

## NOTICE OF MOTION

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### Reinstating Paddle the Don for 2027

**Moved by:** Councillor Fletcher

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**Seconded by:** Councillor Nunziata

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#### **SUMMARY:**

The City of Toronto has made significant and ongoing investments in the restoration, naturalization, and public accessibility of the Don River and its valley lands, including through implementation of the Toronto Ravine Strategy, improvements to the Lower Don River Trail, and the Don Mouth Naturalization and Port Lands Flood Protection Project.

Paddle the Don is a long-standing community event that provided residents with a direct, experiential understanding of the Don River as a living system. Reinstating the event in 2027 would support TRCA and City objectives to encourage safe enjoyment of ravines, foster environmental education, and strengthen public stewardship of revitalized waterways, consistent with current TRCA and City Council approved

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. City Council request the Toronto Regional Conservation Authority to reinstate Paddle The Don for 2027
2. City Council request the General Manager Parks, Forestry and Recreation, the Director of Urban Forestry and the Director of the Waterfront Secretariat to enter into discussions TRCA to determine how the city, and other partners who may be identified, can support the reintroduction of this event in 2027 in a manner consistent with the Toronto Ravine Strategy and Don River watershed objectives and report on these discussions to the June 10 meeting of Infrastructure and Environment .

Date: April 22, 2026