

## **EMAILED**

May 12, 2025

Mayor Olivia Chow and Members of the Executive Committee, Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen Street West Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Attention: Cathrine Regan, Committee Administrator

Dear Mayor Chow and Committee Members:

Re: EX23.1 - Improved Active Transportation and Water Access to Toronto Island Park

The Toronto Industry Network (TIN) is writing in support of the recommendations of the staff report regarding this proposal. The reasons for this are three-fold:

- 1. A fixed link bridge with ancillary parking and transit facilities would be very disruptive to Port operations, particularly those of Ports Toronto (Piers 51 & 52).
- 2. A lift bridge would inconvenience both bridge users and commercial and pleasure craft using the Eastern Gap.
- 3. The estimated \$100-Million cost of the project would be better invested in the Port's infrastructure to support current operations and to grow the Port's capacity.

Toronto's Port provides an essential service that benefits all Wards in Toronto. Given the market challenges facing our manufacturing community, we believe that the Port could play a key role in unlocking new markets and opportunities for economic growth for our City. Constraining the Port's operation with a bridge would be counterproductive.

I thank you for your attention.

Yours truly,

Craig McLuckie, President 416-219-3512