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Attention: Councillor Mike Colle
City Hall, Toronto, ON

RE: PARK OPORTUNITY, 339 ST. CLEMENTS AVE.

Dear Mike

There is a long narrow City property at 339 St. Clements Avenue, on the S/E corner of St. Clements and Avenue Rd. At our last board meeting, we decided to ask if you could please find an effective way to prevent the city from selling this parcel to whomever eventually develops the corner lot/lots, and upgrade it to a park. Perhaps as an initial step, could you please ask that there be a freeze on disposing of this site. (Quite likely developers are eyeing this site now)

Since this lot is not listed as a "park", it is quite vulnerable to being sold for development. While we recognize Avenue Rd.'s suitability for 4-story residential, we also need more open green space commensurate with the growth, for a few important reasons including stormwater absorption, green space and visual relief. This would also fit in with the city's Biodiversity Strategy recommendations soon to be presented before council.

We are prompted to ask for this in part due to the former councillor signing off on a land swap between Parks/Rec and the developer for 368 and 372 Briar Hill. At that site, the developer acquired additional land of strategic value in exchange for a piece of property with a dilapidated house on Roselawn for which the City has no obvious use. The residents lost open space.

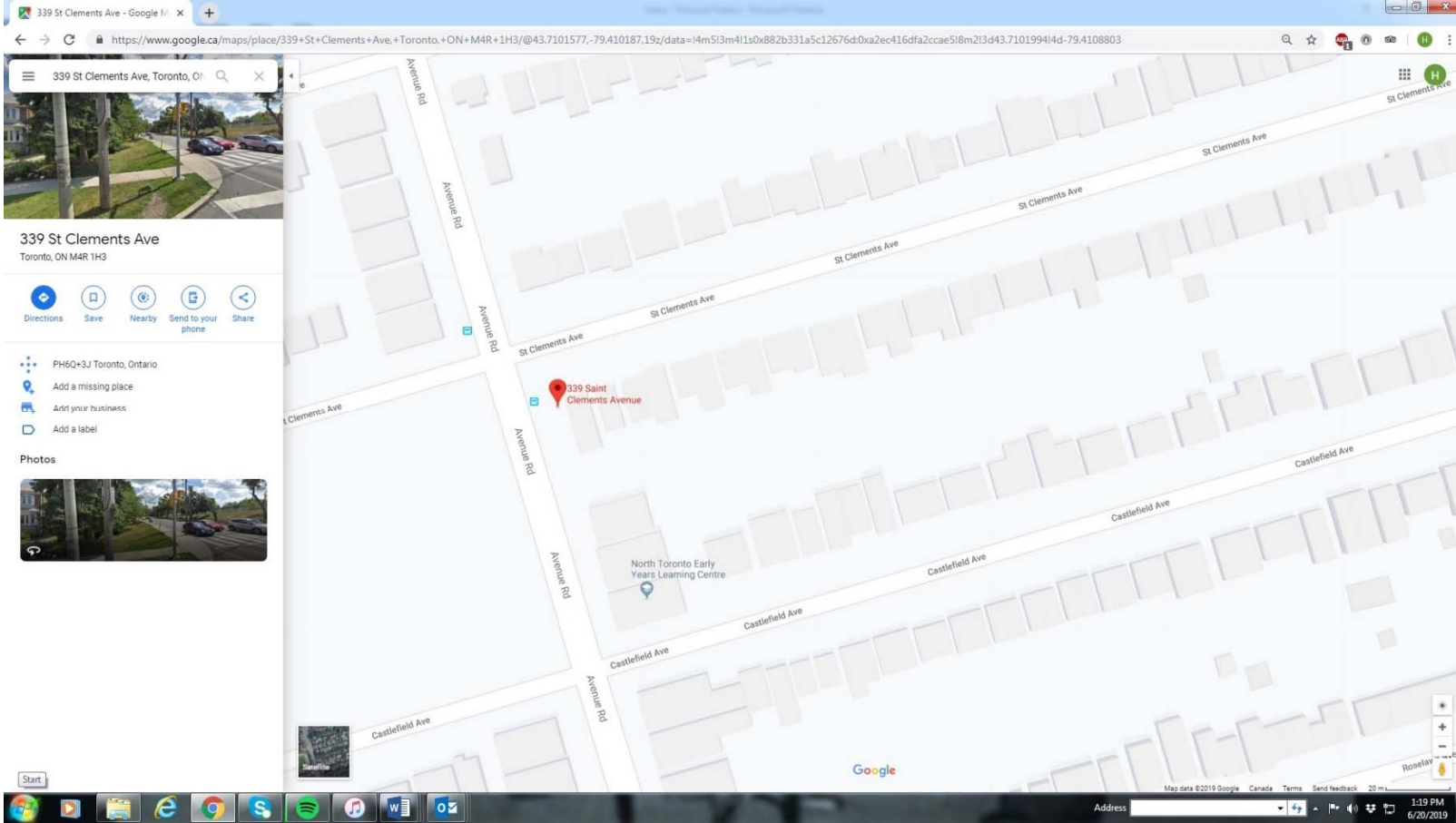
We visualize this park (space) being a minimal-maintenance native plant garden. It would be a wonderful educational opportunity for both residents and the city to see how native plants can be easily maintained (no mowing) and attract pollinators. Grading can remain as is. All it takes is will, cooperation and imagination to pull this off. Please refer to the enclosed Google map and photos.

Thanks and best regards,

Harold

Harold Smith, Director

cc. LPRO Board



Location Map for 339 St. Clements Ave.