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Subject: Need for pressing action
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Dear Brian,

It was a distinct pleasure meeting you in person, and giving you, Susan and Mike, the community's view of the ongoing struggle to preserve this greenspace that should be part of the Bartley-Smith Greenway and under TRCA jurisdiction.

We are writing to check on the progress of the items that we discussed on April 4th. In particular, given the ongoing petition of our MPP Peter Shurman, and the support that our Regional Councillors, Gino Rosati and Michael DiBiase have given us, there is urgency in sending letters from both staff and the Executive Committee/Board of Directors to our Premier, in support of the petition for transfer of the land to the TRCA. We hope that you and Michael DiBiase have had the opportunity to discuss this. These letters are of paramount importance right now. The good news is that the Shurman petition has not 24 days, but 24 legislature-sitting days, which buys more time for the TRCA to act. The deadline for the government to respond is May 9th.

At present, there is an ongoing email campaign to support the Shurman petition organized by the CWRAHC, CWRA and CWSC, together with the RH Naturalists, Environmental Defence and Sierra Club, that is drawing a positive response from all over the GTA and Southern Ontario. The details can be found on the usual website -

www.saveconcordwest.com

On the other two items that we discussed on April 4th - the need for the TRCA to conduct an ecology study and the community's offer for stewardship of that land - we want to let you know about some developments and suggestions:

- Brian Caverhill from the Toronto Zoo is coming to do his field study on turtles within a week.
- There are a few charitable foundations that would consider funding part of the ecology study if the community applied to it with the express support of the TRCA.
- Likewise for a stewardship program which, if the Ministry of Infrastructure agreed, could be implemented by the community with the help of such foundations and the direct involvement of the TRCA.

We very much look forward to a positive response on this matter, for we cannot think of a greater mutual need between a social community and the TRCA than this present effort to save what is an essential part of the ecological community of the Upper Don and the Bartley-Smith Greenway.

Thank you for your attention to this pressing matter.

Best regards,

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