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Dear City Clerk:

Please find attached a letter to City Council for consideration with the report from the Executive Committee on the Weston Donation for Queens Park North.

Please circulate and post to the site.

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March 20th, 2026

To: Toronto City Council

Re: EX 29.3 – Queens Park North

(1) Terms of Reference – Advisory Board

We note that the Executive Committee directed that:

“in the update report to Infrastructure and Environment Committee in Recommendation 2 above the proposed **draft terms of reference for the Queen’s Park North Advisory Board** to be chaired by the Ward Councillor, a schedule and a summary of other proposed advisory, engagement and communications activities in the next phase of the project.”

In view of this directive, we offer the following:

- (a) examples of successful advisory committee structures in which the GCA has participated,
- (b) ideas on the composition of the Queens Park North Advisory Board including composition based (see pp 6-8) on the Vision Statement outlined in Appendix 3 of the Staff Report (February 24th, 2026) to the Executive Committee.

Note that the proposed composition includes representatives from:

- Adjacent residents’ association
- UofT Academic entities adjacent of Queens Park
- Students
- Cultural Institutions adjacent to QPN
- Technical Experts
- Members at large

(2) Forest Management Plan

A comprehensive Forest Management Plan must be completed prior to the preparation of designs. Such a plan will inform what elements are appropriate for inclusion as well as their location.

Respectfully,

Ceta Ramkhalawansingh

Board Chair, for the Grange Community Association



Summary of terms of reference and composition for:

- 1. CLC – Community City University of Toronto Liaison Committee (1996)**
- 2. Grange Park Advisory Committee (2008)**
- 3. Direction from City Council – Community Management (2009)**
- 4. Grange Park Community Council (2017)**

- 1. 1996 (City Council, July 1996) Community City University – Liaison Committee**

Chair - City of Toronto Ward 5 Councillor

Institutions:

Vice Provost of Planning and Budget, University of Toronto

Victoria University

University of St. Michael's College

One student at the St. George Campus

Residents Associations:

Annex Residents Association

Sussex Ulster Residents Association

Huron-Sussex Residents Association

Grange Park Residents Association

Representatives of other groups and institutions may be invited as required.

Staff Support:

City of Toronto Planning and Development Department (Urban Services Cluster)

The University of Toronto Planning Officer, Research and Campus facilities Planning



2. 2008 (May) – Grange Park Advisory Committee (GPAC)

Goal: To create a great city and neighbourhood park.

GPAC: To establish a project committee composed of representatives of Grange residents, the Art Gallery of Ontario (AGO) , the City of Toronto and other Grange neighbours that will advise on a capital project aimed at the restoration and revitalization of Grange Park and to advise on an oversight structure for the on-going maintenance and program for Grange Park.

3 co-chairs – AGO, City, Community

The GPAC would be composed of up to 15 members:

- Councillor of Ward 20
- 3 AGO reps
- 3 Grange residents, representing various constituencies/areas*
- 1 rep – City of Toronto (PFR) Parks Forestry and Recreation
- 1 OCAD rep
- 1 USRC rep
- 1 St. George the Martyr Church rep
- 1 rep – Toronto Community Housing or social housing projects
- 2-3 at large members, to be appointed by the co-chairs**

3. 2009: City Council – April 29, 2009 Government Management Committee Report 22.19

1. City Council grant authority to negotiate and execute an amendment to the current 1911 Grange Park agreement between the City and the Art Gallery of Ontario for the fundraising, design, construction and maintenance of the park, in consultation with the Ward Councillor, and such agreement be on terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager and the City Solicitor.

2. City Council direct that the new amendment to the 1911 agreement provide that the Grange Park Neighbourhood be involved on an on-going basis with park management and operations to ensure that future management of Grange Park is community based.



4. Grange Park Community Council GPCC (May 2017)

Grange Park Vision Statement:

Grange Park is a green, strikingly beautiful, resilient, sustainable and accessible park that is both interactive as well as a place for contemplation. We welcome neighbours, residents and visitors to our community by utilizing the park's custom amenities, leading edge ecological techniques and works of art.

Composition

The GPCC shall be composed of up to 10 persons.

Chair: The GPCC shall be chaired by the local Councillor.

4 Representatives of neighbourhood residents*

4 Representatives – local institutions

- Art Gallery of Ontario
- Ontario College of Art and Design University
- University Settlement
- St. George the Martyr Church (now called St. George by the Park)

1 Representative – City of Toronto Parks Forestry and Recreation

Meeting Procedures:

1. The GPCC shall meet at the call of the Chair, at least 3 times per year.
2. The GPCC will schedule one general community meeting every year.
3. Administrative support to the GPCC will be provided by the AGO.
4. The agenda for meetings will be set by the Chair with input from GPCC members.



5. At each meeting the PFR and AGO shall provide the following reports:

- o PFR annual operating budget report
- o Status of the operating endowment fund administered by the AGO Foundation
- o Update on major capital needs and upcoming life-cycle of assets



DRAFT QUEENS PARK NORTH ADVISORY BOARD (QPNAB)

Vision: (Appendix 3 – Staff report, February 24th, 2026)

An extraordinary place for people and nature throughout the seasons, which respects the existing trees and heritage of Queen’s Park North, fosters a welcoming environment, and showcases excellence in design, ecological stewardship, education, animation and collaborative governance.

Composition and purpose: (Appendix 3 – Staff Report, February 24, 2026)

The Advisory Board would be comprised of representatives from Indigenous nations and groups and community partners, including cultural institutions and local stakeholders.

The Advisory Board will help guide the implementation of the park vision, including input to the Executive Director and the Steering Committee on initiatives that foster community engagement and animation.

Its purpose is to help ensure that the Steering Committee’s activities are informed by and responsive to the needs and aspirations of the public, local community, key stakeholders, and Indigenous communities and perspectives.

Chair and Membership:

3 Co-Chairs:

City Councillor

University of Toronto

Community Partner

5 Indigenous nations and groups

5 Community partners:

Bay Cloverhill Community Association

Annex Residents Association

Greater Yorkville Residents Association

Friends of Queens Park North

Federation of South Toronto Residents Associations (FoSTRA)



5 University of Toronto

Hart House

Law Faculty

Victoria University

St. Michael's College/University

UofT Real Estate/Planning

4 Cultural institutions:

Royal Ontario Museum

Royal Conservatory of Music

Gardiner Museum

Faculty of Music

4 Student organizations

2-4 Technical advisors:

Foresters

Arborists

3 Members at large

30 TOTAL

Staff Support to the Queens Park North Advisory Board (QPNAB):

To be provided by the University of Toronto through the proposed office of the Executive Director for Queens Park North



Meeting Procedures of the QPNAB – Queens Park North Advisory Board

1. The QPNAB shall meet at the call of the Co-Chairs, at least 3 times per year.
2. The QPNAB will schedule one general community meeting every year.
3. The agenda for meetings will be set by the Co-chairs from input from QPNAB members. 4. At each meeting, the University of Toronto shall provide reports on the implementation of the tri-partite agreement.
5. The QPNAB will endeavour to reach consensus on its advice and recommendations.
6. Meetings are held in open session. It is understood that observers do not participate in the deliberations unless invited by the QPNAB.
7. Provision to be made for in-person and virtual meetings.