

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM2.6	ACTION			Ward: All
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Continuing the Toronto Islands Advisory Committee - by Councillor Joe Cressy, seconded by Councillor Paula Fletcher

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Infrastructure and Environment Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor Joe Cressy, seconded by Councillor Paula Fletcher, recommends that:

1. City Council approve the continuation of the Toronto Islands Advisory Committee, and request the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to continue to work with the Toronto Islands Advisory Committee to achieve the City's goals of enhancing the Islands as an attractive and year-round destination.

Summary

The Toronto Islands are the front porch of the City and one of the leading destinations for tourists and Toronto residents. Attracting more than 1.2 million visitors every year, the Islands are a favourite location for a variety of events and activities, as well as the home to a unique and vibrant community.

Similarly, as the waterfront receives investments and improvements in infrastructure, it has become a popular destination for events and recreation activities.

The ever increasing popularity of the Islands and the harbour have created many operational and logistical challenges.

City Council at its meeting on August 25 and 26, 2014, approved MM55.14 and initiated the formation of the Toronto Islands Advisory Committee. The Toronto Islands Advisory Committee conducted meetings through the 2014-2018 term of Council and provided valuable input to City staff through stakeholder representation. This Motion recommends the continuation of the advisory group.

The Toronto Islands Advisory Committee has focused on supporting comprehensive, long-term visioning and strategic planning for Toronto's centrepiece park. Continuing the advisory committee will assist the City's goals of enhancing the Islands as an attractive and accessible year-round destination.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM2.6