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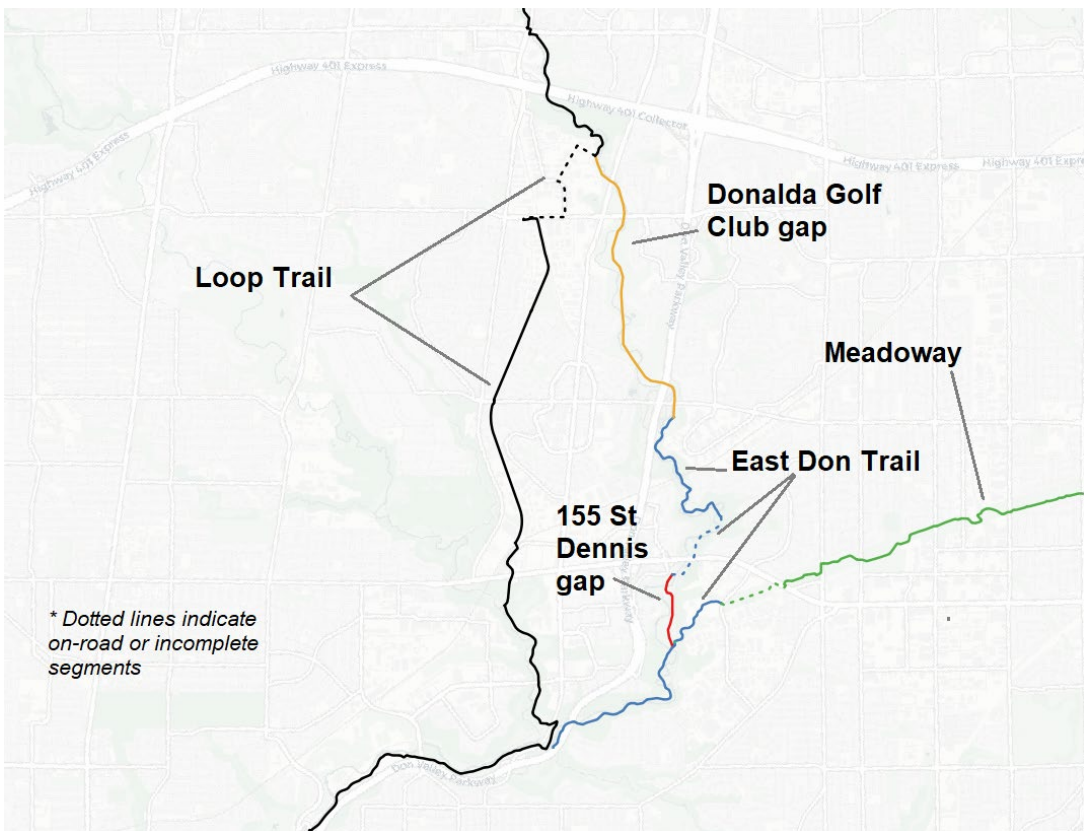
Dear members of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee,

The above-noted report reflects on connections between the Loop Trail and the Meadoway, via the soon-to-be-opened East Don Trail Extension ([Phase 1; Don Mills Road to Bermondsey Road](#)). While I look forward to the permanent connection being opened this month, this is a convenient connection from the south, and is absolutely silent on a connection from the north (i.e. benefitting Willowdale, Don Valley North / East, and central / northern Scarborough).

Such a northern connection is dependent on (please refer to the map below):

- "Phase 3" of the East Don Trail connection (dotted blue), partly through the current Flemingdon Park Golf Club and land subject to an Ontario Land Tribunal decision that the City chose to appeal to the Ontario Divisional Court (red). See City Council Items [2025.CC34.3](#) and [2026.CC41.14](#). I submitted correspondence on the former urging council to not pursue that appeal, and I'm still disappointed it is pursuing that case. It has further delayed this Phase 3 trail connection and now having spillover impacts on other trail initiatives such as this.
- A trail connection through the Donalda Golf and Country Club (yellow), which may be closer to reality with a land exchange between the City, TRCA and the owners. See City Council Item [2026.MM42.13](#).

I will also note this creates a more complete, off-road, ravine-based alternative to the Loop Trail's routing through Don Valley East, as opposed to using Duncan Mill Road / Valleybrook Drive / Lesmill Road / York Mills Road.



I would ask that the committee goes beyond receiving the report for information, and ask staff to further investigate a permanent trail connection through the East Don River valley between the Loop Trail (at Duncan Mill Road) and the Meadoway.

Regards,

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