

Toronto Industry Network

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June 29, 2022

Councillor Gord Perks and Members of the Toronto & East York Community Council, City Hall, 100 Queen Street West, Toronto, Ontario, M5H 2N2.

Attn: Ellen Devlin, Administrator

Dear Councillor Perks and Members of the Committee:

Re: TE34.14 - Basin Media Hub (29, 35, 41 and 75 Basin Street) - City-initiated Zoning By-law Amendment Application - Final Report (Ward 14 - Statutory: Planning Act, RSO 1990)

The Toronto Industry Network is writing to register TIN's interest in the impact to TIN members utilizing the Shipping Channel of the proposed Rezoning By-law changes that will allow a film studio to be constructed on Basin Street beside the Shipping Channel. While TIN is supportive of the film industry that brings much needed cash and employment to our City, there are many areas in Toronto that would welcome a new film studio. Most film studios do not need a water lot to function and this studio will sterilize approximately 415 metres of dock wall.

Toronto has only one Port that allows shipping from around the world access to the City and its region. Under the Port Lands Planning Framework approved by Council in 2017, approximately 46% of the Port's dock wall has been taken away from marine uses to allow promenades, film studios, parks (Lookout Park, etc.), a floodway (no rain event has flooded the Port), a new bridge crossing (Broadview Avenue) and of course various plots of land awaiting condo development that will inject additional sensitive uses into Port operations.

Given the resurgence of Great Lakes shipping which is the greenest form of transportation and the need to have a variety of supply chain options, TIN believes the Port facilities should be protected for future growth. To do otherwise is short-sighted.

We respectfully request the City Clerk and Council provide TIN with all notices of meetings, consultations and decisions to be sent to us at paul@scrivener-associates.com and by letter mail at 28 Bannatyne Drive, Toronto, ON, M2L 2N9 regarding the above reference subject matter/planning application.

I thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

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Craig McLuckie, President