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Sunnyside Community Association  
Toronto, Ontario

Toronto City Hall  
100 Queen Street West  
Toronto, Ontario

RE: 2022 Update to the Western Waterfront Master Plan

Dear Members of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee,

I am writing to express my **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, update all aspects of the Western Waterfront Master Plan, and act on original and updated recommendations

In particular, the update needs 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 variable water levels of Lake Ontario and failing 110 -year old breakwall.

The 1912 break wall, built to protect the shoreline, has been deteriorating since the 1970s, and now presents a dangerous situation for both land and water-based activities. 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.

I 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 beautiful and accessible.

Please **approve item IE30.15, the Western Waterfront Master Plan – Update** at the May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Infrastructure & Environment Committee. We are looking forward to working with the City of Toronto to help shape the future of the Humber Bay community.

Best Regards,



Jeffery Hanning - Past Chair - Sunnyside Community Association