

NOTICE OF MOTION**Addressing Unlicensed Jet Ski Rentals and Safety on Toronto's Waterfront****Moved by:** Mayor Olivia Chow**Seconded by:** Councillor Amber Morley**SUMMARY:**

Lake Ontario and Toronto's urban rivers offer recreational opportunities of all kinds, from swimming to kayaking and canoeing, boating, paddleboarding and more. Unfortunately, illicit and unlicensed jet ski rental operators are compromising the safety of people enjoying the waterfront with unsafe practices. These bad faith operators are taking advantage of the trust of their customers, who believe they are renting from legitimate businesses with proper safety protocols in place.

It is essential that before the 2026 summer season, the City review all enforcement options to stop illegal and reckless jet ski rental operators from endangering their own customers as well as everyone enjoying our waterfront.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1) As part of the implementation and report back on City Council directives included in MM32.16, City Council requests that the City Manager:
 - a) Review the roles and responsibilities for motorized watercraft and jet skis, including licensing requirements for those operating motorized watercraft, and make recommendations on how to strengthen enforcement in summer 2026;
 - b) Establish a multi-party working group to develop an overall integrated strategy to address dangerous motorized watercraft use along all of Toronto's waterfront and urban rivers in advance of the 2026 season, with group membership extended but not limited to Ports Toronto, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, Toronto Police Service Marine Safety Unit, Municipal Licensing & Standards and Parks & Recreation.
 - c) Broaden the scope of the Stakeholder Advisory Committee identified in MM32.16 to consider all of the Toronto's supervised swimming beaches, as well as the waterfront and urban rivers.

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