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**RE: Scarborough Waterfront Project: Brimley Road South Multi-Use Trail**

Dear Councillor Crawford, Ms. Sambasivam, and Mr. MacKenzie,

The Cliffcrest Scarborough Village SW Residents Association is excited about the work of the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) and the City of Toronto on the Scarborough Waterfront Project: Brimley Road South Multi-Use Trail.

This is an opportunity to bring the kind of investment and energy that typically is present in more central Toronto, to the east end, something much desired and needed.

Over the last three years, our Residents Association has heard many complaints and concerns from residents about Bluffer's Park – the traffic and overflow parking, litter and impact on the ecosystem/biota in Bluffer's Park. In addition, this summer some new localized concerns have been brought to our attention, not the least of which is how little information the City has been providing to potentially the most affected residents about this large project. The success of this multi-phased project depends in part on full involvement of and input from the community.

**Issue 1 – Lack of Awareness**

The project now appears near final stages and yet the nearby neighbours, some impacted directly, as well as our Residents Association, were not aware of what has been planned until this summer. In addition, there appears to be no signage in the park and in neighbourhoods about how to get details on the project. How has/is information being communicated?

**Issue 2 – Parking, Parking Overflow & Access**

Parking for the Scarborough Bluffs is a known problem each year (particularly in peak season) with overflows into the nearby community and streets, accompanied by illegal parking and blocking of driveways as well as litter. Access and lack of parking appears to be the source of foot traffic down the hill and is also a source of frustration for visitors trying to access the park. It is unclear from the information we have found that any solutions for parking problems are being proposed at this time.

The Residents Association has also learned from some immediately affected residents who are alarmed at losing their driveways and access to Brimley Road. It is important for residents to understand why the project must block their access to Brimley Road and what basis the City has to move forward with this action. As the applicable zoning by-laws requiring driveway permits were only consolidated across the GTA in the past decade, the residents and RA are also concerned about the legal precedent this may set for future projects in Scarborough in cases where homes do not have the necessary permits.

We encourage the City to listen to input and concerns of affected residents and take them under consideration or provide the needed responses, as appropriate.

### **Issue 3 – Site Improvements**

It is our understanding that stores/concessions are part of the project plan. To date, litter and impact of visitors on the park ecosystem continue to be a problem. Commercial spaces may further exacerbate the matter. Has overuse of the park been studied, and what guidance or guidelines have the City and TRCA set that the project will need to adhere to?

In closing, we ask that the City and/or TRCA please be responsive to residents and that you please keep our Association informed about this project. We also ask to be added to the mailing list for this and any other projects that pertain to the Scarborough SW so that we can help share information with our membership and the residents. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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on behalf of the Board of Directors

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