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Dear Scarborough Colleagues,

It was a pleasure connecting with you at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Scarborough Caucus Breakfast. Our collective engagement in discussing the many challenges facing Scarborough included the Meadoway, the 16-kilometer multi-use trail that runs east-west through Scarborough, many of you have visited and utilized.

As Chair of the TRCA, our conversation prompted me to consult the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) to leverage their expertise and knowledge regarding the needs for continuing a successful project. As the level of funding required was requested, I am providing the following information.

The identified opportunities, with a specific focus on seating nodes, gathering areas, custom furnishings, signage, and wayfinding elements, are detailed for each section below:

Section 4: Near the West Branch of Highland Creek. Estimated unfunded cost stands at \$1,000,000.

- Nine seating nodes
- 30 signs, including Trail Mark Pillars, Directional, and Interpretive signs.

Section 5: Near the Highland Creek. Already funding \$670,000.

- Two gathering areas and seating nodes (funded by Parks Canada, to be implemented in spring 2025)
- Pilot signage and wayfinding features following the TO360 Program (funded by the City of Toronto)

Section 6: Near the Ellesmere Ravine. Estimated unfunded cost stands at \$120,000.

- Three seating nodes
- Two signs, including Trail Mark Pillars

Section 6: Trail / Ellesmere Bridge Detailed Design and Construction. Estimated unfunded costs stand at \$4,000,000.

- The Ellesmere Bridge will provide a crucial link across the Ellesmere Ravine, connecting different sections of the Meadoway and **improving travel** for a wide range of trail users, including pedestrians and cyclists.

Seating nodes and gathering areas are strategically placed along The Meadoway to provide rest spots with scenic views, enhancing the user experience. Custom furnishings and interpretive signage in each section will guide visitors and help them appreciate the trail's natural and ecological significance.

I am looking forward to hearing from you to continue Federal funding opportunities.

Sincerely,



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John MacKenzie, Chief Executive Officer, Toronto Region Conservation Authority

Figure: The Meadowway



Ward 24 Opportunities

-  unfunded seating nodes
-  funded seating nodes

SECTION 4



Custom Furnishings
A conceptual plan for introducing 9 seating nodes along the trail, with new pads to be poured for their foundation and installation, estimated at \$420,000 in 2024 dollars.



Signage and Wayfinding
30 signs, including Trail Mark Pillars, Directional and Interpretive signs, totaling \$580,000 in 2024 dollars.
Total Estimated Unfunded:

\$1,000,000

SECTION 5

Custom Furnishings
2 gathering areas and 2 seating nodes along the trail have been funded by Parks Canada, which will be implemented in spring 2025.

Signage and Wayfinding
Pilot signage and wayfinding features following the TO360 Program have been funded by the City of Toronto through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program and will be implemented in spring 2025.

Total Funded:
\$ 670,000

SECTION 6 (Phase 1)

Custom Furnishings
3 seating nodes planned, with estimated costs based on the Section 5 RFT prices of \$70,000 in 2024 dollars.

Signage and Wayfinding
2 signs, Trail Mark Pillars, totaling \$ 50,000 in 2024 dollars.

Total Estimated Unfunded:
\$ 120,000

SECTION 6 (Phase 2)

Trail / Ellesmere Bridge Detailed Design and Construction
2026 - 2028 City of Toronto new capital budget ask for Ellesmere detailed design and construction.
Total City Request:
\$ 4,000,000

Public Realm Enhancements

With the foundational trail infrastructure and meadow restoration efforts well underway, the next phase of The Meadowway project will **explore opportunities to introduce public realm enhancements** to the corridor to improve the user experience.