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**Comments to City Council Meeting – March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Re: ITEM IA16.1 – New Linear Park for Scarborough in Review**

**From: Scarborough Community Renewal Organization, Larry Whatmore, President**

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March 20, 2024

The Scarborough Community Renewal Organization wishes to reaffirm our support for a new linear park and an active transportation corridor along the Scarborough RT right of way.

For now, this right of way is very much needed for the Scarborough busway, which was recently funded as part of the 2024 City budget, for which we are grateful.

However, this right of way offers important public realm benefits once the Scarborough subway extension opens and this right of way is no longer required for this purpose.

SCRO sees the High Line in New York City, the Beltline in Atlanta, and the Kay Gardner Beltline here in Toronto as visionary models for what we could aspire to here in Scarborough.

SCRO urges Council to continue to move forward on the feasibility study for this – and to do so with a sense of urgency, knowing how long it can take for projects of this scale and complexity to be completed.

Toronto residents, and Scarborough residents especially, would benefit enormously from such an inspired project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Whatmore', written over a horizontal line.

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