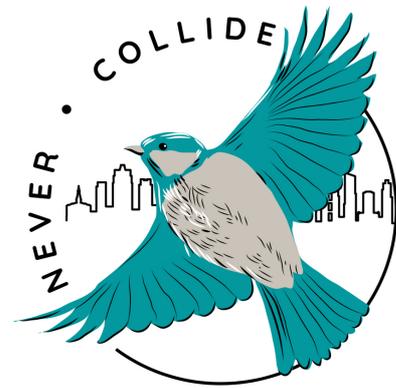


March 27th, 2022

To:

His Worship John Tory, Mayor, City of Toronto
Mr. Patrick Matozzo, Corporate Real Estate Management,
City of Toronto
Lisa King, Senior Planner, City of Toronto
(Toronto Green Standard)



Dear Sir/ Dear Mr. Matozzo/ Dear Ms. King:

As you are likely well aware, every year an estimated one million birds are killed in Toronto by colliding with reflective or transparent glass, and those deaths are preventable.

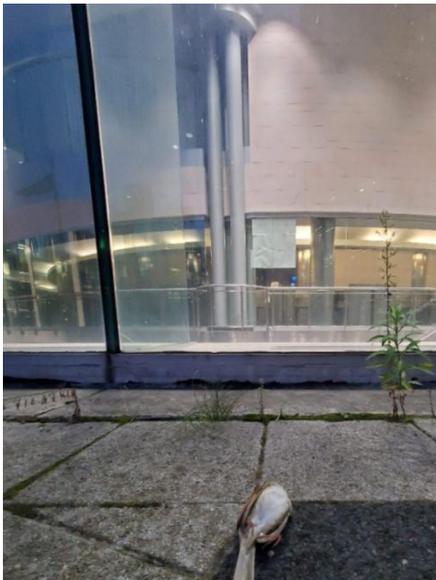
The City of Toronto was the first city in North America to require bird-friendly window designs on new construction, and was one of the first cities in Canada designated as a Bird Friendly City by Nature Canada in 2021. This is commendable.

However, you may not be aware that dead birds have been observed at the City of Toronto's property at 55 John Street. The deaths are caused by bird-window collisions. I have checked the Global Bird Collision Mapper website and confirmed that the buildings of Metro Hall (including 55 John Street) have a significant rate of bird mortality. Particular facades can be extremely deadly to birds. Action is necessary to mitigate this preventable issue of bird-window collisions.

Never Collide is a volunteer run organization dedicated to educating the public about daytime glass bird strikes and encouraging change in troublesome structures. We encourage you to install mitigation measures, such as bird deterrent markers. Not all windows require treatment, as the majority of birds collide with windows from ground level to 12 m above grade or to the top of the tree canopy.

We have attached graphs created from the raw data of bird-window collisions at 55 John Street.

Below are pictures of a few birds found at 55 John Street in 2021.



White-throated sparrow
found 2021-09-21



Rock pigeon
found 2021-05-30



American woodcock
found 2021-10-22

We look forward to hearing back from you. We are optimistic that you will find our request reasonable and appropriate.

Respectfully,

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