

City Council**Notice of Motion**

MM19.18	ACTION			Ward: All
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Ensuring Increased Access for All Toronto Residents to the Toronto Islands While Saving Toronto Taxpayers Money - by Councillor Jon Burnside, seconded by Councillor Parthi Kandavel

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Infrastructure and Environment Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor Jon Burnside, seconded by Councillor Parthi Kandavel, recommends that:

1. City Council request the Deputy City Manager, Community and Social Services and the Deputy City Manager, Infrastructure Services, to consider the option of a fixed link to the Toronto Islands and to report on the cost of a fixed link compared to the cost of continued ferry fleet service to the Toronto Island, such report to include the number of pedestrians and cyclists that could be accommodated year-round, and report to the Infrastructure and Environment Committee prior to Standing Committee or City Council consideration of the next ferry procurement contract.

Summary

This motion seeks to have City staff look at additional options, including a fixed link, to replace the City's current four ferries. The City is in the process of replacing those ferries, but the costs have skyrocketed. Torontonians value their parks and greenspace but were recently told not to visit the Islands due to excessive demands on the ferries.

The area east of Ward's Island was identified in a recent Toronto Star article as being only 250 metres from the Portlands. This location could provide reliable year-round low-cost access for pedestrians, cyclists and emergency vehicles.

Background Information (City Council)

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