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To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the October 21, 2025 North York Community Council meeting on item 2025.NY27.14, A New Don Valley Trail Connection at Glassworks Drive

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Comments:

Dear North York Community Council chair and members,

I strongly support Councillor Chernos Lin's motion to study the feasibility of a new multi-use trail connection between the end of Glassworks Drive and the trails adjacent to Wilket Creek in the Don Valley.

If reported back to NYCC in 2026 as being feasible, and subsequently funded by Toronto City Council, the new multi-use trail connection will be of great recreational benefit not only to Torontonians living in south and east Leaside, but to many others who enjoy the West Don Valley Ravine system, particularly those living nearby in Thorncliffe Park (Ward 15), and Flemingdon Park and Don Mills (Ward 16).

Many NYCC members will be aware that a new multi-use trail was at least informally considered over ten years ago, from the outset of the 'Scenic on Eglinton' development's planning application process that included consideration to build Glassworks Drive. And, of course, the well-worn dirt trails below the east end of Vanderhoof Avenue are proof that Torontonians; whether hikers or mountain bikers, have been entering and exiting the West Don Valley Ravine system from this location for many decades.

Separate from Councillor Chernos Lin's motion, I would like to highlight that Metrolinx Ontario Line bridge construction in Wards 15 and 16, particularly the Don Valley Crossing and West Don Valley Crossing bridge projects, offers the City of Toronto a once in a generation opportunity to provide new multi-use trail connections in Thorncliffe Park at Crothers Woods, and in Flemingdon Park at E.T. Seton Park.

Toronto is proudly a city of ravines and it is my hope that Glassworks Drive will be the first of many new trail connection improvements over the next five- to ten-years that will bring the Leaside, Don Mills, Flemingdon Park, and Thorncliffe Park communities ever closer together.

Thank you,

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