



Mayor John Tory City
of Toronto
100 Queen Street W,
Toronto, ON, M5H 2N2
July 12, 2022 – DRAFT FOR SIGNATORY REVIEW – V2

Dear Mayor Tory and Members of the Executive Committee,
RE: EX34.4 Priority Downtown Parks and Public Realm Opportunities

Flotation Canada inc, industrial Marine Dock Fabricator is writing in support of the proposed revitalization of the Bathurst Quay signature waterfront park at Spadina Quay and the Portland Slip, and to highlight the need for immediate action to ensure that marine industrial access in the portlands be extended and increased to ensure that the marine industry retains commercial access to cityside plots

Flotation Canada inc services marine infrastructure across the harbour from Parliament Slip to Portland slip, including RCYC, Toronto Island Marina, Island Yacht Club, National Yacht Club and Mimico Sailing Clubs. Our company is the one of two fabricators maintaining the integrity of docks, slips and marine infrastructure in the harbour. Dock fabrication is a significant factor in maintaining the marine environment, industry requires adequate facilities to receive the raw material, adequate workshop space to fabricate, repair and maintain the equipment, with the ability to store and deliver the docking infrastructure.

In accordance with the Marine Strategy Review 2020's design to install new finger piers for the tour and charter industry, these finger piers ranging in size up to 100 feet long will require significant city side industrial space smaller in scale but not indifferent to the space required during the Gardiner Expressway rehabilitation, north of the Gardiner.

While the proposed revitalization will improve the waterfront economy as a destination, we are concerned about the continued development of the harbour and the effect it will have on industrial use without adequate alternative facilities in place to replace them would have a significant impact on this currently growing and in-demand industry. This development in combination with work being done to develop public space at the Parliament Slip by Waterfront Toronto will require relocation of an industrial slip.

New commercial berths, and expanded industrial facilities must be in place in advance of relocation due to construction.

We also emphasize that it will be essential that the City of Toronto, its entities and partners (Ports Toronto, Waterfront Toronto, Harbourfront Centre, CreateTO) and all three levels of government must prioritize recommendations in the 2020 Marine Use Strategy to ensure commercial and industrial uses remain viable in Toronto's inner harbor.

We also highlight and request immediate action on the following priorities outlined in the 2020 Marine Use

Strategy [Link]:

1) The expedited development of new finger piers for the tour and charter industry in locations across the central waterfront such as East Bayfront and at the Jack Layton Ferry Terminal as outlined in the East Bayfront Precinct Plan and the Jack Layton Ferry Terminal Master Plan. [2020 Marine Use Strategy item 4.5.1 / Additional Finger Piers]

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2) The development of managed common user berths for the tour, charter, and water taxi industry to allow for boats to dock at locations near to the inner harbour and pickup passengers at a centralised location.

[2020 Marine Use Strategy item 4.5.2 / Common User Dock]

3) Build out facilities to allow for the servicing of tour and charter boats close to the central waterfront, including maintenance, fulling, fresh water, supplies (food), and sewage disposal. [2020 Marine Use Strategy item 4.5.3 / Boat Repair]

4) Consider the construction of a large multi-user pier that could accommodate a new cruise terminal

as well as accommodate berth space for the tour, charter, and water taxi industry.

[2020 Marine Use Strategy item 4.5.4 / Multi-User Pier]

If you wish to coordinate a meeting or consultation with our group of operators or require contact details, please contact Michael Hawkins Flootation Canada Inc.

Sincerely,

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Improvements planned for Bathurst Quay and Parliament Slip will be exciting additions to the growth

of Toronto's waterfront and inner harbour as a destination.

As part of the City of Toronto's on-going consultation and design process, our industry will highlight the importance of replacing and expanding upon the number of berths for commercial tour, charter and water taxi operators who may be displaced. This includes recommendations in the 2020 Marine

Use Strategy, including additional finger piers.