



July 22, 2025

Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2
Attention: Sylwia Przewdziecki

RE: MM32.22 Authorization to Release Section 37 Funds to Support the Redesign of the Vale of Avoca Ravine to Include a Missing Walking Trail Connection - by Councillor Josh Matlow, seconded by Mayor Olivia Chow (Ward 11, 12)

Dear Mayor and City Council,

This is to confirm our support for the four recommendations concerning an innovative financing approach to implement the redesign of the Vale of Avoca ravine. We understand that given the City's very difficult financial situation, there is no reasonable prospect of the ravine being restored without such an innovative approach to financing. The Midtown Ravines Group, an incorporated group of ten residents associations surrounding the Vale of Avoca, have volunteered to fundraise the \$35-\$40 million that they estimate would be required to restore the Vale to a safe, stable and beautiful condition.

If this pilot project is successful, it could take a major step towards realization of the Ravine Strategy and provide a template for other partnerships with neighbourhoods restoring other badly damaged and heavily used ravines across the city.

We request that City Council adopt the recommendations.

Yours truly,

Geoff Kettel

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Co-Chair, FoNTRA

Cc: John Bossons

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