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Mr. Matthew Green
Infrastructure and Environment Committee
Toronto City Hall

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To: Councillor Fletcher and Members of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee:

Re: IE30.8 Queen's Park North Donation - Concept Plan Update Report

Friends of Queen's Park North represents seven Residents' Associations committed to participation and collaboration in continuing discussions as plans are developed with necessary detail and as the revitalization of Queen's Park North is realized. We have participated fully in public engagement sessions since August 2025.

The March 10th Executive Committee meeting marked a welcome turning point in the thought process of the design of Queen's Park North.

FoQPN pressed for an urban forest management plan and a heritage statement of significance to assess the concept being proposed. Now included, these have yet to be finalized and are necessary to determine the impact of the cumulative impact on the character of the QPN and the sense of place - our green oasis.

Everyone at that meeting agreed that it is a much-loved historic public asset with its own distinctive sense of place and character.

The City's Design Review Panel echoed the same comments, indicating that a forest management plan should be the starting point for design, and that design elements should be reconsidered, questioning the extent of the robust program and number of program elements.

FoQPN submitted detailed information supporting the three-pillar concept of the park as a green oasis having its own sense of place and character, the park honouring and preserving the cultural heritage and the ecologically significant area with old growth forest.

Today's staff report continues to poorly define the ongoing process of design element evaluation and approval.

We urge the IEC to recommend further review and assessment as design development proceeds, specifically:

1. That the composition and terms of reference for the working group are stated, including assurance that design elements will be eliminated if found to damage the character of Queen's Park North.
2. That the concept plans for University Park are reviewed in a public process to fully integrate with the concept plans for Queen's Park North.
3. That final design is returned to City Council for approval prior to proceeding with construction drawings.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Elizabeth Sisam', with a stylized, cursive script.

Elizabeth Sisam
Friends of Queen's Park North