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Item #11 declaration of surplus of former Aubrey bus loop 139 Aubrey street

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Letter from Fredrik Bergstrom

Re: Agenda Item 11 - Declaration of Surplus of the Former Aubrey Bus Loop, 139 Aubrey Street

Dear Members of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development,

My name is Fredrik Bergstrom, and I am writing to respectfully oppose the recommendation to declare the former Aubrey Bus Loop at 139 Aubrey Street surplus.

My family and I have lived beside this property for more than 25 years as I see 139 Aubrey Street as an important green space that greatly benefits the surrounding community.

Although the property is no longer serving its original purpose, it remains a valuable public asset. It contains mature trees, open space, existing infrastructure, and opportunities for future community use. It also serves residents living nearby, including those who do not have access to private yards and rely on public green spaces to enjoy the outdoors.

One of the things I appreciate most about this property is that it contributes to the character of the neighbourhood. Mature trees and open green spaces are increasingly difficult to preserve in urban environments. Once they are lost, it can take decades to replace their environmental and community benefits.

I am also concerned that declaring the land surplus removes future options before they have been fully explored. Retaining ownership of the property allows the City to consider a variety of public uses in the future, including additional green space, urban reforestation,

community gardens, or other community-serving initiatives. Selling the property would permanently eliminate those possibilities.

In my view, this is not simply unused land. It is a public asset that continues to provide value today and has the potential to provide even greater value in the future.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask the Committee not to declare 139 Aubrey Street surplus at this time and instead explore options that would retain the property for public benefit.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Fredrik Bergstrom

Personal information

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