

Federation of South Toronto RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATIONS

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Olivia Chow **Toronto City Council** Toronto City Hall 100 Queen Street West Toronto, ON M5H 2N2 clerk@toronto.ca

## CC 28.1 Queens Park North Philanthropic Partnership

Dear Mayor Chow,

The Federation of South Toronto Residents Associations (FoSTRA) is a community-based organization that currently represents 29 residents' associations (RAs) in the five downtown wards – Wards 4, 9, 10, 11 and 13 – and, through these RAs, hundreds of thousands of Toronto residents.

FoSTRA is aware of the real concerns expressed by community groups regarding Queens Park North.

We believe that, with the decreasing ratio of green space per resident as Toronto aggressively intensifies the downtown core, the preservation of natural parkland is becoming increasingly important. As such, any initiatives to either commercialize existing parkland or develop event infrastructure will adversely impact the ability for the quiet enjoyment so desperately needed by residents.

Secondly, any design process should include strong representation from the surrounding communities, such as the one formed for the rehabilitation of the Grange Park, one of the more successful planning collaborations this City has seen in decades.



We urge the City Council to adopt these recommendations to ensure a successful outcome that will serve our residents for generations to come.

Sincerely yours,

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Rick Green Chair

cc. City Council cc. FoSTRA Member RAs