

July 20, 2025

Members, Toronto City Council

Re: Member motions MM32.15 and MM32.22

We are writing to ask you to support the motions moved by Councillors Saxe and Matlow and seconded by Mayor Chow.

The effect of the motions will be to authorize and fund the development of a holistic and fully costed Master Plan for the Vale of Avoca that will provide us with the data we need to be able to appeal to prospective donors for the funds that will be required to implement the Master Plan.

The Vale of Avoca is a resource that, in close proximity to the many high-density residential developments proposed for the Yonge corridor, can provide much-needed recreational space for new and existing residents. Doing so requires restoration of the deteriorated

species, and deteriorating City-built trails and stairs.

Restoration will require substantial additional funds. We believe we can raise the necessary funds from private donors, once we have a Master Plan that sets out in detail the work that needs to be done. We look forward to working with the Parks and Recreation, Toronto Water, and Environment, Climate and Forestry divisions to develop that Master Plan.

It is essential that the implementation of work in the ravine be coordinated and efficient. We are confident the Master Plan will deliver that, and that our vision for the ravine can be realized.

We hope you will join Mayor Chow and our Councillors in making this possible.

John Bossons and Tim Ross Co-chairs

The Midtown Ravines Group is an incorporated consortium of ten residents' associations: South Eglinton Davisville (SEDRA), Moore Park, Deer Park, AVRA, Summerhill, North Rosedale, South Rosedale, Bloor East (BENA), Avenue-Bay-Cottingham (ABC), and Governor's Bridge.