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Subject: Scarborough Yellow Brick Road (ATTENTION NEEDED)

Dear Councillors,

I am pleased to provide a link to "[Scarborough Yellow Brick Road](https://www.bluffsmonitor.com/wp-content/uploads/flipbook/122/book.html)", a Memory Book which is the culmination of work by the Cliffcrest Scarborough Village SW Residents Association, association members, community members and local students to raise awareness about climate change & the importance of the urban tree canopy in Toronto. This project, Tree Ribbon Campaign II, is a self-guided tour that starts at the entryway of the Doris McCarthy Trail, which follows the Bellamy Ravine.

The link to the Memory Book: <https://www.bluffsmonitor.com/wp-content/uploads/flipbook/122/book.html>

Highlights of the Tree Ribbon Campaign II include:

- First Tree Ribbon tour Kick Off event and lesson in an outdoor setting with RH King Secondary School
- Signposts with 14 stops that provide education about the rich diversity of animals and vegetation of this natural heritage site
- The role of trees in combating climate change impacts
- The historical significance of Gates Gully/Bellamy Ravine to indigenous peoples and early settler;
- The vulnerability of the fragile Scarborough Bluffs to development pressures

Students from R.H. King Academy participated in the kick off event and first tour. St Agatha Elementary School also engaged in the self-guided tour and each participant provided their perspective of local sustainability.

These future stewards of Scarborough, to whom Scarborough's Yellow Brick Road is dedicated, are concerned about the impacts aggressive developments will have on the Doris McCarthy Trail, a magnificent natural area treasured by the residents of Cliffcrest, Scarborough Village and Guildwood. Letters of concern are included in the book. A massive condominium, with over 300 units is proposed just 60 meters away from this Toronto jewel. The developer has taken the proposal to the Ontario Land Tribunal in order to bypass municipal review.

The Scarborough Bluffs, to which the Doris McCarthy Trail belongs, is designated a Natural Heritage System, an Environmentally Significant Area (ESA) and an Area of Natural and Scientific Interest (ANSI). In January 2020, Toronto City Council unanimously approved the Toronto Ravine Strategy, which provides key actions to protect, preserve and invest in our ravine systems.

We urge you, a member of Toronto City Council, to protect the Bellamy Ravine and Doris McCarthy Trail by refusing to approve the development located 60 meters from the ravine as presently proposed (20 209863 ESC 20 OZ) and insisting that the development be REDUCED in scale and impact.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for more information about either the Doris McCarthy Trail or the proposed condominium development.

Sincerely,

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<https://cliffcrestscarboroughvillagesw.ca/about-us/>

Printed copies of [Scarborough's Yellow Brick Road](https://www.bluffsmonitor.com/wp-content/uploads/flipbook/122/book.html) book will be delivered to all Scarborough Councillors.

Printed copies will also be distributed to the Toronto Department of Parks, Forestry and Recreation, the Scarborough Historical Society, local schools and (hopefully) the two local libraries.

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