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City of Toronto Executive Committee Toronto City Hall 100 Queen Street West Toronto ON, M5H 2N2

RE: EX 15.7 Implementation of the Mayor's Advisory Panel Recommendations for Future "Mega" International Event Bidding and Hosting in the Toronto Region

Dear members of the Executive Committee,

Waterfront Toronto, as stewards of waterfront revitalization in this City, are please to submit this letter respecting the above referenced item.

The revitalization of Toronto's Port Lands, a roughly 350 hectare industrial area, is poised to become Toronto's great legacy project. Waterfront Toronto has a commitment to the Port Lands and are in the process of working with the City to establish a clear and implementable plan that reflects our core mandates of sustainable practices, design excellence, community engagement and complete communities. Extensive planning for the future of the Port Lands and the due diligence work on the flood protection to unlock the Port Lands is nearing completion. The three orders of Government have expressed support for the Port Lands Flood Protection project and Waterfront Toronto is optimistic that funding will be secured in the impending future.

Waterfront Toronto is supportive of any development in the Port Lands that would help realize the revitalization potential of the area and catalyze future developments by providing necessary legacy infrastructure including servicing and much needed transit.

The Waterfront Toronto Board, comprised of Federal, Provincial and Municipal representatives, has not expressed any opinion regarding a potential EXPO bid. Assuming a decision is made by the three governments to move forward with a bid for 2025, Waterfront Toronto stands ready to engage with the designated



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host committee to coordinate the planning, design and execution of the horizontal improvements necessary to host a successful World's Expo.

Yours truly,

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