



**RE: MM28.25 -  
Under Gardiner Public  
Realm Lighting  
Project Delivery  
Agreement with The  
Bentway Conservancy**

**Dear Mayor Chow and Members of City Council,**

The CityPlace & Fort York BIA and Waterfront BIA are writing in support and gratitude to City Council and the Economic Development and Culture Divisions' BIA Office for their assistance entering into a Delivery Agreement with The Bentway Conservancy for the Under Gardiner Lighting Pilot Project at Dan Leckie Way and the Gardiner Expressway Underpass.

**TO:**

*Mayor Olivia Chow  
Deputy Mayor Ausma  
Malik*

*Pat Tobin and*

*Sandi Koitsis-Zigomanis  
Economic  
Development and  
Culture*

This project is a cost-shared partnership between the City of Toronto BIA Office, the Waterfront BIA, and the CityPlace & Fort York BIA, with delivery managed by The Bentway. It is the third in a series of intersection improvement projects delivered by the Bentway in partnership with local BIAs through the City's Cost-Share program, including [Waterfront ReConnect Pixel Story](#), and [Boom Town](#) (2023).

Our organizations are confident in the Bentway's abilities to deliver this project, as they have with multiple other projects on City of Toronto property under the Gardiner, including [Staging Grounds](#), and [The Bentway's main site adjacent to Fort York](#).

**DATE:**

March 26, 2025

The goals of the Under Gardiner Lighting Pilot Project are in line with goals for improvement to north-south connectivity in the [Waterfront BIA's Strategic Framework \(2017\)](#), and City Place & Fort York's Streetscape Master Plan. Both organizations are also supportive of the work done by the Bentway to date with the Council-adopted [Under Gardiner Public Realm Plan](#). This lighting project will inform future work undertaken through this plan to improve the pedestrian experience at the expressway's underpasses permanently once the Gardiner Expressway Strategic Rehabilitation is complete.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions,

*Mary Fragedakis*  
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**The Waterfront BIA**