



September 2009 Newsletter

New Improved Martin Goodman Trail Opens at Ontario Place

Federal Finance Minister Jim Flaherty, Deputy Premier and Minister of Energy and Infrastructure George Smitherman and Toronto Mayor David Miller joined Waterfront Toronto's Chair Mark Wilson and our partners from Ontario Place for the official opening of the newly revitalized Martin Goodman Trail at Ontario Place on September 19.

The new 1.3 kilometre, tree-lined trail section is a critical new link in the 56 kilometre Martin Goodman Trail which provides opportunities for alternative modes of travel across the waterfront in a safe and attractive environment.

Designed by leading landscape architects Janet Rosenberg and Associates, the newly created stretch of multi-use trail runs parallel to Lake Shore Boulevard through Ontario Place from Marilyn Bell Park to Coronation Park at Strachan Avenue. The redesign of the trail has converted 8,000 square metre of Ontario Place parking lots into green space for the Martin Goodman Trail. The new trail is 4.5 metres wide and framed by 161 newly planted native hardwood trees. Waterfront Toronto has also enhanced access to Ontario Place for parking and passenger drop-offs by constructing a new signalized entrance to the park and revamping two existing entrances.



Neighbourhood Plans Achieve LEED Gold

Waterfront Toronto's East Bayfront, West Don Lands and North Keating in the Lower Don Lands have achieved Stage 1 LEED ND GOLD (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design for Neighbourhood Development) certification under the pilot program established by the U.S. Green Building Council.

As the master planner and developer of some of the first LEED ND GOLD certified projects in Canada, Waterfront Toronto continues to set new standards for environmental sustainability and innovative design. The LEED ND certification program integrates the principles of smart growth, urbanism and green building into a unique rating system for neighbourhood design.

The program is a tool to help planners and developers create communities that not only protect the environment, but also address important social and health issues such as sustainable transportation, affordable housing, public consultation, proximity to day-to-day destinations, and maintenance of heritage buildings.

Waterfront Toronto is one of 23 projects in Canada participating in the groundbreaking third-party verification program that focuses on sustainable development from a comprehensive, neighbourhood wide perspective rather than on a building-by-building basis. [For more information.](#)

Waterfront Toronto Wins Two Toronto Urban Design Awards

Waterfront Toronto's Spadina WaveDeck and Master Plan for Lake Ontario Park received 2009 Toronto Urban Design Awards. Spadina WaveDeck earned an Award of Excellence in the Small Open Space category and the Master Plan for Lake Ontario Park earned an Honourable Mention in the Vision and Masterplan category.

The City of Toronto's Urban Design Awards recognize and acknowledge the significant contribution that architects, landscape architects, urban designers, artists, design students, and city builders make to the look and livability of Toronto.

Designed by West 8 and duToit Allsopp Hillier, the Spadina WaveDeck opened in September 2008 and was the first wave deck opened along Toronto's waterfront. The jury praised the wave deck calling it "exciting and beautifully executed" and said it extends the "public's imagination of what Toronto's waterfront can become in the future."

The Master Plan for Lake Ontario Park, designed by Field Operations, presents a bold vision for transforming 375 hectares of Toronto's waterfront into an urban wilderness and recreational park.

Spadina WaveDeck and the Lake Ontario Park Master Plan are the recipients of several other prestigious design awards.



Simcoe and Rees WaveDeck Construction Honoured

The Simcoe and Rees WaveDecks won an Award of Excellence at this year's Ontario Builders Awards. The awards, handed out by the Ontario General Contractors Association, honour excellence in non-residential construction.

The award, which was in the Industrial Category for projects under \$5 million, was presented to Somerville Construction, the construction contractor who built all three wavedecks along the central waterfront. Somerville Construction is a privately-owned Toronto based firm with extensive experience working on waterfront and unusual one-of-a-kind projects.

This is the first construction-related award for the wavedecks whose complex design required the installation of undulating, cantilevered steel and timber structures supported on piles as well as in-water works aimed at creating new fish habitat under and adjacent to the wavedecks. The construction team also had to ensure that the decking, furniture and finishes were crafted to follow the wavedecks' elegant and dynamic curves.



Terms of Reference for Gardiner EA Now Complete - Opportunity for Public Comments

The [Terms of Reference](#) and the [Record of Consultation](#) for the Future of the Gardiner East: Environmental Assessment and Integrated Urban Design Study have been submitted to the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) for consideration. The MOE will assess the Terms of Reference, the first step in the EA process during a 12-week review period. If the Terms of Reference are approved by the Minister of the Environment, Waterfront Toronto will begin the two-year Environmental Assessment process in early January 2010.

