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**MM5.33 - Getting the Gardiner Right: Moving Forward with a New Study on Better Options for the Gardiner East
City Council Meeting March 29, 2023**

Dear Acting Mayor McKelvie and City Councillors:

The Lytton Park Residents' Organization (LPRO) is an incorporated non-profit association, representing residents living in the area bounded by Lawrence Avenue West to Roselawn and Briar Hill Avenues, Yonge Street to Saguenay and Proudfoot Avenue.

The Lytton Park Residents' Organization is in support of a review of the accounting for the elevated Gardiner East compared to an at-ground expressway, including ongoing maintenance costs.

Reasons for a study of the overall costs include:

- An elevated expressway and its ramps would use a very large proportion of the City's 10-year capital budget, leaving less money for all the rest of our City's capital needs.
- It is better to cut your losses rather than to continue wasting tax money now and into the future on a bad project.
- An at-grade road could open up acres of City-owned land to allow for construction of much-needed housing.
- Elevated expressways through downtown cities and waterfronts are a relic of the past.
- Given the high cost of building and maintaining an elevated Gardiner East connection to the DVP, a thorough review should be done now before any contracts are signed. There may be significant cost savings into the future. City land may become available for housing.

Given the above, we support a study on better options for the Gardiner East.

Sincerely,

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