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Toronto Accessibility Advisory Committee  
100 Queen Street West  
Toronto, ON  
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Dear Toronto Accessibility Advisory Committee Members:

## **Re: Toronto Beach Accessibility**

### **Summary**

A recent CBC news story (<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/toronto-beach-accessibility-1.7206872>) brought much needed awareness about the lack of beach access throughout most of Toronto's public beaches. For those using mobility aids, parents with strollers, and anyone else who finds sandy terrain challenging to navigate, options are slim to none for enjoying a beach experience in Toronto. While many provincial parks and municipalities are making beach access a priority, beach access in Toronto is clearly not being considered.

### **Recommendation**

That the Toronto Accessibility Advisory Committee recommend the Executive Committee to:

1. Request the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to present an update to the Toronto Accessibility Advisory Committee at its December 11, 2024 meeting, on their plans to ensure Toronto's beaches are accessible for those with disabilities, including those who use mobility aids.
2. Invite "Friends of Hanlon" to present to the Toronto Accessibility Advisory Committee at its December 11, 2024 meeting, on their work-to-date to help ensure Hanlans Point is accessible for those with disabilities, including those who use mobility aids.

Sincerely,

Luke Anderson

Member, Toronto Accessibility Advisory Committee