its engagement of different City agencies and in its diversity of benefits to the community. # It provides a real opportunity 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.

I look forward to continuing to work closely with the CreateTO team to bring this important project to # fruition. #

Best, #

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