



NOTICE OF MOTION

Improving Access to Toronto Island Park

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Malik

Seconded by: Councillor Fletcher

SUMMARY

Toronto Island is one of our most important destination parks, with 1.5 million annual visitors. The ferry service operates year-round, bringing passengers from across Toronto and the world. In 2027, two new faster, higher capacity ferries will enter service, making the trip to the Island faster and easier. Along with improvements to the Jack Layton Ferry Terminal, and implementation of the Toronto Island Park Plan, we have prioritized making access to and on the Island even better.

With the transition of Ferry Fleet management and the Ferry Terminal and docks to Fleet Services in late 2025, there is a new focus on structuring the ferry system as a complete transportation system.

And with increasing numbers of visitors expected to Toronto Island as we develop it as a year-round destination, this is the time to examine how an efficient and equitable fare structure should be implemented.

Increasing access to Toronto Island with updated ticketing options including discounted fares that have long been implemented through other transportation systems like the TTC should be reviewed. It is also time to examine alternate ticketing options without fees that can meet our goal of a Toronto Island park that is accessible to all.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. City Council direct the City Manager, Deputy City Manager, Corporate Services, in consultation with Chief Financial Officer and Deputy City Manager, Community and Emergency Services, to explore potential options to reduce financial barriers to accessing the Toronto Islands, including discounted fare policies and removing passenger fees, and report through the 2027 budget process on the results of the review, including recommendations and financial impacts.

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