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Executive Committee, City Council  
100 Queen Street West  
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

**Re: EX34.4 Priority Downtown Parks and Public Realm Opportunities**

Dear Mayor Tory and members of the Executive Committee,

We write in support of adoption of this item. The East Waterfront Community Association (EWCA) includes the East Bayfront, with our area of coverage starting from East of Yonge Street to Cherry Street and from Lake Shore Boulevard East down to the Water's Edge Promenade.

Our downtown community area is currently undergoing massive revitalization and redevelopment including Canada's tallest 95-storey condominium at Pinnacle One, plus numerous 20 to 80-storey condominiums at Menkes Sugar Wharf, Lakeside Residences, Empire Quay House, Menkes Innovation Centre, Hines T3 Timber, GBC Lumberlost Place, Pier 27 Phase 3, Victory Silos Condos, 3C Waterfront, Quayside and Parliament Slip.

With the ongoing expansion in residential development and sizeable population growth over the next five years in the East Bayfront, in addition to the planned institutional growth plus more demand from visitors and tourism to access the Waterfront, our current parks and public realm options are deficient for families and visitors. EWCA is fully supportive of the report and endorse the recommendations to create new large parks, specifically along our Waterfront area.

As active members of FoSTRA (Federation of South Residents Association), given the projected downtown population growth is estimated to double by 2041 (versus 2016), we also support the recommendations of their Parks Action Committee regarding this initiative to prioritize and accelerate the overall implementation.

EWCA thank you for the opportunity to provide our input on this agenda item.

Yours sincerely,

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**EAST WATERFRONT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**