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January 27th, 2022

Councillor Gary Crawford and Members of the Budget Committee
10W - 100 Queen Street West,
Toronto, Ontario, M5N 2H2

Attention: Matthew Green

Dear Councillor Crawford and Committee Members,

RE: BU44.1 - Operating Budgets

The Toronto Nature Stewards (TNS) are a group of volunteers working with the City of Toronto's Parks, Recreation & Forestry department (PRF) to pilot a project that will protect our natural areas by adding the work of a growing number of volunteer stewards. Together, we have made great progress.

We have reviewed the Budget Briefing note (BU44.1) and are pleased to know that litter removal and stewardship are being supported in the budget despite difficult times due to COVID-19. TNS looks forward to continuing to work with PFR and expanding the pilot project stewardship initiative.

Sincerely,

Paul Scrivener

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