



Councillor Dianne Saxe
100 Queen Street West, Suite C47
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Thursday February 8, 2024

Dear Councillor Saxe,

Re: Request to Release Section 37 Funds for Jesse Ketchum Track Upgrade

The ABC Residents Association is a volunteer organization committed to enhancing the quality of life in our neighborhood through active participation in municipal issues. We serve the residents living in Toronto's Yorkville/North Midtown community between Yonge Street, west to Avenue Road, and Bloor Street, north to the CPR tracks.

On behalf of ABCRA, we request that \$300,000 from the 1 Bloor St W Section 37 contribution funds be released and allocated to Jesse Ketchum Public School for their ongoing playfield and running track upgrade. ABCRA will be matching these funds with our own \$300,000 donation to the project. We were proud to partner with Jesse Ketchum on their gym revitalization, which opened last year.

This partnership is an acknowledgment of the importance of Jesse Ketchum's playground and track to the school, but also to the wider community. For many, access to this outdoor space was a lifeline during the initial COVID-19 lockdowns. As part of this financial support from the City of Toronto, the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) will draft an access agreement to ensure this important green asset remains available to the community for many years to come.

Sincerely,

The ABC Residents Association,
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