



Royal Canadian Yacht Club

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October 24, 2019

Ulli Watkiss, City Clerk
Toronto City Hall
13th Floor W.
100 Queen St. W
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Dear Ms. Watkiss:

Re: Toronto City Council Meeting October 29-30 - Flood Infrastructure - Toronto Island - Agenda Item IE8.5

We are writing to you on behalf of the 4,500 members and employees of the Royal Canadian Yacht Club. The RCYC supports the urgent need for the expenditure of city monies to provide flood protection for the Toronto Island Park, Island Public School and infrastructure including the Water Filtration Plant.

We believe this is an important matter and provision should be made to proceed next spring in advance of the peak spring Lake Ontario levels in 2020. Based on the record water levels of Lake Erie alone, it will probably be another high-water year on Lake Ontario in 2020.

Raising Cibola Avenue, so that it would operate as a dike from the Ward's Island ferry dock to Chippewa Avenue on Centre Island should be a priority.

Cibola was impassable by most vehicles this past summer and is the only land access to the RCYC property from the Toronto Island ferry dock and Island Park.

Raising Cibola is required to maintain public access to the Island Park and in particular to maintain Fire and EMS to the RCYC property during major flood events like 2017-2019 just past. Raising Cibola would also ensure the park is accessible to the public, including RCYC members, who are largely residents of the City of Toronto.

A permanent solution on Cibola is needed and should be proceeded with in 2020.

Sincerely

Jamie Keating
Commodore

Neil Rooney
Chief Operating Officer & General Manager

cc: Joe Cressy, Councillor