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Mr. Winston Thomas World Masters Athletics SECRETARY 4 Gate Croft. Hamel Hempstead HERTS HP3 9NA **Great Britain** 

Re: Letter of Support to host the 2020 World Masters Athletics Championships

Dear Mr. Thomas,

Please be advised that the Parks, Forestry and Recreation Department, City of Toronto – which oversees the Toronto Island Park system - is very pleased to support the bid by the TO2020 World Masters Athletics Championships to the City of Toronto.

As the Department responsible for Waterfront Parks, we welcome the opportunity to host three key non-stadia events for the Championships, the 10 km and 20 km Race Walks (RW) and the Half Marathon on the Toronto Island Park system.

We have set aside Monday, July 27, 2020 for the 10 km RW and Friday, July 31, 2020 for the 20 km RW. As well, we have reserved Sunday, August 2, 2020 for the Half Marathon.

The Toronto Island Park system has successfully staged dozens of events such as these, and our staff is very experienced in providing all the supports necessary for success.

Myself, and my staff, look forward to working with the TO2020 committee and liaising with the appropriate City of Toronto departments to ensure the success of this event – and the overall success of the Championships.

In short, we heartily endorse this bid by the TO2020 Committee and will provide all the support necessary to ensure that the 10 km and 20 km Race Walks and the Half Marathon are outstanding events.

Yours Sincerely

James Dann

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