



City Councillor
Dianne Saxe
Ward 11, University–Rosedale

Monday, March 2, 2026

Dear colleagues,

Thank you for your support of the staff report proposing 20-year renewals of 24 waterfront boat club leases. These non-profit organizations do a great deal to increase Torontonians' enjoyment of our spectacular lakeside setting.

Considerable effort and public consultation have gone into striking the right balance between the public interest, environmental protection and the needs and interests of the clubs and their members. I am glad to see that jet ski rentals will be prohibited on these leased lands, and that the Humber Yacht Club lease will not be renewed.

However, it appears from the staff report that no public consultation has yet taken place on whether additional steps should be taken to reduce noise and water pollution associated with jet skis and two stroke boat engines at these clubs. Both are well known to pump petroleum products into the water in which they operate, and much cleaner boat engines are available. I therefore request that you add the following additional recommendations to the report:

- Council direct the General Manager, Parks and Recreation to work with the Executive Director, Environment, Climate and Forestry, the Toronto Region Conservation Authority, Toronto Hydro and other city divisions and agencies as appropriate, in consultation with the public, and to report back to Infrastructure and Environment Committee in Q2 2027 on whether to adopt a city policy phasing out the storage and launch of jet skis and two-stroke boat engines from property owned or managed by the city, and whether to install electric charging facilities to serve one or more boat clubs.
- City Council direct the General Manager, Corporate Real Estate to ensure that the proposed lease renewals notify each boat club that such a policy is under consideration and will be binding upon them if adopted by Council.

Sincerely,

Councillor Dianne Saxe
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