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**RE: IE26.20 Western Waterfront Master Plan**

Dear Councillors and Mayor Tory,

We are writing to ask that you **amend** and **adopt** this motion.

Recommendations (ref: [Lake Ontario Waterkeeper, November 2020](#)):

- make a plan to eliminate Combined Sewer Overflows (CSOs) in Black Creek, Mimico, Humber River, and the west end shoreline, rapidly, to take effect starting in 2022, fully funded; and, add back more monitored beaches (~halved in Toronto since 2005).

We note:

- in terms of timeframe, the City's current [plan](#) to eliminate CSOs in the Don River and Toronto Harbour is planned to be complete by ~2034(?) which seems an unnecessarily concerning long time to decide to continue to release sewage into our local waterbodies for already;

- the Toronto Remedial Action Plan (RAP)'s "Toronto & Region Area of Concern Work Plan 2020-2025" (released May 18, 2021(?) [PDF](#)) had the aesthetics of Toronto's watersheds redesignated as "not impaired", which raises questions of significant concern ("sewage, debris, and plastics are among the main issues that need to be addressed; until these issues have truly been solved, re-designating this should not have even been considered let alone changed" (1));

- the City has an '[Outfall Monitoring Program](#)' which we gather Toronto Water may be responsible for only in dry weather only, and are unclear where the reports and what the metrics, level of detail, frequency, impacts, progress, plans and timelines for improvement, are.

Thank you,  
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cc. Councillors McKelvie, Layton, Colle, Minnan-Wong, Pasternak, Perruzza, Bailao and Mayor Tory

**About Zero Waste Hub Toronto:** Zero Waste Hub Toronto (est. 2018) is a grassroots not for profit organization, the founder and organizer of Toronto's first two zero waste fairs (May 2018 and 2019), and works with established local organizations and green groups to help promote waste reduction education, awareness, and opportunities, and create a zero waste future for Toronto.