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South Toronto
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Executive Committee, City Council
100 Queen Street West
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Re: EX34.3 Growth Funding Tools - Alternative Parkland Dedication Rate - Interim Report

Dear Mayor Tory and Executive Committee Members,

We write in support of adoption of this item; the City needs more resources for Parkland and amenities.

FoSTRA is a federation that currently represents 25 residents' associations in the five downtown Wards 4, 9, 10, 11 and 13. We appreciate the City's efforts to update its growth-related funding tools framework to improve overall access to new infrastructure and services in order to fund the growth and demand resulting from development.

Our Parks Action Committee was formed earlier this year as a result of members concerns regarding the ongoing and rapid decline of available parkland, especially in high growth residential areas. Our key goals include creating new green spaces in our residential areas and the need for better management and maintenance of current parks.

With the ongoing expansion in residential development, the City's intensification strategy and projected population growth, FoSTRA is therefore supportive of the interim report and recommendations as outlined by The General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation and Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning to the proposed changes to the parkland dedication rate plus the Parkland Refresh strategy.

While the proposed changes are a welcomed improvement, we urge the City and our Councillors to recognize that ongoing effort is required to continually seek opportunities and programs to expand our existing parkland network as this is critical in supporting healthy, equitable, and livable neighbourhoods, in addition to improving overall environmental outcomes.

We appreciate the opportunity for continued engagement and public consultation on the analysis of the impacts of Bill 109's legislative changes on the proposed density-responsive parkland dedication approach through early 2023 and the final report to City Council in late 2023.

Sincerely yours,

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