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## **2010 BUDGET BRIEFING NOTE**

### **Response to the Letter from the Citizens Concerned About the Future of the Etobicoke Waterfront (CCFEW)**

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#### **Issue/Background:**

At the November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Budget Committee Meeting, Parks, Forestry and Recreation (PFR) staff were directed to respond to a letter from the CCFEW to Councillor Carroll and Members of the Budget Committee, dated November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009, regarding preserving or advancing funding for a variety of parks related capital projects along the Etobicoke Waterfront.

#### **Key Points:**

- In the 2010-2019 Parks, Forestry and Recreation Capital Plan, there is \$2.605 million in funds for the Arsenal Lands/Marie Curtis Park Implementation: \$0.285 million in 2010, \$1.320 million in 2011, and \$1.0 million in 2012.
- Funding for Phase 2 of Mimico Linear Park is part of the capital program for Waterfront Revitalization, with \$4.8 million in 2009, \$1.9 million in 2010, \$2.0 million in 2011, \$1.4 million in 2012, and \$0.100 million in each of 2013 and 2014.
- The Etobicoke Creek Trail extension to Sherway Drive is currently an existing project, approved in the 2009 Parks, Forestry and Recreation Capital Budget, in the amount of \$0.400 million. Work includes trail development from Sherway Drive to Etobicoke Valley Park, south of the Queen Elizabeth Way (QEW); bridge development; plantings; and installation of an interpretation area (entry point to trail system, map, and history).
- Naturalization landscaping adjacent to the skating trail at Colonel Samuel Smith Park will be done in 2010 through Urban Forestry.
- Rehabilitative work on the trails and pathways along the Etobicoke Creek Trail is to occur in 2010, funded through the Recreational Infrastructure Canada Program (RInC), at a total project cost of \$0.365 million.
- Repair or replacement of the wetland viewing platform at Colonel Samuel Smith Park is not currently within the Parks, Forestry and Recreation 5-year Capital Plan.
- The picnic shelter (historically known as the Men's Bathing Pavilion) in Colonel Samuel Smith Park is not currently in the PFR Capital Plan. Parks shelters (storm and picnic) will be audited in 2010 and a schedule for rehabilitation will be created upon completion of the audits.

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