



May 21, 2022

Infrastructure and Environment Committee
Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, Ontario M5H 2N2

Re: IE30.15 – 2022 update to the Western Waterfront Master Plan

Dear Members of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee,

I am writing on behalf the West Side Community Council (WSCC) to express **support for the Report from the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning and the General Manager, Transportation Services** regarding *updates to the 2009 Western Waterfront Master Plan*.

It is imperative that the City revisit and update the Western Waterfront Master Plan; to ensure the protection of the west end shoreline and waterfront from the Humber River to the Western Gap. A comprehensive analysis of the shoreline and waterfront needs to be included in the Western Waterfront Master Plan update. There is clear evidence that the western beaches have been impacted by erosion and flooding due to the rising water levels of Lake Ontario and the failing 110-year old breakwall.

The 1912 breakwall, built to protect the shoreline, has been deteriorating since the 1970s, which presents a dangerous situation for both land and water-based recreational activities and infrastructures, in addition to local wildlife. The breakwall needs to be repaired as a minimum or improved and relocated to assist the City in achieving its objective of increasing the amount of safe, usable "water". To accomplish this the Humber Bay needs a resilient shoreline strategy that will protect the parks, beaches, critical infrastructure, and other public amenities outlined in the existing Western Waterfront Master Plan.

Despite the degradation of the shoreline from erosion and flooding, usership along the western waterfront continues to grow. According to

the City of Toronto, recreational non-motorized watercraft use will rise to over 100,000 users by 2025.

We believe that the **Humber Bay For All Vision** for the waterfront, which prioritizes a resilient shoreline, will help protect and enhance the western beaches for land and water users alike, making Toronto even more attractive and accessible.

Please **approve item IE30.15, the Western Waterfront Master Plan – Update** at the May 25th, 2022, Infrastructure & Environment Committee.

We look forward to working with the City of Toronto to help shape the future of the Western Waterfront between the Western Gap to the east and the Humber River to the west.

Sincerely,



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Members of the WSCC (www.westsidecc.ca) include the Grange Community Association, the Harbord Village Residents' Association, the Garment District Neighbourhood Association, the Trinity Bellwoods Community Association, the Ossington Community Association, the Lakeview Avenue Neighbourhood Association, the Liberty Village Residents' Association, Beaconsfield Village Residents' Association, Active 18, the Parkdale Residents Association, Roncesvalles-Macdonell Residents Association, and the Bloordale Community Improvement Association