



RE:

Support for GL28.1, recommendation to electrify the Toronto Island Ferry Fleet as part of the 2022-2031 Parks, Forestry and Recreation Capital Budget and Plan

TO:

Councillor Paul Ainslie
Chair, General Government and Licensing Committee

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Dear Councillor Ainslie,

We are writing in support of the staff recommendation to electrify the Toronto Islands Ferry Fleet as part of the 2022-2031 recommended Parks Forestry and Recreation Capital Budget and Plan.

The Toronto Island Ferries are one of the most iconic features of Toronto's waterfront. The Waterfront BIA's 2017 Strategic Framework cites trips to the Toronto Islands as "a common journey that many Torontonians undertake every summer to escape the high heat of the city" and recognizes this journey as a key element of the waterfront experience. As the primary connection between the mainland and Toronto Islands, this modernized ferry service will reflect the local and global need for climate resilience and will continue to be a significant component of Toronto's waterfront identity.

With the Toronto Island Master Plan underway and plans to enhance the Jack Layton Ferry Terminal, along with numerous other waterfront revitalization projects in process, the electrification of the ferry fleet will greatly complement these efforts to make Toronto's waterfront a world-class destination.

Sincerely,

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