To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the January 9, 2024 Infrastructure and Environment Committee meeting on item 2024.IE10.4, Endangered Species Habitat Replacement on Public Lands

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Comments:

I am writing in support of this motion because it will help to discourage further loss of endangered species habitat. Despite being a large urban centre, Toronto is fortunate to have priceless pockets of high quality habitat. Trying to replace original habitat with restoration of an alternate site is like trying to put Humpty Dumpty back together again - it's never the same as preserving what was already established over decades and centuries of natural ecological systems. This proposed change will help support Toronto's Biodiversity Strategy.

Thank you for supporting this motion.

Karen Yukich, a member of ProtectNatureTO