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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

The Greater Yorkville Residents' Association is comprised of 53 condominium and select rental buildings, home to over 12,000 residents in the Greater Yorkville area, which abuts the Queen's Park Precinct in immediate proximity to Queen's Park North. We are also a member of the Friends of Queen's Park North.

We want to express our gratitude to the Weston Foundation for their very generous philanthropic pledge to revitalize Queen's Park North, one of Toronto's most cherished public spaces.

This profound historical, cultural, ecologically significant area with old growth forest and mature tree canopy is an historic public asset with its own distinctive sense of place and character which must be respected.

Receiving the staff report less than 24 hours before consideration by the Infrastructure and Environment Committee disrespects the public engagement process and limits meaningful response.

We have advocated for an urban forest management plan and a heritage statement of significance. A special park designation recognizing Queen's Park North as a green oasis is necessary to protect its character and ambience, its 'sense of place'. The final design components must adhere to criteria defined in each.

Proposed design elements must be re-examined and fully assessed within the framework of a forest management plan and heritage statement of significance as well as their cumulative impact on the character of the park. This must be done prior to finalizing the design, advancing contract drawings and preparing construction details. There simply is not enough detailed information to approve the concept at this time.

We urge the Infrastructure and Environment Committee to:

1. Recommend a complete assessment of the concept through the design development stage prior to approving the concept design.
2. Submit the final detailed proposal to City Council for final approval after design development stage.

Queen's Park North deserves no less.

Yours truly,

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