



November 20, 2015

Chair and Member of the Budget Committee
Toronto City Council
City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, Ontario

Re. “Sherway Trail” Extension of the Etobicoke Creek Trail

We are requesting that funding for the “Sherway Trail” extension of the Etobicoke Creek Trail be included in the City of Toronto's 2016 Capital Budget. This trail extension will provide a vital safe and convenient connection under the Queen Elizabeth Way for pedestrians and cyclists. This will facilitate access for Ward 6 residents to Sherway Gardens and for Ward 5 residents to Lake Ontario and the Waterfront Trail. It will also create an important link between the Waterfront Trail and Mississauga via the historic Middle Road Bridge.

Citizens Concerned About the Future of the Etobicoke Waterfront (CCFEW) has been working with TRCA and City staff for many years as part of the Etobicoke & Mimico Creek Watersheds Coalition to bring this project to fruition.

In 2006, \$400,000 in funding was secured through a Section 37 agreement at 700 Evans Avenue. The project has been stalled for years due to the Ministry of Transportation's reluctance to enter into an easement agreement. Now that the MTO hurdle has finally been cleared, we are hearing that this project is no longer a City priority.

We urge you to restore funding for this project in the 2016 capital budget to finally complete this “missing link” in Toronto's trail system.

Sincerely,

Brian Bailey
President,
Citizens Concerned About the Future of the Etobicoke Waterfront (CCFEW)
6 Meaford Avenue, Toronto, ON M8V 2H5
647-761-2711
brian@ccfew.org

cc Councillor Mark Grimes
Councillor Jim Tovey (Mississauga, Ward 1)
Chandra Sharma, TRCA
Vince D'Elia, TRCA