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Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West
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Attention: Matthew Green

RE: NY27.14 A New Don Valley Trail Connection at Glassworks Drive (Ward 15)

Dear Chair James Pasternak and Members of North York Community Council,

The Leaside Residents Association (LRA) strongly supports Councillor Rachel Chernos Lin's item, and her recommendation that:

- North York Community Council direct the General Manager, Parks and Recreation, in consultation with the General Manager, Transportation Services, to undertake a review of 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, and report back to North York Community Council in 2026.

The Councillor states that "a new trail providing access to Sunnybrook Park and the Don Valley.... A connection at Glassworks Drive would provide convenient access directly within the neighbourhood and could eventually connect with the active transportation infrastructure contemplated along Vanderhoof Avenue in the Laird in Focus Plan"

We agree, and strongly support the idea of creating a connection from Glassworks Drive to the existing trails. There is an existing trail (with multiple unmarked entrances from Vanderhoof Avenue) east of Glassworks, that winds down to meet the West Don Trail and the Wilket Creek parking lot. This trail has an offshoot that a Glassworks Drive trail could link to.

However we also think that the matter needs to be addressed in the wider context of the visibility, accessibility and condition of the existing trails, which unfortunately are unimproved, inadequately marked, and not accessible to many people.

Our request is to amend the Recommendation as follows:

"North York Community Council direct the General Manager, Parks and Recreation, in consultation with the General Manager, Transportation Services, to undertake a review of (1) 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, and

(2) a plan to improve the existing access points from Vanderhoof Avenue east of Glassworks Drive to the multi-use trails and

(3) develop a way marking plan for the multi-use trails,
and report back to North York Community Council in 2026."

Respectfully submitted,

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c.c. Councillor Rachel Chernos Lin