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By email: iec@toronto.ca

Dear Chair McKelvie & members of the Infrastructure & Environment Committee,

The Fatal Light Awareness Program (FLAP) Canada would like to express its support for Councillor Dianne Saxe's recommendation to see the Lights Out Toronto! (LOT!) program resumed with City buildings.

We propose the motion go further, in the spirit of the original LOT! program launched in 2005 that addressed both night and daytime bird-building collisions. As a former stakeholder in the development and launch of the LOT! program, FLAP Canada would be excited to see this highly successful educational program revived to include daytime bird collision mitigation education for both commercial and public sectors. Statistics demonstrate that daytime bird-window collisions are more lethal than nighttime strikes and are responsible for most bird-building collisions.

The City of Toronto's LOT! program inspired cities across North America to introduce similar initiatives in their communities. By resurrecting LOT!, the City can continue as a role model in bird-building collision mitigation, and help save countless of birds lives.

Thank you for your consideration of this important conservation issue.

Yours sincerely,

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