The MOE approval and review process includes a period for public comments. Written comments about the proposed Terms of Reference must be submitted directly to the MOE and received **before Monday, October 5, 2009**. To submit comments to the MOE on the proposed Terms of Reference submission visit: http://www.ene.gov.on.ca/en/eaab/general_info/search.php or contact: Charlene Cressman, Special Project Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Environmental Assessment and Approvals Branch, 2 St. Clair Ave. W., Fl. 12A, Toronto, Ontario M4V 1L5, phone: 416-314-8221, toll-free: 1-800-461-6290, fax: 416-314-8452

Please see [Notice of Submission](#) for further details.

East Bayfront Construction Update

Construction activities in East Bayfront continue at a swift pace along much of the eastern end of Queens Quay.

Municipal servicing work for the Dockside area, in the southwest portion of East Bayfront continues with work well underway on the installation of sewers and water mains under Queens Quay. These sewers and water mains will connect to a new main line for the area and are expected to be completed in November. In addition, crews have begun excavating the 225 square metre area required to install the oil and grit separator for Dockside. Oil and grit separators remove sediment, screen debris, and separate oil from stormwater. This important piece of infrastructure will help improve the quality of storm runoff in the area.

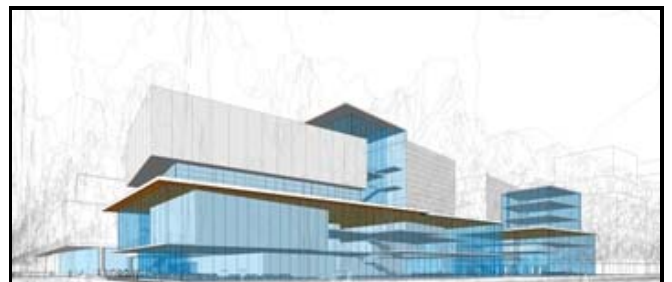
Construction on the south side of Sherbourne Park continues. Excavation work has begun on the basement for the park's pavilion. Concrete slabs for the splash pad/skating rink and basement will be poured by the end of October. Also in October, work will begin on the park's stunning 240 metre long Water Channel.



George Brown College Preparing to Break Ground - Fall '09

George Brown College is moving closer to breaking ground on their new state-of-the-art Health Sciences Centre campus in East Bayfront. In early September, George Brown College announced Ellis Don Corporation as its construction management partner and unveiled preliminary design concepts for its new campus to Waterfront Toronto's Design Review Panel.

With its construction management partner and preliminary designs in place, George Brown says that it is now ready to "aggressively move forward with excavation of the site" in late October.



Designed in joint venture by leading architects, Stantec Architecture and KPMB Architects, George Brown's new waterfront campus will become an important new addition to the East Bayfront community. It will bring 3,500 full-time and 1,000 part-time students to the waterfront and add vitality to the area year-round. The new campus spans two city blocks from Lake Ontario in the south to Queens Quay in the north between Richardson and Lower Sherbourne streets.



West Don Lands Construction Update

Construction of the massive flood protection landform continues in the West Don Lands.

The amount of soil being delivered to the site has increased from 300 truckloads a week to approximately 2,000 truckloads a week, supplying the more than 400,000 cubic metres of soil which required to construct the flood protection landform and related earthworks.

The site is currently undergoing a major excavation of soil from the old Mill Street area to prepare it for installation of municipal services infrastructure required to build the new Mill Street. In keeping with the West Don Lands Risk Assessment/Risk Management Plan, the excavated soils will be kept onsite until a future soils management stockpiling facility is determined. Municipal servicing work is expected to start in November and continue for approximately four months.



River City Now Accepting Registrations

The sales office for River City - the first private sector development in the West Don Lands will open later this fall. River City, a LEED Gold development that will include 850 residential units of condominiums, lofts and townhouses, as well as boutiques, stores and restaurants is being developed by Urban Capital and designed by Saucier + Perrotte Architects and ZAS Architects, two of Canada's most respected and award-winning design firms. Register with www.RiverCityToronto.com to attend upcoming sales events, and look for more details about the first phase of the project in the coming weeks.

Queens Quay Revitalization to City Council

Waterfront Toronto's recommendation to transform Queens Quay into a grand lakefront boulevard by replacing two lanes of traffic on the south side of the street with a beautiful linear park will be presented to City Council for approval on September 30.

Under the recommended plan, Queens Quay will become a two lane street with east/west traffic on the north side and streetcars running in a dedicated right-of-way south of the street.

The recommendation for Queens Quay stemmed from a two-year long Environmental Assessment (EA) process co-sponsored by Waterfront Toronto and the City of Toronto.

