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City Councillor | Ward 14 Toronto-Danforth

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Infrastructure and Environment Committee
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON M4H 2N2

Dear Chair Jennifer McKelvie and Members,

Re: IE20.10 Non-Motorized Water Craft Storage and Launch Locations

On January 11, 2021, the Infrastructure and Environment committee approved a motion from me to support easier access to the lake and rivers for residents using Kayaks, Canoes and Paddleboards by identifying areas for storage. As noted in my letter on that item, during Covid, residents have used the lake in unprecedented numbers and many have asked about getting facilities where they can leave their non-motorized crafts.

Waterfront Toronto recently produced a Marine Strategy on behalf of all of the partners. Unfortunately it does not address facilities, including storage facilities, for non-motorized craft.

Since January 11th, I have had two great meetings with staff from the City and the TRCA to identify what currently exists for water access, nodes, rentals and existing clubs have storage or potential storage. City staff are already working on an RFP for rentals and day storage. As well, I have identified current resources to identify the "Blue Trail" across Toronto's waterfront and work is underway to consolidate all of this information.

Soon, there will likely be a number of new options identified for residents to more easily enjoy their time on the water on the paddleboards and canoes and kayaks. When that information is consolidated it would be a good time for a meeting of all waterfront Councillors - Wards 3, 4, 10, 14, 19, 24 and 25 - to go over the findings and provide feedback so City staff can report back to this committee with an updated proposal at your May 25th meeting.

This has already been an exciting process and there is more to do. I look forward to continuing the work with staff to consolidate the information and add options for this summer on the Lake and to help prepare for the meeting of waterfront Councillors.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

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