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Mayor Olivia Chow and City Councillors
City of Toronto
100 Queen St. W.
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Dear Mayor Chow and City Councillors,

RE: MM33.30 - Authorization to Release Section 37 Funds for the Gardiner Public Realm Plan Strachan Gate Connection Design

On behalf of the CityPlace and Fort York BIA, I am writing in strong support of The Bentway's advancement of the Strachan Gate Connection, as identified in the Under Gardiner Public Realm Plan.

CityPlace and Fort York BIA represents local businesses that work collectively to strengthen the neighbourhood's economy and improve the overall experience for residents and visitors. Our community is located at the heart of major cultural and recreational destinations, including Fort York National Historic Site, Rogers Centre, BMO Field, and Exhibition Place, all of which attract significant visitation to our area.

The proposed Strachan Gate Connection is a critical piece of public realm infrastructure. It will link the new Ontario Line Exhibition Place Station with The Bentway, Fort York, and the broader Exhibition Place campus, ensuring seamless pedestrian and cycling access. This project directly supports the goals of the Gardiner Public Realm Plan by enhancing connectivity, safety, identity, and amenity in one of Toronto's fastest-growing communities.

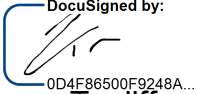
The Strachan Gate will not only strengthen the western gateway to The Bentway but also serve as an important first-mile/last-mile link to transit, driving increased foot traffic that will benefit local businesses. Advancing this project to 30% design, as outlined in

the motion before City Council, is a vital step in keeping pace with planned Gardiner rehabilitation and Metrolinx work in the area.

We respectfully urge City Council to approve the release of Section 37 funds to enable The Bentway and its partners to proceed with this important work.

Thank you for your consideration.

Warm regards,


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Chair, Board of Management