



May 24, 2022

Re: Ravine Strategy Implementation Update at Infrastructure & Environment Committee Meeting on May 25, 2022

Evergreen is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to making cities flourish. For more than 30 years, we have been deeply connected to the ravines, with one of our first community stewardship events taking place in the Lower Don. The ravines provide a landscape that is rich in biodiversity supporting ecological benefits while acting as a refuge from the urban landscape.

In 2010, the ravines became our permanent home when we worked with the City of Toronto and TRCA to transform the abandoned Don Valley Brick Works factory into a cultural and environmental centre. In the decade since then, we have engaged thousands of visitors to the ravines through public programming including stewardship, children's programs, markets, community celebrations, and public art.

Evergreen played a critical role in supporting the advancement of the Ravine Strategy, and currently, through a Memorandum of Understanding, we are deeply committed to advancing the Loop Trail, in partnership with the City and TRCA.

Evergreen looks forward to continuing to engage in the Ravine Strategy, specifically, delivering the Loop Trail, which is a key flagship project that will increase access and connect all Torontonians to the ravine system from Rouge National Urban Park, through the Meadoway to the heart of the city.

Evergreen will also continue our participation in and support of Ravine Days, an annual celebration of these beautiful and unique green spaces.

Thank you for your tireless efforts in championing the Ravine Strategy.

Sincerely,

Geoff Cape, CEO Evergreen