TORONTO Member Motion

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM55.14	ACTION			Ward:30

Toronto Islands Advisory Committee - by Councillor Pam McConnell, seconded by Councillor Paula Fletcher

**** Notice of this Motion has been given.***
**** This Motion is subject to referral to the Parks and Environment Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.***

Recommendations

Councillor Pam McConnell, seconded by Councillor Paula Fletcher, recommends that:

1. City Council request the Acting General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to report to the Parks and Environment Committee in the first quarter of 2015 on the establishment of an Advisory Committee for the Toronto Islands parkland, waterfront parks, and ferry service to these destinations, such report to include the recommended Terms of Reference and suggested membership.

Summary

The Toronto Islands are the front porch of the City and one of the leading destinations for tourists and Toronto residents. Attracting more than 1.2 million visitors every year, the Islands are a favourite location for a variety of events and activities, as well as the home to a unique and vibrant community.

Similarly, as the waterfront receives investments and improvements in infrastructure, it is becoming a popular destination for events and recreation activities.

The ever increasing popularity of the Islands and the harbour has created many operational and logistical challenges. The programming of the public space on the Islands and the mainland has generated numerous conflicts among various stakeholders, and operational and customer service problems with the ferry service are having a negative impact on both daily and occasional users.

Some of the issues are dealt with in an ad hoc manner, and a long term strategy is required. The solutions to current problems, as well as anticipating future challenges and opportunities, can only be properly addressed through a formal planning process that includes numerous stakeholders, including local residents, area businesses, ferry user groups, and the yacht clubs.

(Submitted to City Council on August 25 and 26, 2014 as MM55.14)

Background Information (City Council)
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