



MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE

Celebrating the win: Free August ferry rides for kids and seniors

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Malik

Seconded by: Mayor Chow

SUMMARY:

On July 26, we joined members of the waterfront community who were celebrating the federal government's decision to not move forward with the expansion of the Island airport.

In recognition of the tens of thousands of Torontonians who made their voices heard, and to show more people why the Toronto Islands are so special, we're going to make the ferry for kids and seniors for the month of August. The recommendation below makes the Child, Youth and Older Adult round-trip ticket categories free next month (infants already ride free).

We hope that families, young people and seniors take advantage of these free fares, visit the Island, have fun and see why this green space is so precious.

This motion is urgent as this is the last meeting to allocate the funds.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. City Council direct the General Manager, Fleet Services to waive the admission charge for children, youth and older adults (round-trip tickets) on the Toronto Island Ferry from August 1 - 31, 2026.
2. City Council amend the 2026 Capital Budget for Fleet Services by reducing \$1,389,589.69 in Debt/Capital From Current and increase the equivalent amount funded by Section 37 community benefits obtained from the development at 1-7 Yonge Street (Source Account: XR3026-3701272), secured for the Jack Layton Ferry Terminal redevelopment, for the Shoreline Infrastructure and Jack Layton Ferry Terminal Improvements project, with no impact to the overall project cost.
3. City Council amend the 2026 Operating Budget for Fleet Services on a one-time basis by replacing user fee revenues of \$940,000 as a result of Recommendation 2 with an equivalent contribution from Corporate Accounts - Capital From Current, with zero net impact on the 2026 Operating Budget.