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VIA EMAIL ONLY

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Re: Enbridge “NPS 20” pipeline replacement project impacts to Queens Quay

Kelsey Mills and Tristan Lefler,

I am writing to communicate my serious concerns regarding the fact that Enbridge is considering Queens Quay as a potential route for the replacement natural gas pipeline across Toronto’s waterfront. I strongly oppose any plans that would tear up the length of our newly revitalized Queens Quay, disrupting an important streetcar and cycling route, undoing the careful construction coordination that was orchestrated by Waterfront Toronto to ensure the long-term integrity of the new public realm, and undermining the attractiveness of the central waterfront -- which is Toronto’s second most popular destination for visitors.

Toronto’s central waterfront, with Queens Quay at its heart, is a special and unique place in our city. After two decades of continuous work -- and an investment of \$130 million in the public realm -- the area is completely transformed. Thanks to this work, Torontonians enjoy a renewed connection to Lake Ontario, which is now more accessible to everyone.

Your public engagement through early pre-consultation with stakeholders and my office, as well as the public open house held on January 23, is appreciated. I know that the local resident and business community is communicating very clearly that they share these serious concerns about impacts to Queens Quay.

I recognize that the matter will be studied further over the coming weeks and it is ultimately subject to approval by the Ontario Energy Board (OEB), rather than the City of Toronto. Nonetheless, I urge you to eliminate the Queens Quay route option and instead seek to minimize any construction impact on this important public place, destination, and transportation corridor. There are other route options that would have fewer negative impacts.

Should it be helpful, I can arrange for further meetings with City departments such as Economic Development & Culture, as well as Waterfront Toronto, to provide more evidence against the case for the Queens Quay route option.

Sincerely,



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