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Via email: exc@toronto.ca

Ms. Julie Amoroso
Executive Committee Secretariat, Toronto City Council
Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen Street West
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To Mayor Tory and the Members of the Executive Committee:

**Re: July 12, 2022 Meeting
EX34.4 Priority Downtown Parks and Public Realm Opportunities**

The Bay Cloverhill Community Association represents the residents of the Charles Street West/Yonge Street/College Street/Queen's Park Crescent neighbourhood. We strongly support the expansion of green space in our park deficient neighbourhood, specifically University Park. With the rapidly increasing population due to the provincial mandate for intensification along the subway lines, residents need to have access to outdoor space for their own mental health, provide an opportunity for children to play and a social outlet for connecting with friends.

One of our main objectives is to emphasize the pedestrianization of the neighbourhood and allow people to connect on a personal level while walking or cycling. University Park would be an excellent venue to achieve this goal. It is much safer for cyclists to maximize their safety by having their own space separate from vehicles and pedestrians.

The unique chance to restore Taddle Creek would benefit area buildings from flooding, especially in light of the City's new building requirements that mandate new below grade construction must be completely waterproofed, which would divert any water to existing buildings and could cause major water issues. In addition, badly needed environmental benefits from trees, plants and grass would be achieved. We hope that pollinator plants would be an integral part of landscaping, given the lack of existing trees and plants in the area.

Respectfully,

Bay Cloverhill Community Association Executive Board

cc: FoSTRA
Councillor Mike Layton, Ward 11 University-Rosedale

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