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Waterfront Update - May 2008

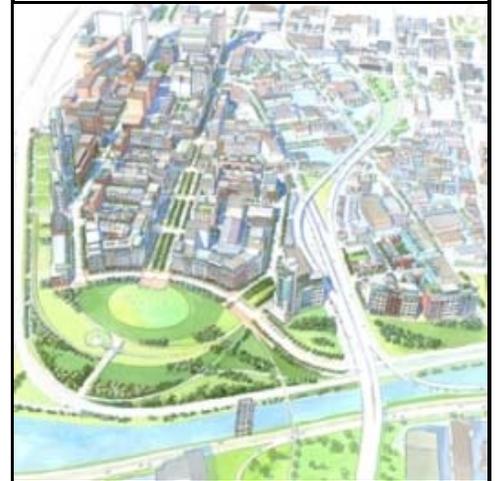
JOIN US FOR A PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE FOR THE WEST DON LANDS

May 29, 2008

The West Don Lands is an 80-acre brownfield site next to the Distillery District, that runs from Parliament Street in the west to the Don River in the east and from King Street down to the rail corridor. The revitalization of this area will transform this derelict site into a vibrant, sustainable, mixed-used community.

The key elements underway will result in:

- 23 acres of parks and public spaces, including 17-acre Don River Park
- 6,000 new residential units, including affordable housing units
- 750,000 square feet of commercial space
- An elementary school, a recreation centre and two childcare centres
- Public transit within a five minute walk, including the Cherry Street Light Rail Transit line
- Bikeways and pedestrian connections
- District cooling and heating systems
- Sustainable green building design standards
- Flood protection for downtown Toronto, and risk assessment-based soil remediation



Waterfront Toronto would like to invite you to learn more about these exciting projects at our upcoming Open House for the West Don Lands:

Date: Thursday, May 29, 2008

Time: 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Place: Enoch Turner Schoolhouse, 106 Trinity Street – Toronto

We will be focusing on several items, including:

- West Don Lands Public Realm Design
- Don River Park
- Newly Selected West Don Lands Phase One Development Team
- New Streetcar Line on Cherry Street
- District Energy in the West Don Lands
- Intelligent Communities Technology

Members of the project teams will be on hand to guide you through the exhibits, answer questions and share ideas. We hope you can make it and look forward to seeing you on the 29th!

For more information, please feel free to contact Amanda Flude at aflude@waterfronttoronto.ca or 416-214-1344 extension 276.

COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING EVENTS - SATURDAY, MAY 31, 2008

Community volunteers needed! Help bring nature back to your waterfront!



Join Waterfront Toronto, Evergreen and the City of Toronto for a great day of tree and shrub planting at two waterfront planting sites.

Date: Saturday, May 31, 2008

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Location: Woodbine Park.

Please meet at the south east corner of Woodbine Park



Date: Saturday, May 31, 2008

Time: 1:00 pm. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Ashbridges Bay Park

Please meet at the south end of the parking lot at the foot of Ashbridges Bay Park Road.

Space is limited, so we ask that you kindly RSVP if you are interested in participating. Please dress for the weather, as we work through rain and cold, and make sure to wear sturdy shoes. Gardening gloves and all tools will be provided. Refreshments will be available.

For more information and to RSVP: Claire Ellenwood of Evergreen at 416-596-1495 ext. 262, or claire@evergreen.ca

UPDATE: TTC-TWRC EAST BAYFRONT TRANSIT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

The Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) continues to work closely with Waterfront Toronto on the Environmental Assessment to extend transit into the East Bayfront Community. Transit is to be provided via a new streetcar line from Union Station which will extend east from Bay Street along Queens Quay Blvd in a new dedicated right of way. Five options for a portal to enable the streetcar to come to surface are now being investigated. The team is developing functional plans for each portal location and have undertaken an initial assessment of the pluses and minuses of each option.

Given the proximity of this study to the Environmental Assessment being undertaken for the revitalization of Queens Quay from Lower Spadina Avenue to Lower Jarvis Street the two teams have been collaborating to develop a common timeline and a joint consultation approach. Jointly several design alternatives for the road cross-section for the Queens Quay corridor are being developed. Comprehensive transit and traffic modeling are being undertaken to understand operationally how each of the alternatives performs.



Public input is a key component of this study. We will be holding a public meeting sometime later this spring. If you have any questions or would like to be added to the study mailing list, please contact Andrea Kelemen at transit@waterfronttoronto.ca.

CONSTRUCTION OF NEW AQUATIC HABITAT AT SPADINA HEAD OF SLIP



Last month, Waterfront Toronto announced the completion of 2500 square metres of new habitat as part of the construction of the new public space at Spadina Head of Slip. This initiative achieves a key goal of Waterfront Toronto's Central Waterfront Master Plan which was selected through an international design competition in 2006. The winning design by West 8+DTAH featured new fish habitat throughout the waterfront and considers restoration of marine ecology as integral to creating a living ecologically sustainable system in Toronto's Inner Harbour.

The new habitat created at Spadina Head of Slip includes installation of concrete and riverstone shoals, embankments around the perimeter of the slip, tree log and root habitat structures and boulder clusters intended to provide habitat and shelter. This enhancement work is aimed at increasing feeding cover and promoting foraging opportunities within the site. Similar installations elsewhere in the area by Toronto and Region Conservation have resulted in increased populations of native fish species, including Northern Pike.

This is a very significant step in the implementation of Waterfront Toronto's Sustainability Framework and key to our vision to make Toronto's Waterfront an international leader in sustainable development.

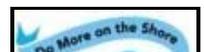
Waterfront Toronto, together with its partners at Fisheries and Oceans Canada, the Ministry of Natural Resources, City of Toronto Water and Toronto and Region Conservation recently formed a new task force, "Aquatic Habitat Toronto", specifically geared towards helping all of Waterfront Toronto's projects to incorporate habitat in a comprehensive and effective way. The new habitat at Spadina Head of Slip is the first project in the Central Waterfront to have benefited from this process, and is expected to set a new standard of excellence going forward. The entire Spadina Head of Slip project began construction in Fall 2007 and is scheduled to be complete in Summer 2008.

The next phase of implementation will include additional Heads of Slips at the foot of Rees, Simcoe and Portland Streets, a new continuous water's edge promenade and boardwalk as well as a series of new iconic bridges which will link the gaps in the boardwalk at the water's edge.

THE GREAT WATERFRONT TRAIL ADVENTURE

July 4th-11th, 2008

Join the [Waterfront Regeneration Trust](#) in their first-ever organized, energized, super-sized bike ride from Niagara-on-the-Lake to the Quebec border.





Travel the whole 680 km route over eight days; or join in for one or two days for a ride you'll never forget! Every single day of this fully supported tour includes the WOW Factor – the Wonderful Ontario Waterfront along the shores of Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River. Discover vibrant communities and beautiful parks; experience delicious local food and entertainment; enjoy charming shops and unique local businesses.

Sign up as a single, a family or a group. You can even arrange to divide the ride into a relay with each member of your group doing a different leg of the trip. Plan to be part of the First Annual Great Waterfront Trail Adventure!

Whether you are an experienced cyclist, someone who rides once in a while or even someone who hasn't been on a bike for years--everyone is welcome. Kids are welcomed to be a part of the adventure as well. For more information please visit [Waterfront Regeneration Trust](#).

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