Expanding the Designated Waterfront Area to include Etobicoke Creek, Don River and Humber River

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To: Executive Committee
From: City Council
Wards: All Wards

City Council Decision

City Council on February 3 and 4, 2016, referred Motion MM12.3 to the Executive Committee.

Recommendations

Councillor James Pasternak, seconded by Councillor Justin J. Di Ciano, recommends that:

1. City Council request the Deputy City Manager Cluster B, after consultations with the Federal Government, the Province of Ontario, Waterfront Toronto and the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority to report back to City Council on:

   a. the process to add Etobicoke Creek, Don River and Humber River to the Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Corporation Act "designated waterfront area";

   b. the potential benefits for the City of Toronto to expand the "designated waterfront area" to include Etobicoke Creek, Don River and Humber River; and

   c. a potential timeline for implementing this change.

Summary

The "designated waterfront area" in the Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Corporation Act includes some of Toronto's river systems and their tributaries that flow into Lake Ontario, but not all. Currently only Mimico Creek, Highland Creek and Rouge River are part of the designated waterfront area.

Expanding the Designated Waterfront Area to include Etobicoke Creek, Don River and Humber River
By including all of Toronto's river systems and their tributaries that flow into Lake Ontario, Waterfront Toronto would be provided with the opportunity for further revitalization opportunities in these vital City areas. It would also further demonstrate the City of Toronto's commitment to building a sustainable, resilient city with a focus on connectivity through the City's vast network of trails and paths.