



Martin Goodman Trail

Background

The Martin Goodman Trail runs approximately 56 kilometres from the Humber Bridge in the west to the Rouge River in the east. It was named in memory of the President of the Toronto Star who passed away in 1981. The Martin Goodman Trail is part of the 730-kilometre Waterfront Trail that connects 41 communities from Niagara to Quebec along the Canadian Shores of Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River.

Martin Goodman Trail at Ontario Place

Waterfront Toronto created the new 1.3 kilometre, tree-lined stretch of multi-use trail that runs parallel to Lake Shore Boulevard through Ontario Place from Marilyn Bell Park to Coronation Park at Strachan Avenue. Earlier enhancements to the Martin Goodman Trail by Waterfront Toronto include construction of 1,297 metres of improvements through Marilyn Bell Park from Jameson Avenue to Ontario Drive in 2006.

Trail Features

- Location: From Marilyn Bell Park to Coronation Park parallel to Lake Shore Blvd through Ontario Place
- Length: 1.3 kilometres
- Width: 4.5 metres
- Total improvements: 2.4 hectares (6 acres)

Trail Redesign

The park-like design of the trail enhances the everyday functions of Ontario Place while threading aesthetically along Toronto's waterfront.

Greenery

A mixture of approximately 161 heritage hardwood trees such as oaks and elms were planted to create instant shade and appeal. Other elements include a low maintenance lawn.

Accessibility

It is a multi-purpose and multi-user trail that is barrier free and easily accessible to everyone.

Trail Lighting

Street lighting was added as required to ensure proper visibility of trail users in new and existing intersections.

Trail Operations

The City of Toronto Parks Department will provide maintenance and operation of the trail.

Landscape Designer

Janet Rosenberg and Associates.

Construction Contractor

Mopal Construction.

Environmental Sustainability

Heritage trees were planted in recycled granular, huge planting pits in large bodies of top soil for the trees to ensure that they survive and reach maturity. Landscaping allows stormwater runoff to act as an irrigation mechanism. This approach reinforces a sustainable infrastructure, improves lake water quality, protects groundwater from contamination and reduces the need for potable water.

Budget

The cost for the project including site preparation costs as well as design and construction costs is \$4 million.