



PROPOSED MOTION ON THE GARDINER ITEM

Whereas,

the Board of Waterfront Toronto believes that:

- Reconnecting the City to its waterfront by removing barriers and improving north/south connections advances revitalization objectives;
- Leading with place-making urban design principles, including the creation of a “great street,” will improve the quality of life in the new communities being developed in East Bayfront and West Don Lands;
- Sustainable and intelligent city-building emphasizes transit-led solutions for growth;
- The Gardiner full replacement option is not financially feasible at this time.

Now therefore be it resolved that:

- Waterfront Toronto recommends commencing an environmental assessment and urban design study of the removal of the elevated Gardiner Expressway from Jarvis Street to the Don Valley Parkway and the remaining Lake Shore East ramp in a manner that:
 - a) Assists in overcoming the physical and visual barriers currently created by the nexus of road and rail infrastructure and opens up new and improved views and vistas and improved access;
 - b) Balances the needs of through traffic and circulation connecting the Don Valley Parkway, the remaining portion of the Gardiner and Lake Shore Boulevard and adjoining areas of the site with the need to produce high quality environments within the study area;
 - c) Reserves sufficient lands in appropriate configurations for the development of sustainable, mixed-use communities;
 - d) Facilitates multi-directional accessibility by all modes – vehicles, pedestrians, transit, cyclists - within the area and to the adjacent areas;
 - e) Contributes to place-making, strengthening and improving the public realm;
 - f) Results in a Great Street or Streets which have the dimensions, qualities and operational characteristics that invite pedestrian activity, encourage development with active ground level uses ideally on both frontages, and are crossable by pedestrians at frequent intervals;
 - g) Maintains or improves the flood protection strategies planned as part of the Don Mouth Flood Protection and Naturalization EA
- Waterfront Toronto seek Toronto City Council approval for the recommended approach and for the City to be a co-proponent with Waterfront Toronto in initiating an Individual Environmental Assessment;
- Funding for the project implementation be determined during the EA process;
- Funds from all governments currently reserved for Front Street Extension be reallocated to approved waterfront public realm projects.