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To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the November 27, 2024 Infrastructure and Environment Committee meeting on item 2024.IE18.10, Toronto Island's Environmentally Significant Areas

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Comments:

Dear members of the Infrastructure and Environment committee: Thank you for ensuring that the Toronto Island Park Master plan's "focus on nature" is acted on and is not just words on paper. Management plans have been needed for Toronto's ESA's ever since our City's most precious natural areas received that designation. Creating management plans is a major step forward, but if no one is assigned to carry out those plans they will be just words on paper. At the July 3, 2024 IEC meeting counselor Fletcher asked who is responsible for managing Toronto's ESAs and PSWs. Senior TRCA and Toronto Parks staff present at that meeting were unable to answer her question. It was clear that no one is responsible. Please ensure, as a first step, that management plans for ESAs include a clear statement as to who is responsible for carrying them out. Ideally it should be one City department or organization, but if multiple departments are involved it should be stated clearly who they are and what components of the plan they are each responsible for.

Thank you for protecting these vitally important natural areas by ensuring that management plans are created and carried out.

Sincerely,

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