



WATERFRONToronto

## November 2008 Newsletter

### WHAT'S NEW

#### Martin Goodman Trail (Ontario Place)

Construction has started on trail reconstruction of the Martin Goodman Trail at Ontario Place.

The existing trail, which runs along the water's edge, will continue to be open without disruption during the construction. The transformation of the newly aligned trail includes extending the trail from Marilyn Bell Park to the existing trail within Coronation Park at Strachan Avenue. Planned for completion in summer 2009, the trail will be bordered by trees and plants, and will run parallel to Lake Shore Boulevard on the south side to accommodate a variety of uses.



#### Long Term Plan Approval

Toronto City Council approved Waterfront Toronto's Long Term Plan at its Oct. 29th meeting. Over the past year, Waterfront Toronto undertook an extensive project prioritization and development phasing initiative to ensure it would deliver on the corporation's core mandate. It worked diligently to scope, prioritize and phase projects to ensure that the \$1.5 billion public seed capital is maximized to deliver revitalization. Project elements were broken down and assessed to determine their appropriate phasing based on key priorities. The corporation is funded to deliver the core revitalization vision - East Bayfront, West Don Lands and the Central Waterfront.

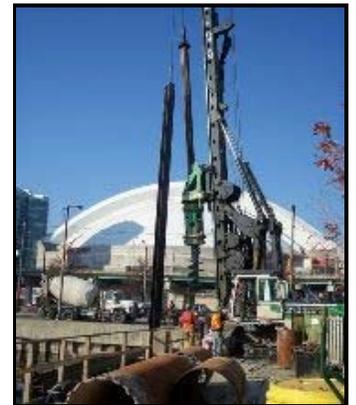
[For more information.](#)

#### Construction Begins on Rees and Simcoe WaveDecks

Waterfront Toronto has started construction on new wooden wave decks at Rees and Simcoe streets as part of the revitalization of Toronto's central waterfront.

Opening summer 2009, the wave decks will provide unique gateways to the waterfront and create publicly accessible spaces in areas that are today narrow pinch-points. The Rees and Simcoe wave decks will also help to connect new and existing public spaces along the lakefront, including the recently opened Spadina WaveDeck.

This month's construction activities include the installation of fencing to secure the sites, pile driving, dock wall repairs and in-water fisheries habitat construction. Watch for further construction updates in next month's newsletter or contact Andrea Kelemen at 416-214-1344 ext. 248 or [akelemen@waterfrontoronto.ca](mailto:akelemen@waterfrontoronto.ca).



#### East Bayfront Construction Update



Municipal infrastructure construction has begun in East Bayfront. Construction activities include dock wall repairs, storm water management system construction for the entire area, installation of municipal services such as sanitation, water, hydro, gas facilities and district energy infrastructure. The work is scheduled to meet timelines required to support Corus Entertainment's occupancy in 2010 and the opening of George Brown College's School of Health Sciences in 2012. On the north side of the hoarding, the rail lines from Lower Jarvis Street to Small Street have been removed to make way for further progress. Rough grading will be soon commencing as part of site preparation for Sherbourne Park, and to enable construction of local streets in the precinct.

### OTHER NEWS

## Annual General Meeting

Nearly 300 people attended Waterfront Toronto's Annual General Meeting on Oct. 29th at Steam Whistle Brewing. Mark Wilson, Chair of Waterfront Toronto, and John Campbell, President and CEO, provided a summary of the year's many accomplishments and gave an overview of the corporation's priorities for the coming year. Keynote speaker Carol Coletta, President and CEO of *CEOs for Cities*, gave an engaging and informative speech on the importance of smart city building, and the unique opportunity offered by the revitalization of Toronto's waterfront.

To view an online copy of the [2007/08 Annual Report](#), John Campbell's presentation, and agenda from the evening, please visit the homepage of our website at [www.waterfrontoronto.ca](http://www.waterfrontoronto.ca).



## Update on West Don Lands Road Closures

In order to maintain public safety while work is being carried out to develop West Don Lands, some area streets are closed. The following are a list of streets that will remain closed until the end of 2009.

- Bayview Avenue from south of the River Street connection between the Queen and King Street overpass
- Front Street east of Cherry Street
- Eastern Avenue east of St. Lawrence Street
- Mill Street east of Cherry Street

[For further information.](#)

## Passing of Chief Justice Charles Dubin - Waterfront Toronto's Ethics Advisor

It is with sadness that Waterfront Toronto acknowledges the passing of former Ontario Chief Justice Charles Dubin. The Honourable Charles Dubin, well known for heading the inquest into drug use in amateur sport acted as Waterfront Toronto's ethics advisor since the corporation's inception. Chief Dubin died at the age of 87 of complications from pneumonia. During his time working with Waterfront Toronto, Chief Dubin acted as an independent third party advisor and provided, as requested from time to time by the corporation, an overview on the corporation's codes of conduct, conflict of interest policies and procurement policies. With his passing, Waterfront Toronto has lost a great asset and we extend our deepest condolences to the Dubin family.

## Take Your Kids to Work Day



Waterfront Toronto participated in the annual national Take Our Kids to Work™ day on Nov. 5. Grade nine students, children and grandchildren of Waterfront Toronto employees, enjoyed the day learning about the corporation's projects, touring the waterfront and hearing about all aspects of waterfront revitalization.

Take Our Kids to Work is a national program of The Learning Partnership and has existed since 1994. More than 1.5 million young Canadians and tens of thousands of workplaces have participated in the program. The program illustrates the importance of education, skills development and training while giving students the opportunity to experience the world of work and the variety of career opportunities that await them.

## UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

### Queens Quay Revitalization Environmental Assessment Public Meeting #2

Waterfront Toronto is currently undertaking an environmental assessment for the revitalization of Queens Quay Boulevard from Lower Spadina Avenue to Lower Jarvis Street. The project team, along with the City of Toronto and Toronto Transit Commission have been developing design alternatives for the cross-section of the street and collaboratively two design alternatives have been developed.

Public consultation is an important part of this process. Waterfront Toronto will be holding a public meeting on Dec. 8 to present the two design alternatives. Please join us for the second public forum.

Date: Monday, December 8, 2008  
 Location: Harbourfront Community Centre - 627 Queens Quay West (at Bathurst)  
 Time: 6:00 p.m. (Open House) 7:00 p.m. (Presentation & Facilitated Discussion)

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### Lower Don Lands Municipal Infrastructure Environmental Assessment and Keating North Precinct Plan Public Meeting #2

The second public meeting for the Lower Don Lands Municipal Infrastructure Environmental Assessment and Keating North Precinct Plan will be held on Dec. 10. At this meeting, the team will present the recommended planning alternatives, draft block plan and propose infrastructure design alternatives for further evaluation.

Date: Wednesday, December 10, 2008

Location: St. Lawrence Hall, 157 King Street East, Great Hall

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. (Open House)

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. (Presentation & Facilitated Discussion)

A summary report of Public Meeting #1 is available on the project website: [www.waterfrontoronto.ca/lowerdonlands](http://www.waterfrontoronto.ca/lowerdonlands).

### **Waterfront Design Review Panel Meeting**

Wednesday, December 10, 2008

\*\*please check website for agenda\*\*

### **Board of Directors Meeting**

Tuesday, December 16, 2008

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