



MIDTOWN RAVINES GROUP

A consortium of residents associations working for better ecological balance and improved park use in ravines in Midtown Toronto.

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Councillor Jennifer McKelvie, Chair,
and Members,
Infrastructure and Environment Committee
City Council, City of Toronto

By email to: iec@toronto.ca

RE: Item 29.14 - Metrolinx Don Valley Layover Facility

Councillor McKelvie, Members:

We are writing to express our deep disappointment at the lack of substantive progress in the City's negotiations with Metrolinx on this matter. We strongly believe that the Don Valley Park is a vital component of Toronto's ravine system and deplore Metrolinx's unwillingness to explore alternatives to locating its proposed layover facility in this parkland. We strongly urge City Council to refuse to transfer parkland to Metrolinx in the Don Valley.

We believe Metrolinx can find other sites that can meet its layover needs. We urge your committee to send this report to City Council rather than merely receiving it for information. And we urge you to take a strong stand in support of preserving the Don Valley parkland.

Yours truly,

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The Midtown Ravines Group is an incorporated non-profit organization formed by seven Residents Associations in Midtown Toronto. The member associations are the ABC Residents Association, the Bloor East Neighborhood Association, the Deer Park Residents Group, the Moore Park Residents Association, the North and South Rosedale Residents Associations, and the Summerhill Residents Association.