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**City Councillor | Ward 14 Toronto-Danforth**

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Deputy Mayor Jennifer McKelvie  
Chair, Infrastructure & Environment Committee  
Toronto City Hall

### **Revitalized Infrastructure for a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Port Lands**

Dear Chair and Members of the Infrastructure & Environment Committee,

Recent emergency repairs to the Cherry Street Ship Channel bridge, have severely restricted access to Cherry Beach and Unwin Avenue for several weeks. This has placed significant strain on the existing, one lane, Bailey Bridge on Unwin Avenue and impacted many of the businesses in the Port Lands including Film and industrial uses as well as access to Cherry Beach.

This has highlighted the need to modernize the infrastructure in the Port Lands to meet the needs that are only expected to grow as we continue to develop new residential, commercial and industrial uses.

The City is jointly funding the Ship Channel Bridge full rehabilitation, with PortsToronto funding replacement of the lifting mechanism and the current emergency repairs. The City is responsible for the Unwin Avenue Bridge.

#### **Recommendation:**

1. Infrastructure & Environment Committee direct the Deputy City Manager, Infrastructure Services, to report by Q4 2024 with an update on the Ship Channel Bridge rehab project and on the timelines and next steps for improving or replacing the Unwin Avenue Bailey Bridge.

Sincerely,

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