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Councillor Mike Colle  
Ward 8, Eglinton-Lawrence, City of Toronto

Dear Councillor Colle:

### **Renaming Duplex Parkette to Butterfly Park**

First, we thank you for a very productive discussion with yourself, Cathie Ferguson, and Linda McCarthy regarding proposed developments at 41 Chatsworth and 2908 Yonge last week. This was a very good exchange of views. The Duplex Parkette abuts both of these sites.

We are writing today to wholeheartedly support your idea of renaming Duplex Parkette to Butterfly Park. The Board of LPRO, in whose area the Park would lie, happened to be meeting the night after our call with you, and the concept was very positively received. There was a suggestion that we consider the idea as both a celebration for the release of butterflies in memory of the Bereaved, and also encouraging the Parks people at the City to assist with adding the correct flora to attract and nurture butterflies over the year.

As we understand it, the park area dedication to the Bereaved Families of Ontario took place in 2002, and the Healing Garden was planted in the area of the parkette off Yonge south of the Petrocan station, where it is protected by various trees including Austrian Pines. It was recently refurbished by a combination of resident volunteers and the City upgrading benches, etc.

Butterflies are symbols of hope, transformation, and endurance. This year's Butterfly Release took place Sunday September 13. Over the course of the day, 175 butterflies were released to honour lost loved ones. More than 90 people joined in-person, respecting social distancing; another 24 participated online. We have photos from the event which can be sent.

As a more general point, Duplex Parkette has always seemed to us as residents to be something much bigger and more important than a "Parkette". It is about 1.65 hectares, and represents a key gateway and transition point for the ravine and park system in the area. We welcome your idea to re-name it **Butterfly Park**.

Please let us know how we can help.

Sincerely,

Arlena Hebert, President LPRO  
Michael Kehoe, Director LPRO

*The Lytton Park Residents' Organization ("LPRO") is an incorporated non-profit association, representing member households from Lawrence Avenue West to Roselawn and Briar Hill Avenues, Yonge Street to Saguenay and Proudfoot Avenue.*

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