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Project Coordinator, Engineering
Community Services Dept.

Frank Buckley

Manager, Parks South District
Community Services Dept.

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Dear Richard and Frank:

Three of our Executive Members: Ian Smith, Hans Mueller, and Dorothy Tomiuk, were pleased to attend the Open House at the Texaco Room on Jan. 31, 2008, concerning the continuation of the Waterfront Trail from Ben Machree Park to Crozier Court. It was good to meet with you both, and to receive your detailed explanations of the options proposed.

We are pleased that this completes the Waterfront Trail through the Port Credit area, and adds a new scenic section to replace the current sidewalk route along Lakeshore Road. After reviewing options A through E as presented, we support Option E through Rhododendron Gardens, including the further leg at the end of Godfrey's Lane.

As discussed at the meeting, we understand that the existing path along the creek will be widened to accommodate pedestrians and cyclists, and that CVCA is monitoring the environmental issues. With a new Master Gardener hired for this designated City Garden, we are confident that the park will be brought back to its former condition, and that there will be sensitivity for the existing plantings and trees as the path is modified. Great to hear that the bridges over the creek will be upgraded or newly installed in accordance with the heritage ambience of the park.

You indicated that there will be a later assessment of how the new trail through the park is being used, in order to ensure that the recreational and horticultural goals of the park are being met for the benefit of all visitors. This is a good idea, and we'll be pleased to give our comments!

Sincerely,

Executive, Town of Port Credit Association (TOPCA)

Ian Smith (President)

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Carmen Corbasson, Councillor, Ward 1