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Re: EC25.4 – Mount Dennis Community for All Action Plan

Dear Economic and Community Development Committee,

As Executive Director of CP Planning, I am writing to express strong support for the *Mount Dennis Community for All Action Plan*. CP Planning participated in various aspects of its public engagement process, including April's People's Summit – where we saw firsthand how residents, community organizations, and partners shaped a clear set of priorities grounded in lived experience and a shared commitment to protecting the well-being of Mount Dennis residents.

Mount Dennis is facing rapid change driven by transit investment and development interest. The City's reports highlight that many residents — particularly newcomers, Black communities, low-income households, seniors, and renters — are at heightened risk of displacement. I applaud the fantastic work of the Learning Enrichment Foundation and the various City division teams who have spent countless hours building pathways for intentional strategies to preserve and enhance affordability and community stability.

The *Action Plan* includes practical targets and long-term structures that remove barriers to housing security, cultural expression, and inclusive economic participation.

CP Planning supports the plan's key components, including:

- **Preserving housing and commercial affordability**, through a community-led land trust, non-profit purchase of property for community purposes, capacity-building supports, and an equity scorecard that tracks outcomes.

- **Implementing tangible anti-displacement strategies**, including an Anti-Displacement Fund and expanded access to renter-focused legal and educational programs.
- **Establishing a 10-year implementation and monitoring framework**, with a community partnership table and ongoing engagement with Indigenous and Black communities.

These measures align with the Mount Dennis Secondary Plan and reflect best practices in human-rights-based, community-led planning. They also advance broader citywide commitments to protect affordability, nurture inclusive economies, and ensure that neighbourhood change supports, rather than displaces, long-time residents.

For these reasons, CP Planning urges the Economic and Community Development Committee and City Council to adopt the *Mount Dennis Community for All Action Plan* and to resource its implementation over the next decade. We look forward to continued collaboration with the City and community partners in advancing this important work.

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