## **Mayor Chow Premier Ford Prime Minister Trudeau**

## THE WATERFRONT EAST LRT IS AN OPPORTUNITY **TO SEIZE NOW**

RE: EX9.14 Advancing Waterfront East Light Rail Transit

On October 31, the City of Toronto s Executive Committee will be asked to advance the Waterfront East LRT. We encourage all orders of government to work together to ensure we build the eastern waterfront and Port Lands with public transit and maximize the potential for housing, jobs and new public spaces for the people of Toronto.



The future plans for Toronto's eastern waterfront project at least 75,000 new homes for 130,000 more residents, and 50,000 more jobs by 2040. Building the Waterfront East LRT will unlock this housing and employment potential. This is an opportunity to help build a more affordable, sustainable, and prosperous city, province and country.

Each year across the waterfront, the number of new residents continues to grow. The number of visitors is rebounding to pre pandemic levels. Offices and educational institutions are expanding or relocating to the waterfront. With flood protection work in the Port Lands nearing completion, close to one third of the waterfront revitalization area will be unlocked for development.

New neighbourhoods can only fulfill their potential if the people who live and work there can come and go easily. Seamless transit connectivity is vital to make homes, jobs and attractions for visitors accessible. This transit line is critical to connecting some of the most exciting development opportunities in Canada, from the eastern waterfront through the West Don and the Port Lands. There are significant affordable housing opportunities where plans call for up to 30% affordable units and density could be increased significantly with transit connectivity.

The time is now to fund and build the Waterfront East LRT

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