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Dear Executive Committee members,

The report you are considering on Quayside marks the next step in creating a new neighbourhood on the waterfront. The Carpenters Union is excited for what this opportunity could mean for the construction industry.

Sidewalk Labs is proposing to use emerging building materials like mass timber and off-site factory construction of its buildings on Quayside. This will accelerate the building of the development, reduce risk in construction and create new jobs.

Quayside could become the world's first neighbourhood built entirely out of sustainable timber. This would energize the timber manufacturing industry in Canada and create thousands of new jobs. To support the growth of this industry, Sidewalk Labs has said it would invest in a mass timber factory in Ontario.

Despite the abundance of certified forests in Canada, Europe is leading in timber manufacturing. This could be a truly perfect industry for us and will also contribute to revitalizing northern Ontario communities which have seen a downturn in the pulp and paper industry. We have an opportunity to revitalize those communities with new technology and new jobs in particular young people and Indigenous communities.

The first ever mass-timber district in the world, combined with investment in the supply chain and building trades, can result in transformative growth for the Canadian timber industry. We also believe there is a great opportunity to involve young people through community benefits to engage in exciting development and a new industry that offers them a great career path in the construction industry.

Sincerely,

**Mike Yorke**  
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