

## Friends of the Spit

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Councillor Joe Cressy  
Toronto City Council

Re: Motion MM34.13 - Reinforcing the Importance of the Toronto Island Habitat

Dear Councillor Cressy,

We at Friends of the Spit (FOS) enthusiastically support your motion to have the Toronto Islands designated as a Bird Sanctuary. This designation will nicely complement the Leslie St. Spit (including Tommy Thompson Park) which has received international recognition and subsequent designation as an Important Bird Area (IBA).

These two land forms are basically contiguous and provide a critical safe resting place for migrating birds and vital habitat for resident bird species.

As you are aware, both of these “jewels in the heart of Canada’s largest metropolis” are car-free. This is of utmost importance for both the Leslie St. Spit and the Toronto Islands, as it ensures the protection of the bird populations and the enhanced enjoyment of the hundreds of thousands of people who visit these natural areas each year.

Again we wish you every success with this endeavor.

Sincerely,

FRIENDS OF THE SPIT

per:

JOHN CARLEY Co-Chair

GARTH RILEY, Co-Chair

cc City Clerk