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Dear Councillors,

Please find attached my letter of support Recommendation 7 - IE27.7.

Best,

Sharon Johnson, Bayview Village Association.

Date: March 20, 2026.

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Subject: **IE27.7 Ravine Strategy 2026 Implementation Update - Recommendation 7**

Dear Councillor Carroll, Councillor Saxe and All City Councillors

The Ravine Strategy 2026 Implementation Update is an impressive report on the achievements of the strategy to date and plans for the future. However, it does not address ESA and Ravine protection from development pressures.

Don Valley North currently has development 10 metres from the bank/edge of the East Don Parklands Ravine. The BVA opposed this plan but failed. More are planned. Not only is this unnecessary, it is negligent. Development at edges/banks pose a serious risk to the integrity and habitat of the ravines.

At the February Infrastructure and Environment Committee meeting, Councillor Dianne Saxe, proposed a motion that would close a major gap in ravine protection. The Ravine Strategy update shows how Toronto is investing in restoration and stewardship, but it is less strong on steps to address development at the ravine edge. Once development is allowed, there is no turning back. The ultimate protection must occur before development is allowed.

I support and endorse Councillor Dianne Saxe's motion, which is now Recommendation 7 in Item # IE27.7 on the Council agenda:

"7. City Council direct the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning, in consultation with the City Solicitor and the General Manager, Parks and Recreation, to report back to the Infrastructure and Environment Committee in the second quarter of 2026 on options to enhance protection of ravines from ravine-edge real estate development, including an analysis of increasing the buffer between development sites and sensitive ravines."

Toronto's ravines are climate infrastructure. They provide \$822 million annually in ecological benefits. **They are irreplaceable.** Council has an opportunity this month to ensure the Ravine Strategy's protection principle is as strong as its stewardship, not through restoration after the fact, but through policy that prevents the next loss before it happens.

Please protect our ravines and Environmentally Significant Areas for future generations.

Sincerely,

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