



**City of Toronto
Infrastructure and Environment Committee**

Re: Support for the Revitalization of Queen's Park North

June 1, 2026

Dear Chair and Members of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee,

On behalf of the Royal Ontario Museum Governors, we are writing to express our strong support for the proposed revitalization of Queen's Park North.

This initiative—led by the City of Toronto and enabled by a transformative \$50 million gift from the Weston family—represents a rare and significant opportunity to renew one of Toronto's most important civic spaces as a truly world-class urban park. The plan reflects thoughtful public input and expert guidance, and promises a stronger, greener, and more welcoming landscape for all who use it.

For a global city like Toronto, the quality of its public realm is inseparable from the strength of its cultural institutions. The Royal Ontario Museum welcomes more than one million visitors each year from across Canada and around the world, and their experience of our city extends well beyond the gallery walls. It is shaped by the streets, parks, and public spaces surrounding ROM that connect Toronto's cultural corridor and express its identity.

Across the world, leading museums are closely connected to exceptional parks and gardens that elevate both the visitor experience and the global reputation of their cities. The Metropolitan Museum of Art and Central Park, the Rijksmuseum and its gardens, and the Borghese Gallery set within its parkland are enduring examples. These landscapes provide places for reflection, gathering, and discovery—extending the cultural experience beyond museum walls and presenting a city at its best.

Toronto has a powerful opportunity to realize this same vision along the Queen's Park corridor.

The revitalization of Queen's Park North will play a defining role in this transformation, particularly as it coincides with OpenROM, a sweeping reimagining of the Museum that will open the institution more fully to the city than ever before. Through improved access points, including the Bloor Street Hennick Entrance and the revitalization of one of the city's prominent intersections at Queen's Park and Bloor Street with new gathering spaces and an inviting four-season water feature, OpenROM is designed to create a more accessible, inclusive, and connected museum experience. Together, these investments will reshape how visitors and residents move between the Museum and the surrounding green space.

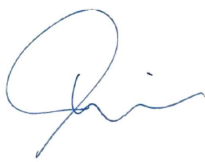
In this context, Queen's Park North becomes not just an adjacent park but a vital extension of the Museum experience and of Toronto's cultural landscape. It will offer moments of quiet reflection, opportunities for informal learning, and space for civic life, all within a setting that reflects the significance of the institutions around it.

Taken together, the revitalization of the park and the transformation of the Museum represent a coordinated investment in the future of Toronto's cultural life. They will enhance the daily experience of residents, support increased visitation, and present a more cohesive, beautiful, and welcoming face of the city to the world.

We respectfully urge the Infrastructure Committee to support this important project and help realize a revitalized Queen's Park North that reflects Toronto's ambition, its commitment to great public spaces, and the strength of its cultural institutions.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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