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Emery Village BIA Board of Management
ATTN: Sandra Farina, Executive Director
Emery Village Business Improvement Area
1885 Wilson Ave. Ste. 209
Toronto, ON M9M 1A2

Re: Support for The Unity Walk

Dear Ms. Farina and Members of the Emery Village BIA Board of Management,

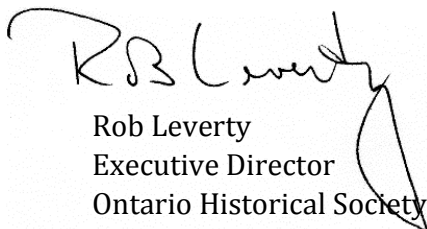
On behalf of the Ontario Historical Society (OHS), I am writing to you in support of the Emery Village BIA and your championing to create Toronto's official First Nations park: The Unity Walk.

The OHS, founded in 1888, is a not-for-profit corporation and registered charity. The OHS is a non-government group bringing together people of all ages, all walks of life, and all cultural backgrounds interested in preserving and promoting some aspect of Ontario's history.

The OHS commends the work of the BIA, that since 2015 has been working hard to create a green, community gathering space that recognizes the 11,000-year Indigenous history and ongoing contribution of the three First Nations: Mississaugas of the Credit, Huron Wendat Nation, and Six Nations of the Grand River, that have all inhabited the land we now call Toronto. The OHS congratulates the BIA on their partnership with the three First Nations and the City of Toronto to create a park that celebrates this history, and supports the BIA's ongoing work to secure the approval for land use from the Province of Ontario.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at tel: 416.226.9011 or by email: rleverty@ontariohistoricalsociety.ca.

Yours sincerely,



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