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Chair and Members
Executive Committee
Attention : Kelly McCarthy
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Dear Ms. McCarthy;

**Re: Port Lands Acceleration Initiative – Update
Executive Committee – April 23, 2013
20 Polson Street and 176 Cherry Street
Item EX31.8**

Aird & Berlis LLP acts for Marland I Corporation and Marland II Corporation who have long term leasehold interests in 20 Polson Street and 176 Cherry Street.

We have had an opportunity to review the Report dated April 9, 2013 from the Deputy City Manager, Cluster B which will be considered as part of the above noted Item.

We are concerned that the report does not provide any direction for the precinct planning of Polson Quay which, along with Cousins Quay, is an important part of Precinct E. We also note that the report does not provide direction that the conclusion of this precinct planning exercise is the production of a zoning by-law and the holding of appropriate Statutory Public Meeting(s).

Council's Decision Statement October 2012 requested the Deputy City Manager responsible for the Waterfront Initiative, Waterfront Toronto and the Chief Planner and Executive Director City Planning to initiate precinct planning, following the Port Lands Acceleration Initiative process, along with the submission of a business and implementation plan, for the following precincts within the Port Lands: Cousins Quay (E1), Polson Quay (E3) and the Film Studio District (F).

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The current update report does not commit to any precinct planning process for Polson Quay.


We therefore request that Council direct that the precinct planning for Precinct E not omit Polson Quay and that it include both Cousins Quay and Polson Quay in the current precinct planning process culminating in the preparation of an appropriate zoning by-law(s) for consideration at a statutory public meeting.

Council is aware that the current appeals of the Central Waterfront Plan OPA 257 and various related zoning by-laws are currently before the Ontario Municipal Board. The organization of the Board's hearing commencing September 23, 2013 is currently under discussion for the submission of a Procedural Order to the Board at its next Prehearing Conference on June 17, 2013.

It is appropriate that the update on the Port Lands Acceleration Initiative provide clarity on these issues at this time.

Yours truly,

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