

May 7, 2026

Planning and Housing Committee

City of Toronto

100 Queen Street West

Toronto, ON

Re: PH30.1 – Ookwemin Minising City-Initiated Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment, and Precinct Plan Update

Dear Chair Perks and Members of the Planning and Housing Committee,

On behalf of the East Waterfront Community Association, this letter offers strong support for PH30.1 and for the updated plan for Ookwemin Minising. The staff report shows a major step forward in turning a former brownfield and industrial area into a complete waterfront community, with homes for about 21,000 people, at least 12,000 units, and about 2,900 jobs over the next 25 years. The plan also keeps a clear public benefit focus, including about 10,000 units on public lands and a target that 30 percent of homes on public lands be affordable rental housing, enabling up to 3,000 affordable homes.

EWCA congratulates Waterfront Toronto, City staff, CreateTO, Indigenous partners, and all stakeholders for advancing a plan that responds to difficult site conditions with creativity and care. This is not simple city-building. It requires flood protection, soil remediation, new servicing, bridges, parks, and transit, all coordinated with a renewed \$975 million tri-government commitment for enabling infrastructure and a separate \$3 billion commitment for Waterfront East Transit.

The updated Precinct Plan improves on earlier work by adding housing while protecting public realm quality, climate resilience, and walkability. It includes Biidaasige Park, the Keating Channel promenade, Centre Commons, cycling infrastructure, community facilities, and stronger Indigenous placekeeping throughout the island. EWCA has supported this project over

many years and looks forward to continued engagement and collaboration as this new waterfront neighbourhood grows into a place where people can live, work, and play.

Sincerely,



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