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July 23, 2024
Mayor Chow and members of Council
Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

RE: IE15.2 - Toronto Island Park Master Plan

Dear Mayor and members of Council,

Cycle Toronto is writing in support of the Toronto Island Park Master Plan implementation priorities, particularly the need to improve access and connectivity. Toronto Island is one of the city's most popular destinations. It is a valuable public asset that must be accessible by people of all ages, abilities and incomes.

We commend the report's focus on reinforcing Toronto Island as a "car-free experience", and finding more ways to enable people to ride a bike. Furthermore, we are pleased to see recommendations to expand cycling options, including more secure bike parking and racks, repair stations, and water filling stations across the island and at key destinations. We also believe the growing demand for cycling necessitates exploring expanded bicycle rental options, including a possible expansion of Bike Share Toronto. And while currently not in scope of this report, the calls for a cycling and pedestrian bridge could also help better connect the island and its community to more active modes of transportation.

The City of Toronto must improve access to Bike Share Toronto to help people move to active transportation and recreational options for everyone.

Thank you for your consideration on this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Alison Stewart".

Alison Stewart
Director, Advocacy and Public Policy

Cycle Toronto is a member-supported charity that works to make Toronto a safe, healthy, and vibrant cycling city for all.