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To the Members of the City Council:

Re: EX29.3 - Update on Weston Foundation Donation for Queen's Park North Revitalization

Queen's Park North is a special park for the downtown Toronto community and represents a unique situation where the land is owned by the University of Toronto and leased to the City. This park has special standing given the historical nature of being the first municipal park in Canada. It cannot be treated like any of the 1,500+ parks in Toronto. Protecting the trees is paramount, including the overarching importance of a forestry plan before designing 'big ideas' for the 13 acre space.

Up to 2014, Queen's Park North was a busy event space. The General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation said in a staff report dated December 14, 2011 that "*The park is now serving a growing residential community, and these events have exceeded the threshold of sustainability for the park's ecosystem, resulting in damage to the turf, monuments and trees in the park.*" No large events were held in 2012. Thanks to the efforts of the community, Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam and complaints from the Provincial Legislature and University of Toronto, there were no more large events permitted from 2014 to current.

The majority of residents in the Bay Cloverhill neighbourhood live in condominiums, with no access to greenspace, other than parks. The mental and physical benefits of being in a quiet place of respite, breathing in oxygen enriched by trees and taking a break from the busy concrete jungle. It is critical that Queen's Park North remain accessible to the community, with limited programming and with minimal buildings or structures.

For the last 30 years, the Bay Cloverhill Community Association has advocated for a great urban neighbourhood by working closely with residents and stakeholders. Our vision is of a green, clean and safe community recognized for its exceptional quality of life. We represent over 20,000 residents in the Yonge/College/Queen's Park/Charles neighbourhood in Ward 13 Toronto Centre and Ward 11 University Rosedale.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Bay Cloverhill Community Association Executive

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