

City Council**Motion without Notice**

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Request report on Damages Sustained from Rising Lake Water Levels and Restoration Plans for Waterfront Parks - by Councillor Mark Grimes, seconded by Councillor Pam McConnell

** This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

** This Motion is not subject to a vote to waive referral. This Motion has been added to the agenda and is before Council for debate.*

Recommendations

Councillor Mark Grimes, seconded by Councillor Pam McConnell, recommends that:

1. City Council request Strategic Communications staff to immediately release a communication with information about the Office of Emergency Management, as well as what to do and who to call in the event of an emergency caused by flooding or erosion, on both private and public property.
2. City Council request the General Manager, Parks, Forestry, and Recreation, in conjunction with the Office of Emergency Management, the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, to report directly to City Council at its July meeting on damages sustained by waterfront parks from increased water levels, as well as the plan and timeline for immediate repair, restoration and long-term preventative measures to prevent further damage.
3. City Council request the City Manager explore with the Federal Government emergency flood and erosion relief funding.

Summary

Lake levels are at their highest recorded levels in more than 20 years. Many waterfront parks in Toronto have suffered significant shoreline erosion, damage and debris accumulation over the past few weeks. Private properties in close proximity to the lake have also sustained damage, which in some cases have resulted in situations where emergency measures are required to make the area safe. Many property owners are not aware of the protocols in place to manage emergencies and using social media to communicate with the City.

A comprehensive inventory of the damage sustained, as well as a plan for immediate repair, restoration and future preventive measures is required.

This Motion is urgent because some of the damages have resulted in unsafe conditions on both

City and private property at the waterfront, and lake levels will continue to rise throughout the spring causing further damage and erosion.

Background Information (City Council)

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