

# IntegrityTO

A New Civic Movement for A Better Toronto

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March 9, 2026

General Government Committee  
Toronto City Hall  
100 Queen Street West  
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Re: GG27.14 - Renewal of Various Boat Club Leases

Dear Committee Members,

On behalf of the IntegrityTO citizen coalition, I am writing to express serious concerns regarding the City's treatment of a longstanding Toronto boating institution: the **Toronto Humber Yacht Club**.

For nearly seven decades, this club has served generations of Torontonians who share a love of boating, the outdoors, and community life on our waterfront. Founded in 1956, the Toronto Humber Yacht Club has been a gathering place where neighbours connect, friendships are formed, and families pass down a tradition of boating from one generation to the next. Its clubhouse walls, lined with the names of past Commodores, reflect a proud history of civic camaraderie and volunteer stewardship.

It is therefore deeply troubling that the City appears prepared to abruptly terminate this 70-year tradition. The club has reportedly been given minimal notice to vacate its lease, with vague environmental justifications, and no clear public report explaining why this specific club is being targeted.

The Toronto Humber Yacht Club is a non-profit organization. Without the revenue from the 2026 boating season, it does not have the financial capacity to suddenly relocate or dismantle its facilities. Placing the club in this position is punitive, unfair and raises serious concerns not only among the members, but across Toronto's broader boating community.

As we saw in the Weston Lions Arena saga, Torontonians care deeply about tradition and community spaces. Institutions that have fostered recreation, volunteerism, and camaraderie over generations should not be unilaterally dismantled without a transparent process, due diligence, and a fair opportunity to address concerns.

At present, the City has not demonstrated good faith in two key respects:

1. Clearly articulating why this club - after nearly 70 years of operation - must suddenly cease operating at this location; and
2. Providing the club a fair opportunity to resolve or mitigate any issues raised by the City, the TRCA, or other stakeholders.

If the concerns relate to jet skis, noise, or environmental matters, then those issues should be addressed collaboratively through reasonable mitigation measures. Any rational observer would conclude that abruptly shutting down a long-standing community institution without meaningful consultation is both unfair, unnecessary, and sends a chilling message to all community clubs who lease land from the City.

On behalf of the IntegrityTO citizen coalition, we respectfully urge the Committee to include the Toronto Humber Yacht Club in the renewal framework, contingent upon a mutually agreed path forward that addresses any legitimate concerns.

Toronto has a proud and vibrant boating tradition. If we value that tradition, we must ensure that historic community clubs like the Toronto Humber Yacht Club are given a fair chance to continue serving the citizens of this city.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Daniel Tate', written in a cursive style.

**Daniel Tate**  
Executive Director, IntegrityTO

cc: Toronto Boating Clubs, civil society stakeholders