



Toronto Field Naturalists

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

To Mayor Chow, and Toronto City Council,

Toronto Field Naturalists have been speaking up for urban nature for over a century. Today I write with concerns over the increasing pressures of private development on Toronto's ravine system.

Considering recent developments by the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) who have been overriding long-established city and TRCA bylaws, regulations, and planning frameworks; City Council should direct staff to close a major gap in ravine protection by establishing a framework for protection – including legal strategies and tactics.

So, on behalf of Toronto Field Naturalists' over 850 members, I support and endorse Councillor Dianne Saxe's motion, which is now Recommendation 7 in Item # IE27.7 on the Council agenda.

Toronto's ravines are irreplaceable. They need protection from development before more development projects are forced through by the OLT. Council has an opportunity this month to vote for finding a solution to provide adequate protection for at least the ravine edges. Ultimately, an even stronger framework is needed to protect ravine slopes and environmentally significant areas, but the current crisis is at the edges where once development is allowed there is no going back.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Lynn Miller'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lynn Miller
President, Toronto Field Naturalists