Bay Cloverhill Community Association

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Ms. Sylwia Przezdziecki
City Council
Toronto City Hall
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To the members of the City Council:

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

We are in support of the reduction of elements in the Concept Plan, in response to community consultation and expert advice. Maintaining the 'temple of trees' appears to be a major guiding principle in improving the health of the 358 trees in the forest that is Queen's Park North.

We are appreciative that the Great White Oak Bench that was initiated by the Bay Cloverhill Community Association will remain an element in Queen's Park North. It would be wonderful if the Austin Floyd fountain installed in 1957 could be made operational and modified to comply with modern safety standards, or reimagined as a sun dial or planter in the existing structure.

The pending Statement of Significance will hopefully reinforce the importance of heritage impacts on the project.

There are concerns as to what extent of the authority that the Working Group will have to amend, add or remove design elements. For example the café details are sorely lacking in terms of dimensions and structure, it appears that it will be less than 2,700 square feet with 40 indoor seats, 100 outdoor seats and possibly additional seating or a viewing platform on the roof. We hope the café building does not overwhelm the centre of the park.

Additional transparency would be beneficial. It is unclear if there are any conditions set out by the donor. No details as what form the 'opportunities for Indigenous placekeeping' will take. Content of the City Manager's report should be shared

when the report is finished. Final design approval should be decided by City Council.

For the last 30 years, the Bay Cloverhill Community Association has advocated for a great urban neighbourhood by working closely with residents and stakeholders. Our vision is of a green, clean and safe community recognized for its exceptional quality of life. We represent over 20,000 residents in the Yonge/College/Queen's Park/Charles neighbourhood in Ward 13 Toronto Centre and Ward 11 University Rosedale.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Bay Cloverhill Community Association Executive

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