

October 6, 2025

Toronto City Council
100 Queen St W
Toronto, Ontario M5H 2N2

Dear City Council,

RE: Support of Member's Motion 2025.MM33.30

My name is Don Boyle, and I serve as the Chief Executive Officer at Exhibition Place. I am writing to provide a letter of support to The Bentway concerning our joint work to enhance connectivity between our sites.

Exhibition Place is Canada's premiere destination for conventions, exhibitions, entertainment and events, along with cultural and community attractions with an annual economic impact of 596 million dollars. Home to the Enercare Centre, Automotive Building, BMO Field, Coca-Cola Coliseum, and many other historic facilities. Exhibition Place hosts over 2,000 events annually, attracting more than 5.5 million visitors to the 192-acre site.

Exhibition Place is located directly west of The Bentway with Strachan Avenue as the border between our properties. As part of the Exhibition Place Master Plan, we have identified this adjacency as a key opportunity to unlock. We have developed a strong partnership with The Bentway Conservancy dating back to 2021, including as a key contributor to the Under Gardiner Public Realm Plan approved by Toronto City Council in April 2024.

Together we have completed several programming projects that demonstrate the opportunity, possibility, and essentiality of connections between our sites. In early 2025, we collaborated on a Feasibility Study to explore the factors (archeological, accessibility, planning, etc.) required to make those connections permanent.

Member's Motion 2025.MM33.30 offers vital start-up funds that will help kickstart design work and enable just that.

I am pleased to confirm our participation and support for this vital project. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at dboyle@explace.on.ca.

With thanks,



Don Boyle
Chief Executive Officer, Exhibition Place

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