

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM37.8	ACTION			Ward:30
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Completing Construction on the Ship Channel Bridge - by Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Mary Fragedakis

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Executive Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Mary Fragedakis, recommends that:

1. City Council request the City Manager take the necessary measures to expedite the completion of construction taking place on the Ship Channel Bridge, and if necessary take any steps required to cover the construction costs and develop a recovery agreement with the Toronto Port Authority.

Summary

The ongoing closure of the Ship Channel Bridge on Cherry Street, compounded with construction related to the Leslie Street connecting track, is causing a significant traffic issue in the Port Lands. The Ship Channel Bridge closure leaves only one single-lane bridge on Unwin Avenue as the access point for an area housing numerous summer camps, marinas, sailing clubs, and parks.

The delay in completion of the Ship Channel Bridge is expected to keep the bridge closed until late July and at that stage only one lane is due to re-open. This is an unacceptable situation for the surrounding community.

(Submitted to City Council on July 16 and 17, 2013 as MM37.8)

Background Information

Member Motion MM37.8