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To the City Clerk, Coun. Holyday, Coun. Dianne Saxe, Coun. Bravo:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the October 10, 2024 City Council meeting on item 2024.PH15.1, Official Plan Policy Amendments for Infrastructure Projects in Parks and Open Space Areas - Decision Report

I understand that my comments and the personal information in this email will form part of the public record and that my name will be listed as a correspondent on agendas and minutes of City Council or its committees. Also, I understand that agendas and minutes are posted online and my name may be indexed by search engines like Google.

Comments:

We appreciate your commitment to reducing redundancy to this matter and request you to consider any unintended consequences of remaining holes in the amendments for this matter:

City leased lands under Toronto Hydro Corridor which are not eligible for Affordable housing, lands not identified as Essential Public works. These unique plots of land are in danger of being declared surplus and destroyed.

Namely 31 Blackthorn Ave, GreenP #246 (Ward 9), an essential 37-spot parking lot along the St.Clair Streetcar line, in a previously neglected area soon to be inundated with an explosion of population but little infrastructure planning for cars or parking. We will need this current amenity when development proceeds in the near future.

#246 is home to Communauto, ZipCar, is the only accessible parking for the Parishioners at Cornerstone Baptist Tabernacle, the right of way for St.Clair west north-side businesses and the only overnight off-street permit parking lot in a 20-minute walk. It has been declared surplus and may not be wholly protected under the new amendments. It currently provides great use and should instead, be considered for revitalization measures.

Please do not allow the Toronto Parking Authority an easy means to allow this unique amenity be declared surplus and handed off to be destroyed when it should be the place for future above-ground transit, bike share, carshare and pedestrian and community amenities.

I trust you will take this into consideration in your amendments and thank you if you have already done so.

~Kind regards, St. Clair Gardens Residents Association st.clairgardensgroup@gmail.com Mailing address available on request