



Grange Community Association
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Re: EX 29.3 Update on Weston Foundation Donation for Queen's Park North Revitalization

The staff report on QPN leaves many unanswered questions and is woefully inadequate in how the trees, the heritage features are “protected”, in addition to not fully addressing community participation in the process.

In fact, the report appears to give carte blanche to PFR, the donor and the university. In fact, ***the report appears to exempt procurement from regular practices. Why?***

“Pending adoption from City Council, the project team, in consultation with the local Councillor, will complete the next phase of community engagement, due diligence and Queen's Park North Revitalization Update Page 1 of 44 refinement, to finalize the design concept, further informing the operating model and agreements to be negotiated with the donor and University of Toronto and enabling progress forward on detailed design, procurement and construction.”

The report goes on to say:

“Queen's Park North is Toronto's oldest municipal park and a historically, culturally and environmentally important public space in the Downtown.”

So why is there no community engagement in the decision making going forward. This is a closed process which is neither transparent nor participatory. The terms of reference for both the Steering Committee and Advisory Board are NOT outlined.

The report states: **“An Executive Director will be hired and dedicated to Queen's Park North, to be employed by the University of Toronto”**. It isn't clear what the reporting relationship is. Who is paying the salary? Does the City reimburse the University?

We also believe that the following design changes should be made. The recent revitalization of Grange Park located services to the edge of the Park. See map below.

1. The proposed tree walk should be eliminated.
2. The location of the workshop structure should be located on the south edge along Wellesley.
3. The location of washrooms and food service should be located away from the center of QPN.

It is also our view that:

1. The full donation should be placed in a reserve fund with all proceeds going towards the revitalization of QPN.
2. There should be regular public reporting.



3. A plan to protect the existing trees should be established.
4. All planning for QPN should be integrated with the University Park plan.

SUMMARY:

We are not satisfied that the public interest will be protected.

We are not satisfied that the heritage landscape and the trees will be protected.

Many questions remain.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ceta Ramkhalawansingh', located below the summary text.

Ceta Ramkhalawansingh

Board Chair, Grange Community Association



Concept Plan | Without tree canopy

