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Subject: [External Sender] City Council April 22 EX30.2 - Toronto Personal Watercraft Safety Plan
Date: April 20, 2026 9:29:38 AM

Re: EX30.2 - Toronto Personal Watercraft Safety Plan, April 22-24 meeting of City Council

Dear City Council,

Friends of Cherry Beach and the Outer Harbour (FoCBOH) represents thousands of Torontonians engaged in non-motorized aquatic recreation—sailors, windsurfers, paddlers, swimmers, kites, and rowers. Our mandate is to protect safe use of these waters.

Cherry Beach and the Outer Harbour are among the busiest areas for non-motorized water sports in the city. The City's ThoughtExchange survey of more than 1,100 waterfront stakeholders, confirms this - Cherry Beach ranked as **the third-highest** area of concern for personal watercraft safety.

Yet Cherry Beach was excluded from the Stakeholder Forum Exclusion Zone prioritization activity, and was not included in the staff recommendations of Item 2026.EX30.2. **This gap must be corrected.**

We recognize Councillor Fletcher's leadership and the Executive Committee's unanimous support to include this area via an amendment to the item.

We urge City Council to implement a Motorized Watercraft Exclusion Zone at Cherry Beach and the Outer Harbour without delay. This is essential to protect public safety, reduce user conflict, and safeguard this heavily used waterfront.

We support the Executive Committee's direction with respect to Cherry Beach and the Outer Harbour:

1. City Council request the Toronto Port Authority, in consultation the General Manager Parks and Recreation and the local Councillor, to implement a Motorized Watercraft Exclusion Zone for Cherry Beach and the Outer Harbour, at the earliest opportunity, and to develop an ongoing seasonal implementation plan such as those at Humber Bay Shores, Hanlan's Point Beach, Woodbine Beach, Marie Curtis Park and Bluffers Park Beach.
2. City Council request the City Manager to report to the May 6, 2026 meeting of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee on implementation of Motorized Watercraft Exclusion Zone for the 2026 summer season and subsequent years.
3. City Council, as part of the consultation process, request the appropriate City staff or Agency to convene a Stakeholder Advisory Committee in order to consult and advise on the details of the Motorized Watercraft Exclusion Zone at Cherry Beach and the Outer Harbour, including key members of the Outer Harbour Sailing Federation.

In addition, members of FoCBOH would be pleased to be included in the Cherry Beach and Outer Harbour Stakeholder Advisory Committee.

Yours truly,

Jane Anderson, on behalf of Friends of Cherry Beach and the Outer Harbour

Cc: FoCBOH Steering Committee: Jane Anderson, Heather Broughton, Jessica Campbell, Steve Hulford, Alan Lysne, Mark Mattson, Julia McNally, Jennifer Penney, Mike Tindall
Outer Harbour Sailing Federation

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City of Toronto Waterfront Councillors (Councillor Morley, Councillor Perks, Councillor Malik, Councillor Fletcher, Councillor Bradford, Councillor Kandavel)

Toronto Port Authority