During the EA, several design alternatives for Queens Quay were examined and rated against a series of city planning and environmental criteria. The process also featured a strong public consultation component with opportunities for the public to participate through site walks and tours, information sessions and public meetings.



If approved by City Council, the recommendation will be submitted to the Ontario Ministry of Environment (MOE) where the public will have a 30-day comment period during which they can review the project report and provide feedback to the MOE. At the end of the comment period, the MOE will either approve the EA or request additional information from the project team.

If the EA is approved, Waterfront Toronto will begin schematic design from Spadina Avenue to Parliament Street. Schematic design, is the first phase of design for the project and will result in a comprehensive layout of the street from end to end including traffic management and phasing strategies. Schematic design is expected to take four months to complete and will be followed by detailed design. Construction is expected to begin about one year after the completion of the EA.

Public consultation will continue to be an integral part of this project with opportunities for the public to be actively engaged and to provide input at every stage of the process.

Phase Two of the York Quay Revitalization Project Officially Underway

Waterfront Toronto and Harbourfront Centre have issued a Request for Proposal for a design team for Phase Two of the York Quay Revitalization Project (formerly known as the Canada Square Project). The project was renamed to better describe the revitalization efforts of the York Quay section of Harbourfront Centre's four hectare site. The revitalization of this area, much of which is currently covered by a surface parking lot, will include a public plaza called Canada Square as one of its defining features.

The first phase of the York Quay Revitalization Project — the promenade, boardwalk and finger piers around York and John Quays — was completed by Waterfront Toronto and Harbourfront Centre in 2006. Phase two, which is now getting underway, sets the stage for Waterfront Toronto and Harbourfront Centre to transform the York Quay site into a lively cultural village featuring two beautiful public squares and a “village-like” area with diverse retail and cultural uses.

Phase two work will include the planning and design of the overall York Quay cultural village site and any necessary applications and zoning amendments. Also included is the construction of an underground parking garage which replaces the current surface lot and opens up the waterfront site for initial landscaping for Canada Square and interim treatments for the urban square and cultural village.

Full build out of the retail, commercial and studio spaces expected to become part of the cultural village will occur at a later date as part of phase three.

Public consultation is an important part of this project. A Stakeholder Advisory Committee has been formed and will meet regularly at key project milestones. Waterfront Toronto and Harbourfront Centre will hold a public meeting later this fall once a design team is in place.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Public Open House: Port Lands Soils Management Facility

Join Waterfront Toronto at a public open house to learn more about the future Soils Management Facilities.

Waterfront Toronto is submitting an application to the Ontario Ministry of the Environment (MOE) for a Certificate of Approval under Section 27 of the Environmental Protection Act to store, transfer, and process soil and debris at the Soil Management Stockpiling Facility. The facility is proposed for an approximately 8.2 hectare site at 294, 320, and 348 Unw in Avenue. [See map.](#)

Revitalization of much of the 800 hectares of the waterfront area depends on the ability to treat soil that has been impacted by former industrial land uses to an environmental condition that allows them to be reused in future residential, parkland and commercial areas. This is in keeping with Waterfront Toronto's sustainability objectives of treating and reusing waterfront soils rather than "digging and dumping" contaminated soils to other communities. The facility would receive up to 2,500 tonnes of impacted soil per day to a maximum of 600,000 tonnes of soils per year. These soils would be treated at a future Soil Management Treatment Facility, to be considered under a separate application to the MOE.



The combined soil management stockpiling and treatment facilities will operate to ensure that:

- soils within the Designated Waterfront Area are managed in a way that is protective of human health and the natural environment;
- soils are managed in a sustainable manner, with soils being managed as a resource to be reused and recycled to the extent possible within the Designated Waterfront Area;
- sufficient soils of appropriate quality are available when required to support Waterfront Toronto's revitalization activities, while reducing the need for trucking of soils from collective sources outside of Toronto.

Date: Tuesday, October 6, 2009

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Location: Waterfront Toronto Offices
20 Bay Street, Suite 1310, Main Boardroom, Toronto

Members of the project team will be on hand to discuss the project, answer questions and share ideas.

Contact Amanda Flude at 416-214-1344 ext. 276 or aflude@waterfrontoronto.ca

Upcoming Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Please check website for meeting agenda with time and location

Upcoming Design Review Panel Meetings

Wednesday, October 14, 2009

Thursday, November 12, 2009

Wednesday, December 9, 2009

Design Review Panel meetings are held at Waterfront Toronto Offices – 20 Bay Street, Suite 1310 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. For more information, please check our website for the meeting agenda.

New Faces

Recent Additions to the Waterfront Toronto Team

Steven Sydj, Procurement Manager

John Tremayne, Senior Business Analyst

Ian Rubenzahl, Manager, Marketing and Communications

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