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To Toronto City Council,

**Re: Item DM35.1 – 847–855 Kingston Road – Ontario Land Tribunal Hearing – Request for Directions (Deferred to Council Meeting December 16–18, 2025)**

To Toronto City Council,

We are writing to express firm opposition to any proposed settlement that would permit zoning changes and overdevelopment at 847–855 Kingston Road, overlooking Glen Stewart Ravine in Ward 19. Gabriele Homes is requesting approval to build an 11-storey condo directly above a steep, narrow ravine shelf—an ecologically fragile and spiritually significant site.

This is not just a matter of planning. It is a **relational rupture** in the making.

The Glen Stewart Ravine—known to parts of the urban Indigenous community as “Secret Ravine”—is not just a green space. It is a ceremonial place, tended for generations by Fire Keepers, including members of Turtle Island Carers of Fire (TICOF), and it remains a site of grief, healing, and continuity for Indigenous families in Tkaronto.

*“We do not have a church. The land is our church... As original caretakers of the land, it is our obligation and honour to protect it.”*

—Sky Wind Woman, Bear Clan

The proposed development threatens both the **integrity of this sacred site** and the ability of urban Indigenous families to maintain their relationships with it. When Council approves developments that violate its own ecological and Indigenous engagement commitments, it communicates that these relationships are expendable. That land is legible only as property. That ceremony can be zoned out.

We urge you to **vote NO to any settlement** unless it:

1. Upholds a **minimum 10-metre ecological setback** from the stable top-of-slope, in alignment with the City’s Official Plan and TRCA guidelines.
2. Maintains the **neighbourhood zoning designation** to prevent intensification on a geologically unstable and ecologically vital site.
3. Protects the **mature tree canopy** essential for slope stability, biodiversity, and ceremonial privacy.
4. Initiates or supports **public acquisition of the ravine-edge parcel** for long-term community stewardship and Indigenous access, consistent with the Toronto Ravine Strategy.

This ravine is a designated Environmentally Significant Area (ESA), home to rare species and a vital migratory bird corridor. But more than that—it is a site of living relationships. Approving a development that disregards those relationships would set a dangerous precedent across all Toronto ravines—ecologically, legally, and morally.

At the most recent meeting, Indigenous community members voiced their objections and called for Council to pause. That deferral was not a procedural delay—it was an **invitation**. To listen differently. To act with responsibility. To stand beside those who carry a long and ongoing relationship with this land.

Please meet this invitation with action.

Thank you for your attention, your discernment, and your willingness to do more than the minimum.

In responsibility,

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