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Subject: [External Sender] City Council April 22 EX30.2 - Toronto Personal Watercraft Safety Plan
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Toronto Beaches Open Water Swim Group thanks City Council for advancing this important initiative to create a safe waterfront for non-motorized recreational activities for all. As swimmers, our members are the most vulnerable and least visible of the on-water community and as such we believe that if swimmers are safe, then everyone is safe.

TBOW is Toronto's largest open water swim group: our members can be found swimming the shoreline from Humber Bay to Bluffers Park. Many of our swimmers enjoy those beaches that are subject to MWEZ implementation including:

1. Hanlan's Point Beach
2. Humber Bay Shores
3. Woodbine Beach
4. Kew/Balmy Beach (included in Woodbine Beach MWEZ)
5. Cherry Beach & Outer Harbour
6. Marie Curtis Park
7. Humber Bay Park East
8. Bluffer's Park Beach

On behalf of TBOW, we urge City Council:

1. To pass the recommendations of Executive Council and implement motorized watercraft exclusion zones in accordance with the timelines provided for in the EX30.2 Item.
2. To ensure the implementation of each of the MWEZs is done efficiently and effectively by creating multi-disciplinary stakeholder advisory committees (SAC) for each MWEZ so as to incorporate local knowledge, experience and expertise.
3. To include the MWEZ Stakeholder Advisory Committees in the development of:
 1. MWEZ education campaign,
 2. MWEZ on-land signage,
 3. MWEZ on-water marker buoys, and
 4. MWEZ enforcement program.

TBOW believes a clearly marked MWEZ, complete with on-water buoys, on-land signage and educational outreach will go a long way to limiting MWEZ non-compliance while making enforcement actions easier and clearer.

We urge City Council to put aside differences relating to recommendation #5 (costs for buoys) so as to avoid any delay in MWEZ implementation and we welcome the opportunity to provide guidance in the implementation of MWEZs in the City of Toronto.

Yours truly,

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