



April 2009 Newsletter

West Don Lands Selected as Site for Pan Am Games Athletes' Village

The West Don Lands has been selected as the site for the Pan American Games athletes' village, as part of Toronto's bid to host the 2015 games. Waterfront Toronto's CEO John Campbell recently joined the Pan American Games Bid Corporation and Deputy Premier and Minister of Energy and Infrastructure George Smitherman as they made the official announcement on site in the West Don Lands.

Waterfront Toronto is thrilled to have the West Don Lands selected as the site for the athletes' village. We have made great progress in revitalizing this area. Locating the athletes' village in the West Don Lands will enable Waterfront Toronto to increase the pace of transforming these former industrial lands into a vibrant, green, mixed-use neighbourhood.

The Pan Am Games are held every four years for countries in North and South America, as well as the Caribbean and Central America. Other cities being considered for the 2015 Pan American Games are Bogota, Colombia and Lima, Peru. The last time the Games were in Canada was in 1999 in Winnipeg. For more information on Toronto's bid for the Pan American Games, please click [here](#).



Gardiner Expressway Update

Waterfront Toronto has wrapped up the second round of public consultations to develop the Terms of Reference for the Gardiner Expressway Environmental Assessment. The Environmental Assessment will consider the removal, replacement or improvement or maintenance of the Gardiner from Jarvis Street to east of the Don Valley Parkway.

A dedicated consultation website www.gardinerconsultation.ca has been created to encourage online public involvement and input. By joining this online community, you will have the opportunity to share your insights, learn about the issues and discuss your ideas.

You are encouraged to visit this dedicated website throughout the entire process. If you would like to submit your comments as part of the second round of public consultation, please visit www.gardinerconsultation.ca before May 05, 2009.

Central Waterfront Construction Update

Construction is proceeding on schedule at the Simcoe WaveDeck. The installation of its structural steel beams is now complete exposing the wavedeck's dramatic curved design. Crews also completed the installation of the Glulam Coastal Yellow Cedar beams and ledgers used to support the deckboards that pedestrians will walk along.

Construction activities at the Rees WaveDeck are also on schedule. Installation of its structural steel beams is now complete and crews have moved on to the installation of its Glulam Coastal Yellow Cedar beams and ledgers. This summer the new Simcoe and Rees WaveDecks, will join the award-winning Spadina WaveDeck giving the public three spectacular public gathering places on the lake.



Lower Don Lands Update

Waterfront Toronto in partnership with Toronto and Region Conservation, City of Toronto and Toronto Transit Commission will host a public meeting for the Lower Don Lands Municipal Infrastructure Environmental Assessment and Keating Channel Precinct Plan and the Don Mouth Naturalization and Port Lands Flood Protection Project on May 9. At this meeting, the teams including the Lower Don Lands lead designer Michael Van Valkenburgh will present the recommended Precinct Plan elements (including massing and zoning proposals) and the recommended road and transit layout and infrastructure design for Keating Channel Precinct as well as the Concept Plan for the Don Mouth Naturalization Project.



Public Forum #3

Saturday, May 9, 2009
 St. Lawrence Hall, The Great Hall
 157 King Street East
 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (light lunch provided)



A summary report of Public Meeting #2 is available at www.waterfronttoronto.ca/low-erdonlands.

Waterfront Toronto Participates in Mayor's 20-Minute Toronto Makeover Event



In celebration of Earth Week, Waterfront Toronto participated in the Mayor's 20-Minute Toronto Makeover. This annual event invites Torontonians to participate in a 20-minute clean-up blitz around their offices, schools and neighbourhoods. To do its part, Waterfront Toronto staff gathered at the Island Ferry Docks Parkette on April 24 at 2:00 pm and picked-up litter for 20-minutes. Waterfront Toronto also organized a series of events throughout the week to engage and educate staff on important issues relating to the environment.

Trees Ontario Event

Waterfront Toronto's CEO John Campbell recently joined officials from Trees Ontario at an event in the Port Lands to officially kick-off the spring tree planting season and to announce the 50 Million Tree Weekend that will feature community tree planting events across the province during Mother's Day Weekend.

Waterfront Toronto is proud to be a partner in this initiative. We have set high standards to ensure the revitalization of Toronto's waterfront will be a model for environmental sustainability and are taking care to feature trees throughout the waterfront. Twenty-five percent of each area to be revitalized by Waterfront Toronto including East Bayfront and the West Don Lands will be green space and parks. As part of our commitment to green the waterfront, Waterfront Toronto will be planting roughly 40,000 trees over the next 20-30 years.



Approximately two million trees are expected to be planted in Ontario as part of the 50 Million Tree Weekend program - the single largest commitment to the United Nations Billion Tree Campaign. More details on these and other tree planting events can be found at www.50milliontreeweekend.com.

Community Tree Planting Event

Community Volunteers Needed

Join Waterfront Toronto, Evergreen and the City of Toronto for a community tree planting event at Port Union Village Common Park in Scarborough on Sunday, May 3.

In keeping with our commitment towards a green and beautiful waterfront, we will be planting approximately 200 shrubs, whips and native trees at Port Union Village Common Park which is a gateway into the very popular Port Union Waterfront Park that Waterfront Toronto opened in the fall of 2006.

Sunday, May 3, 2009
 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
 Port Union Village Common Park, Scarborough
 Located at the foot of Port Union Road (click [here](#) for map)

Space is limited, so please RSVP. Event will take place rain or shine. Gardening gloves and tools will be provided, as will refreshments at the end of planting. For more information and to RSVP, contact Claire Ellenwood of Evergreen at 416-302-3785, or claire@evergreen.ca.

Paddle the Don

Once again, Waterfront Toronto is proud to be taking part in the Toronto and Region Conservation (TRCA) annual Paddle of the Don event, which gives people an opportunity to enjoy nature while paddling the Don River. On Sunday, May 3, participants will paddle the Don from Ernest Thompson Seton Park to the mouth of the river at the Keating Channel. The event is open to all individual participants and corporate teams.

All funds raised by the event go towards the regeneration project in the Don watershed. For more information please go to www.paddledon.ca.



Upcoming Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, May 13, 2009

Wednesday, June 24, 2009

Please check website for meeting agenda with time and location

Upcoming Design Review Panel Meetings

Thursday, May 14, 2009

Wednesday, June 10, 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 Addition to the Waterfront Toronto Team

Jeff Ross, Development Analyst

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