

MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE

Joint Appointment of Waterfront Toronto Chair

Moved by: Mayor Olivia Chow

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Malik

SUMMARY:

I am recommending that City Council, together with the Provincial and Federal governments, appoint Kevin Sullivan as a Director and Chair of Waterfront Toronto for a three-year period, commencing on the date all three governments complete their respective appointment processes.

Under the Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Corporation Act, the Board of Directors of Waterfront Toronto is composed of up to 13 members. The governments may jointly appoint one member, who serves as the Chair. In addition, each government appoints up to four members (12 total). <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/02t28>

Kevin Sullivan is the current Chair (selected by the Board as prescribed in the Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Corporation Act) and has been on the Board since 2019 as a Provincial appointee. Federal and Provincial partners are moving forward in parallel to confirm this appointment, provided that City Council also agrees.

Together, Canada, Ontario and Toronto are advancing the \$975 million Next Phase of Waterfront Revitalization which was approved by City Council in 2024. Funding has been provided to Waterfront Toronto which is mandated to advance tri-government revitalization efforts (<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2024.EX19.2>).

Confirming a tri-government Chair would be another positive step in ensuring that Waterfront Toronto has the capacity to deliver on this ambitious program, that will enable new housing opportunities on Toronto's Waterfront.

The City's board members include Deputy-Mayor Ausma Malik as the Mayor's designate, and three public members – Derek Ballantyne, Laurie Payne and Matti Siemiatycki – whose appointments run until June 27, 2028. <https://secure.toronto.ca/pa/decisionBody/22.do>

REASON FOR URGENCY:

This motion is urgent to ensure City Council's decision aligns with the timing of the other orders of government's appointment decisions and supports the continued good governance of Waterfront Toronto.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. City Council appoint Kevin Sullivan as Director and Chair of Waterfront Toronto for a three-year term commencing on the date that all three governments complete their respective appointment processes.

November 13, 2025