

September 30, 2005

Old sails shade young from sun

The public is invited to provide feedback on the Dovercourt Pilot Shade Structure, a product of the City's first Shade Audit, this Saturday at Dovercourt Park.

Date: Saturday, October 1, 2005

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Place: Dovercourt Park Wading Pool (Two blocks north of Bloor Street, two blocks east of Dufferin Street)

The canopy over the park's wading pool is made up of recycled sails. The playground area was the site of the City's first Shade Audit in 2003 and was a subject site for the Designing for Shade Conference hosted by Ryerson's School of Architecture. In 2004, Friends of Dovercourt Park sought a landscape architecture graduate student to design an experimental shade canopy using recycled sails. The canopy was installed in early September of 2005.

Residents are invited to try out the canopy and provide feedback to the architect/design team of Jane and Rebekka Hutton. They will be preparing an evaluation of the model for the City.

The Friends of Dovercourt Park are working in association with Coun. Adam Giambrone; George Kapelos, Chair of Ryerson School of Architecture, who organized the Designing for Shade conference; Elyse Parker, City Planner; City Clean and Beautiful Committee; Shade Policy advocates with the Toronto District School Board; Ontario School Board; City of Toronto Parks, Recreation and Forestry; Toronto Public Health and the Toronto Cancer Prevention Coalition.

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