



WATERFRONToronto

Waterfront Update - August 2007

Waterfront MP3 Walking Tour

Looking for something to do this weekend? Check out Waterfront Toronto's new MP3 audio walking tour of the central waterfront. Download the audio files and map from the Waterfront Toronto website at www.waterfronttoronto.ca and head down to the boardwalk at the Queens Quay Terminal building to start your tour. You will learn about the great amenities that already exist on Toronto's central waterfront and the exciting things to come! No MP3 player? Waterfront Toronto is offering free MP3 rentals at its marketing kiosk next to the boardwalk at the Queens Quay Terminal building through Labour Day.

Waterfront Toronto teamed up with City Surf to develop the tour. City Surf is the premium developer of high quality MP3 audio walking experiences in Canada. City Surf audio walking tours are full of rich, local knowledge – they offer a great way to quickly immerse yourself in a city's culture, and find all of its hidden treasures. City Surf currently offers five audio walks for the city of Toronto, and is quickly expanding to Montreal and Vancouver, as well as foreign-language audio walks. Audio tour samples can be heard at www.city-surf.ca.



Don River Trail reopening Saturday August 11, 2007



Waterfront Toronto and Toronto and Region Conservation are happy to announce that the Don River Trail between Queen Street East and the Martin Goodman Trail will be officially reopened in the morning of Saturday August 11, 2007.

When you have the opportunity to use this section of the trail once again, we hope that you will notice the:

1. Significant widening of the railway crossing over the Don, which has been undertaken to improve the conveyance of flood water through this area;
2. Enhancements to the trail crossing underneath the new bridge extension which will improve sight lines and visibility for trail users, reduce the path's gradient as it goes underneath the railway bridge, widen the pathway for increased safety, and elevate the pathway to reduce the frequency of inundation during high river levels; and

3. Location of the new trail crossing under the tracks that follow the west bank of the Don River. This new crossing will connect the Don River Trail with the future West Don Lands Community and Don River Park. This new crossing will remain closed to the public until the Don River Park has been completed to the west of the tracks, sometime in late 2008 - early 2009.

Users of the trail during the week of August 13 to 20 will also notice some construction occurring along the west bank of the river on the north side of the new railway bridge. Construction crews will be using small excavators and bobcats to complete a new outlook in this area which will give trail users a safe and excellent view of the river. During this period of time, trail users are asked to use **CAUTION** when travelling down this section of the trail in order to avoid the machinery, and to respect the direction of safety personnel on site.

Trail users may also notice a barge and divers in the Don River underneath the railway bridge during the week of August 13 to 20. Divers will be cutting away the last pieces of steel sheets that formed the original river bank prior to the start of this project.

Orange snow fencing will be installed on either side of the trail and left on site until October 2007. These fences will be used to reduce traffic onto the exposed soils bounding the trail, which cannot be planted until cooler and wetter conditions prevail in September. We ask that trail users respect these fence lines to ensure that the site remains undisturbed until TRCA nursery crews are able to complete the plantings on site.

We apologize for the delays in the reopening of this section of trail but we hope that everyone will enjoy the changes that have been made.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We would also like to thank CN, GO Transit, Hydro One, the City of Toronto, Ontario Realty Corporation, Group Telecom, Rogers Cable, Toronto Terminals Railway, Toronto Hydro, Toronto Economic Development Corporation, the consultant team of Totten Sims Hubicki, UMA Consultants, and the Concrete USL team for working so hard over the last 2 years to make this complex project a success. We would especially like to acknowledge the efforts of our dedicated

4/7/2010

WATERFRONToronto

members of the Community Liaison Committee and everyone else that had attended our consultation events throughout the planning process for the Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Lower Don River West Remedial Flood Protection Project, 2003.

The first component of the Class EA, the railway bridge extension, is nearly completed. Component 2 identified in the Class EA, the Flood Protection Landform, is being led by the Ontario Realty Corporation on behalf of Waterfront Toronto and TRCA, and is currently underway in the West Don Lands which is scheduled for completion in late 2008.

If you have any other comments or questions, please feel free to contact Ken Dion at kdion@trca.on.ca.