



EMAILED exc@toronto.ca

May 12, 2026

Cathrine Regan
Committee Council Administrator
Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Dear Mayor Olivia Chow and Members of the Executive:

Re: EX31.4 - Waterfront Dockwalls and Western Beaches Breakwaters Action Plan Update

I'm writing on behalf of the West End Beaches Stakeholders Association (WEBSA) in support of a recommendation contained in the above referenced report.

The West End Beaches Stakeholder Association (WEBSA), a coalition formed in 2005 by the Argonaut Rowing Club, the Boulevard Club, Sunnyside Paddling Club and the Toronto Sailing & Canoe Club, in response to the development of the Western Beaches Watercourse. In fact, the Ontario Ministry of the Environment suggested our establishment to coordinate a response to the last significant breakwall repair and repurposing project Environmental Assessment. Toronto Adventures (Humber River Paddling Centre) has also joined WEBSA.

WEBSA's objectives are to work with the public, government agencies and non-governmental organizations to address the interests of persons who regularly use Toronto's Western Beaches area, and in particular the water that sits behind the breakwall.

We represent a broad range of organized local waterfront users and stewards including paddlers, rowers and sailors. WEBSA's members have a long history of developing and delivering amateur and recreational water-based sport along Toronto's western beaches waterfront. WEBSA has unique expertise and perspective on water-based recreation uses and the safety issues at this location.

WEBSA has reviewed the staff report and fully supports Recommendation #3:

"Western Beaches Breakwaters

3. City Council direct the Director, Waterfront Secretariat, to prioritize the Western Beaches Breakwaters deflector arm repairs as a part of



discussions with the Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada.”

We appreciate the visual condition assessment completed on behalf of the City by Baird Associates in 2026. We also very much appreciate the City staff identifying the need to prioritize discussions with the federal and provincial governments on the repair of the deflector arm section of the breakwater. Repair / replacement of the arm is estimated to cost \$2.16 million. It should go without saying that we would appreciate it even more if the City committed to spending this \$2.16 million and completed the work directly.

Replacing this section of the breakwater, or even closing the gap altogether, would contribute to enabling tourism, recreation, and continue providing vibrant public spaces along Lake Ontario.

Thank you for bringing forward the Report EX31.4 - Waterfront Dockwalls and Western Beaches Breakwaters Action Plan Update. We hope that it receives the full support of the Executive Committee and City Council. We offer our assistance to the City and TRCA with this endeavor.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Judy Sutcliffe", is written over a horizontal line.

On behalf of Western Beaches Stakeholders Association

Judy Sutcliffe, Secretary
ARC Board of Directors & WEBSA Secretary
secretary@argonautrowingclub.com
1-416-436-3115

Cc: Eric Langford, Boulevard Club
Andrew Liew, Sunnyside Paddling Club
Pierre McAlpine, Toronto Sailing & Canoe Club
Rosaire Cordina, Toronto Adventures
Councillor Gord Perks
Alexa Gilmour, MPP
Chris Glover, MPP
Karim Bardeesy, MP