



RE.
Support for
EP22.10 Exhibition Place
– Vision Plan

**Deputy Mayor Malik and members of the Exhibition Place
Board of Governors,**

On behalf of the Waterfront Business Improvement Area (BIA), we are sharing our support for the Exhibition Place Vision Plan and Concept Scenario presented at this meeting.


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Deputy Mayor Ausma
Malik, Chair


Don Boyle, CEO

We are particularly encouraged by the emphasis placed on improving pedestrian connectivity between Exhibition Place and the broader waterfront network of attractions and destinations. Most immediately, construction of pedestrian promenades and plaza space will enhance the attractiveness of Toronto as a destination for conventions. Long-term, the waterfront network this will help connect includes Ontario Place right across the street, connections to downtown through the planned Under Gardiner Corridor Public Realm Plan with the City and The Bentway, and with the whole waterfront via the Martin Goodman Trail that extends east through our central waterfront business community along Queens Quay, past Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport, Harbourfront Centre, and into the new Port Lands. This is Toronto’s full ‘waterfront city’ potential highlighted in the Toronto Region Board of Trade’s report, [*Ripple Effect: Unlocking Toronto’s Waterfront Potential*](#).


DATE.
16 April 2026

Creating a safe and welcoming pedestrian link is essential to fully integrating Exhibition Place into the existing and evolving waterfront experience. Enhanced pedestrian connections will allow Exhibition Place to function not as a standalone destination, but as a seamless extension of the waterfront—with parks, promenades, cultural venues, transit, and waterfront businesses. A well-connected waterfront encourages exploration, supports tourism, and strengthens the identity of Toronto’s waterfront as a dynamic destination.

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The Waterfront BIA looks forward to continued collaboration with Exhibition Place as this vision moves forward. Thank you and please contact me at tkocur@waterfrontbia.com if our BIA can be of further assistance

Sincerely,

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