



October 16, 2019

Infrastructure and Environment Committee
Toronto City Council
100 Queen Street W
Toronto, ON, M5H 2N2

RE: IE8.5 – Update on Flood Mitigation and Damage Repair for Toronto’s Waterfront and Toronto Island Park.

Dear Councillor Pasternak and the Infrastructure and Environment Committee,

We are writing to congratulate and thank all of the proponents involved for their tireless and thoughtful work to date in towards mitigating damage caused by high lake effects and windstorm impacts over the past few years to the central waterfront and Toronto Island Park, as well as other locations along Toronto's Waterfront. Without the quick response from the City, damage to our city's waterfront and the Toronto Islands could have been greater and led to far deeper economic impacts to both the city and its waterfront businesses.

We would like to thank staff from Parks Forestry and Recreation and the Toronto Region Conservation Authority for the ensuring that the flood protection efforts are being done in a timely and effective manner, Councillor Cressy and Mayor Tory for their leadership on prioritizing this issue at Council, and Adam Vaughan and the Federal Government for helping the City to secure the much needed Federal Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund (DMAF) to ensue that this work can be undertaken.

The Waterfront Business Improvement Area (WBIA) represents businesses along the Queens Quay corridor between Bathurst and Yonge as well as the Toronto Islands, working to support the continued development of the waterfront as a premier destination that is well-connected to the rest of the City and is beautiful, clean and vibrant year-round.

Sincerely,

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cc. Mayor Tory
Councillor Cressy
MP Vaughan
Janie Romoff, GM of Parks Forestry & Recreation
John MacKenzie, CEO of Toronto Region Conservation Authority