
City Council

Notice of Motion

MM9.15	ACTION			Ward: All
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Protecting the Great Lakes - the proposed Canada-Ontario agreement on Great Lakes Water Quality and Ecosystem Health - by Councillor Mike Layton, seconded by Councillor Joe Cressy

** 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 Mike Layton, seconded by Councillor Joe Cressy, recommends that:

1. City Council request the City Manager, in consultation with the Director, Environment and Energy and the General Manager, Toronto Water to report back to the Infrastructure and Environment Committee on September 9, 2019, regarding the proposed changes to the Canada-Ontario agreement on Great Lakes Water Quality and Ecosystem Health and how it would impact City policy, costs and programs as they relate to water quality, storm water management, ecosystem health, parkland and watercourse management.
2. City Council request the City Manager to prepare any comments on the proposed Canada-Ontario agreement on Great Lakes Water Quality and Ecosystem Health for inclusion on the Environmental Registry of Ontario.
3. City Council direct the City Manager to request the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks to extend the deadline for the City of Toronto to comment on the Environmental Registry of Ontario regarding the proposed Canada-Ontario agreement on Great Lakes Water Quality and Ecosystem Health beyond September 4, 2019.

Summary

The Great Lakes are the world's largest endowment of freshwater and serve as drinking water to millions of residents in Canada and the United States and Torontonians depend on the Great Lakes for drinking water, transportation, recreation and food. Our quality of life is closely linked with the quality of the Great Lakes water and its ecosystem.

The Government of Canada and the Province of Ontario have negotiated changes to the Canada-Ontario agreement on Great Lakes Water Quality and Ecosystem Health which could impact how the City of Toronto uses and protects Lake Ontario.

Background Information (City Council)

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