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**Councillor** Toronto-Danforth

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TRCA Chair Board and Board Members  
Toronto and Region Conservation Authority  
5 Shoreham Drive, Downsview, ON M3N 1S4

Dear Chair Maria Augimeri and Board Members:

**RE: Funding Request to City of Toronto for Shuttle Bus for Tommy Thompson Park**

Tommy Thompson Park (TTP) on the Leslie Street Spit is a unique and important space on the Toronto Waterfront. It is used by thousands of people from all walks of life and for many purposes - field naturalists, birding, walking fishing, sailing and biking. There was a public shuttle bus service in TTP but alas, it was cancelled in 2011. Sadly it is inaccessible for those who are not abled bodied or those using canes and walkers.

In 1992, the Master Plan for Tommy Thompson Park (TTP) was approved with an amendment that the "Master Plan for TTP include a public transit component to ensure access to the Spit". The 1995 Order in Council approving the Master Plan expanded on this: "The MTRA or the park operating agency will develop a public consultation process for park users regarding the type and operation of the park transportation service."

I have met with TRCA about this situation and staff have advised they think this is good time to reintroduce a transportation service or shuttle service that meets Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act regulations, to improve public accessibility within the park and to improve safety for the growing number of visitors. In December of 2018, they completed a cost estimate for the operation of a shuttle service during hours when Tommy Thompson Park is open to the public. The annual operating cost will total \$130,000.00 which includes capital recovery.

I would like TRCA Board to support the request to the city to initiate the shuttle:

That City of Toronto Council be advised that the TRCA Board of Directors formally requests the City to add additional annual operating budget of \$130,000 in the 2019 budget and beyond for the operation of an accessible shuttle that meets AODA requirements between the Tommy Thompson Park Pedestrian Bridge and parking lot at Leslie Street.

Best regards,

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