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To: Toronto and East York Community Council

Re: Initiating a Heritage Landscape and Best Use Study for Fort York National Historic Site

Summary:

Fort York is an important historic site and its grounds, including Garrison Common, are a site for events and arts and culture for residents of Ward 10 and city wide that make our city a vibrant and exciting place to enjoy.

We also know that residents of Fort York will be welcoming the world to their neighbourhood for the FIFA World Cup this summer, particularly for Fan Fest programming, and we are working with them to ensure they have the best possible information about how to navigate their neighbourhood safely and how to handle noise.

I've heard from local residents who have been requesting and looking for more information on how we can best use this site to protect its heritage and support local events in an appropriate way.

A comprehensive Heritage Landscape Study developed through stakeholder and community engagement is needed to determine best use and ways to protect and enhance this historic site.

Recommendations:

1. Toronto East York Community Council Direct the Director, Museums and Heritage Services, Economic and Community Development to:
 - a. Undertake a Heritage Landscape Study to determine the best use of Fort York National Historic Site, to inform where and how events are held on the site, and recommendations for how the grounds can be enhanced, with the understanding that Fort York is a significant historic landmark and community landmark that can generate noise for local neighbours.
 - b. Consult with local residents and stakeholders within the vicinity of the site in development of the plan, including the Friends of Fort York, Fort York Neighbourhood Association, Cityplace Fort York BIA, and the Bentway.
 - c. Report back to July 8, 2026 Toronto East York Community Council meeting with an update.

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