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Task Force to Bring Back the Don

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By email: teycc@toronto.ca

Toronto and East York Community Council
City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto ON M5H 2N2

Re. TE 22.7 Essroc Quay Lake-Filling and Naturalization – City-initiated Zoning By-Law Amendment

Dear members of Toronto/East York Community Council,

The West Don Lands Committee wishes to express our support for the staff recommendation on this matter.

As you have heard from us many times in the past, our coalition of civil society, residents', business, environmental and heritage groups has supported for well over the decade the Port Lands revitalization plans based upon naturalizing and flood protecting the Mouth of the Don River. We have resisted every effort to derail this "People's Plan", achieved through countless hours of community engagement and consultation directed by the City, Waterfront Toronto and the Toronto & Region Conservation Authority.

This Zoning By-Law Amendment is a step forward. It will help bring to pass in the very near future the first groundbreaking of the Don Mouth project on Essroc Quay, supported by contributions from the City, the Ontario provincial government and the Canadian federal government. This tripartite project is a major achievement.

We recognize this Zoning By-Law Amendment as a necessary planning step. Essroc Quay Lake-Filling will create new land that will one day become waterfront parkland from what are now two water lots. Between the time this land is created and the completion of the flood protection project, the land must be zoned to restrict uses until such time as it is flood-protected. At that time, zoning will be amended in line with a framework plan and precinct plan that are now being prepared with robust community input.

This amendment is a necessary step towards a major city-building goal. Please approve it. Thank you. Yours truly,



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