



February 23, 2026

To: Infrastructure and Environment Committee

Attn: **Matthew Green**

Toronto City Hall

100 Queen Street West

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Re: Item IE27.7 - Ravine Strategy 2026 Implementation Update

Infrastructure and Environment Committee, Meeting 27; February 25, 2026 - 9:30 AM

To the Infrastructure and Environment Committee,

I am writing to share my enthusiastic support for the City of Toronto's ongoing and important partnership with Evergreen, the Toronto Foundation, and the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), to advance the Loop Trail initiative, as part of the larger Ravine Strategy.

Further, I'd like to express my strong endorsement of the staff recommendation for City Council to authorize the Parks and Recreation department to accept donations generated through the associated Fundraising Campaign, to be directed toward future capital improvements along the Loop, helping to bring this bold vision to life for all Torontonians and visitors.

As you likely know, this initiative is gaining momentum. Partners are advancing the work to create a continuous trail network stretching from the Humber River to the Don, the Finch Corridor to the Waterfront. The Loop will create an important recreational corridor for our city, connecting neighbourhoods all across Toronto, and driving the development of key 'Hubs' -- public places along the trail where people can gather, access amenities, and connect with community, culture, food and nature.

Toronto Botanical Garden (TBG) is the City of Toronto's non-profit partner in Edwards Gardens and is the leading destination in Toronto to experience sustainable horticulture,

and to better understand our collective role as stewards of our ecosystem. We are excited to support the project through our core work of connecting people and plants, fostering sustainable communities and developing reciprocal relationships with nature through lifelong learning, and as an envisioned location for a Community Hub connected to the Loop,

As the community partner for a planned Hub along the Loop Trail, TBG strongly supports the project, the City's collaborative approach, and the shared effort in raising funds – leveraging public and philanthropic funding to realize the community-led vision of the Loop Trail.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephanie A. Jutila". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial 'S'.

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