



**November 7, 2023**

Toronto City Hall  
100 Queen Street West  
Toronto, Ontario  
M5H 2N2

**RE: IE7.8 - Connected Communities: Advancing Year-Round Trails between Earl Bales Park and York Mills Station. Parks, Forestry & Recreation**

Dear Members of Toronto City Council,

**Toronto Environmental Alliance supports the motion, Connected Communities: Advancing Year-Round Trails Between Earl Bales Park and York Mills Station.**

The City of Toronto's TransformTO targets calls for 75% of trips under 5km to be taken outside of private vehicles by the year 2030. One of the ways that this proposal would help meet Toronto's TransformTO goals is to provide additional, protected, active transportation options that would pass underneath the 401 – a highway that poses a significant physical barrier for the types of active transportation routes we need to achieve our TransformTO goals.

Additionally, greater public access to green spaces is a vital tool for Toronto communities to adapt to the increased extreme heat events that City of Toronto projections predict will be more prevalent locally.

It is our hope that this proposal be implemented and that far more projects that prioritize the needs of pedestrians and cyclists also be instituted throughout the city.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'How-Sen Chong', with a stylized, sweeping flourish at the end.

How-Sen Chong  
Climate Campaigner  
Toronto Environmental Alliance