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To City Council,

Re: Item CC34.7 - 847-855 Kingston Road - Ontario Land Tribunal Hearing - Request for Directions

For Council Meeting held November 12 to 14, 2024

We need your support at Council to protect the fragile Glen Stewart Ravine in Ward 19, East Toronto, from severe ecological damage. Gabriele Homes is seeking zoning changes at Kingston Rd. and Beech Ave to build a condo perched on the ravine's edge (property address 847-855 Kingston Rd; City of Toronto Application Number: 15171595STE32OZ; Case Information OLT-24-001142).

We are appealing to all members of Council to help save this precious and vital ecosystem before it's too late and ask Council to uphold existing Official Plan policies. Deviation would be offering this developer preferential treatment while weakening environmental and climate protections.

We ask that you vote NO to any settlement for this site unless it:

- (1) Conforms with the Official Plan's Natural Environmental Planning and TRCA requirements for at least a 10-metre setback from the ravine edge/stable top of slope.
- (2) Maintains current "neighbourhood" zoning designation to discourage the over-development of this sensitive site.
- (3) Maintain the mature tree canopy required for slope stability and biodiversity integrity of the ravine.

This site is unique because the ravine's shelf is narrow and the slope is steep, leading to a spring-fed creek. The Glen Stewart Ravine is a designated Environmentally Significant Area (ESA). It is one of the last remnants of the Carolinian forest in Toronto and is home to more than 800 species of plants, insects and animals, some of which are endangered and rare in the city. It is also a critical resting spot for migratory birds. Building on this site and removing mature trees will threaten the integrity of this ravine and its slope.

Any development that ignores the TRCA rules, conflicts with the City's Ravine Strategy and is not consistent with the City's latest Official Plan for growth, will set a precedent that would threaten all of Toronto's ravines. **It is in the City's best interest to support public acquisition of the ravine-edge parcel, which is in line with the Toronto Ravine Strategy's investment objective.**

If we don't protect this site now, it will be gone forever. Thank you for your continued leadership in balancing smart development in the right places.

Thank you,

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