



May 20, 2026

Mayor Olivia Chow and Members of the Executive Committee
City of Toronto
City Hall - 100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2
Attention: Sylwia Przewdziecki, Committee Administrator

Dear Mayor Chow and Committee Members:

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

Four of the Toronto Industry Network's (TIN) members are resident in the Port area and three depend on marine transportation for their business.

We have reviewed the staff report and point out that a great weakness in executing any plan to rehabilitate the dockwall is that no one body has overall responsibility for maintaining the Port's dockwalls. Canadian Great Lakes ports are operated by Federal port authorities whose mandate is to develop and maintain the infrastructure in their ports to support marine commerce. This mandate includes ensuring water depths are maintained to Seaway depth (27 feet). Some marine shippers using the Port must light-load their ships to avoid grounding which significantly raises the cost of bring cargo to Toronto. The dockage and other fees such as rent paid by Port users to Ports Toronto and Create TO is intended in part to pay for the maintenance. It would be helpful to know how these fees are being currently allocated.

As we pointed out in a similar letter to the Executive Committee in June of last year, With the ultimate responsibility for shipping in the Port, Ports Toronto has the expertise to undertake and execute this initiative and is able to develop the business case for federal funding for this project in a timely way given the state of disrepair of some of the dockwall. Giving Ports Toronto the mandate to rehabilitate dockwall and ensuring Seaway depth for the working Port would allow the City to concentrate on other key locations such as the Western Breakwaters.

I thank you for your attention.

Yours truly,

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