

November 7, 2025

Mayor Chow and Toronto City Councillors

We ask that you support the advice and counsel of the city solicitor to appeal the Ontario Land Tribunal decision to approve a four tower condo development totally within the ravine lands of the East Don River.

As you know, our Toronto ravine system is a distinctive feature of the city's geography, consisting of a network of deep ravines, which forms a large urban forest that runs through most of Toronto. The ravine system is the largest in any city in the world, with the Ravine and Natural Feature Protection Bylaw protecting approximately 110 square kilometres (42 sq mi) of public and privately owned land.

Our ravine system has been presented as a central characteristic of the city, with the size of the ravine system leading Toronto to be described as "a city within a park".

Allowing the developer to build in a ravine would set a terrible precedent that will endanger our natural heritage system forever.

City planning staff along with TRCA have done considerable work in detailing the reasons for their denial of the developers application <https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2023.NY8.9> only to be overridden by the OLT.

Once again to preserve and protect Toronto's unique ravine system today and for future generations, please support an appeal of the OLT decision by the city solicitor

Thank you

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