

MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE

Providing Delegated Authority to Provide a Neighbour Authorization Form to the Owners of 53 Lake Shore Drive for Shoreline Retaining Wall Construction

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SUMMARY:

The property owners of 53 Lake Shore Drive are seeking to restore the integrity of the shoreline on their property and the land adjacent to their property, by replacing the existing revetment with a new retaining wall. Shoreline restoration is required because the existing revetment is nearing its end of life and must be replaced to satisfy the concerns of the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) with respect to home renovations the property owner plans to complete. A portion of the new retaining wall will be located on public, crown land and the property owner has agreed that they will cover the cost of construction.

As part of the review and permitting process, the property owners must include Neighbour Authorization Forms completed by adjacent landowners. Because the City owns land which abuts to the crown land at the waterfront, a completed Neighbour Authorization Form is needed from the City of Toronto.

Transportation Services, who manage the adjacent city-owned land as part of Fourth Street, has reviewed the requirements and determined that they do not have the authority to complete and sign off on this form. This recommendation will provide Transportation Services with the necessary delegated authority from City Council to complete the process.

Reason for Urgency:

The Department of Fisheries has given the property owners of 53 Lake Shore Drive a late summer timeframe for when the shoreline work must be completed. If they cannot complete the work within that timeframe, they will not have another opportunity until 2027.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. City Council direct the General Manager, Transportation Services in consultation with the Executive Director, Corporate Real Estate Management, to complete the Neighbour Authorization Form by April 13, 2026, or as soon as possible thereafter, for the property owners of 53 Lake Shore Drive, in relation to their planned shoreline restoration work, and authorize the General Manager, Transportation Services in consultation with the Executive Director, Corporate Real Estate Management to enter into any other relevant authorization or Agreement as needed.

Date: March 26, 2026