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Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West
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Attention: **Cathrine Regan**

EX29.3 Update on Weston Foundation Donation for Queen's Park North Revitalization (Ward 11)

Dear Chair Mayor Olivia Chow, and Members of Executive Committee,

The Federation of North Toronto Residents Associations (FoNTRA) represents over 35 resident associations in North Toronto and North York, and works to bring forward a coordinated, mature and informed perspective on City wide policy and regional matters.

FoNTRA recognizes that Queens Park North is an important and valued historical, natural, and built heritage asset for Toronto, Ontario, Canada, and as such any proposals for change (“revitalization”) deserve careful consideration, and appropriate consultation.

We are highly appreciative of the Weston Foundation’s donation proposal to the City of Toronto. At the same time we are conscious of, and respectful of public interest and community advocacy regarding the future of Queens Park North, especially by local residents who have a direct involvement in the area. It is in this highly complex context that we are commenting on this item.

We note the revised letter to the Executive Committee from Councillor Dianne Saxe, the Ward Councillor, and generally support the proposed measures in her letter.

We make the following recommendations:

1. That City Council direct the General Manager of Parks and Recreation to bring the final concept plan to the Infrastructure and Environment Committee, after consideration of the comments from the Design Review Panel, and after further consultations with the stakeholders.

2. That City Council direct the General Manager of Parks and Recreation to bring back the final detailed design to the Infrastructure and Environment Committee for final consideration, prior to tendering the project.

We understand that, in order to execute these recommendations, amendments to the Donor Agreement may be necessary. Despite this we believe that transparency and good governance are critical considerations regarding the future of such an important asset.

We look forward to seeing this project go through the next phases to its conclusion.

Yours truly,

Geoff Kettel

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Co-Chair

Cc: Councillor Dianne Saxe,
Justin Hanna, Director, Client and Business Services, Parks and Recreation
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The Federation of North Toronto Residents' Associations (FoNTRA) is a non-profit, volunteer organization comprised of over 30 member organizations. Its members, all residents' associations, include at least 250,000 Toronto residents within their boundaries. The residents' associations that make up FoNTRA believe that Ontario and Toronto can and should achieve better development. Its central issue is not *whether* Toronto will grow, but *how*. FoNTRA believes that sustainable urban regions are characterized by environmental balance, fiscal viability, infrastructure investment and social renewal.