

Members of Executive Committee,

Re: Agenda Item EX 29.3, Update on Weston Foundation Donation for Queen's Park North Revitalization

I am writing on behalf of the Friends of Queen's Park North. We have existed for 14 ½ years and we have worked with the City of Toronto on the 2019 revitalization of Queen's Park North and the TTC on the second entrance/exit for the Museum subway station in the park. Many of us live within two blocks of the park and use it daily. Our membership was expanded in 2025 to include resident' associations abutting the Queen's Park precinct beyond the Bay Cloverhill Community Association. We all have been involved in the community consultation that started in 2025 for the revitalization of the park.

We support the intended donation from the Weston Foundation. We support the proposed Donation Agreement and the Tri-Party Agreement. We support an Executive Director to be employed by the University of Toronto and we welcome the opportunity to sit on the Advisory Committee.

We have concerns about several of the items shown in the Draft Concept Design for Public Engagement Phase 3 shown in Appendix 4 of the staff report. The proposed elevated treewalk would have a large footprint that would visually dominate the park. It would negatively impact the mature tree root systems. The proposed elevated treewalk would obstruct the view corridor to Hart House. We believe that the treewalk would be a barrier and obstacle to at grade movement in the park. We believe that the proposed washrooms and café should be located on the perimeter of the park. We believe that the proposed design does not adequately address the needs of the large amount of children in the area. We have other design concerns such as new irrigation systems being proposed, walkway locations and the labyrinth. We look forward to working through design concerns in March and April.

To allow for full transparency and complete community response to the proposed plans for Queen's Park North, we:

1. Request that City Council direct the General Manager of Parks and Recreation to bring a draft concept plan to the Infrastructure and Environment Committee for consideration only after the program has been fully assessed and after satisfactory consultation with the community.
2. Request that City Council direct the General Manager of Parks and Recreation to continue through design development to finalize the design with community input through public engagement and bring the final design to the Infrastructure and Environment Committee for approval prior to implementation.

Sincerely,



Al Rezoski, Chair of Friends of Queen's Park North