

July 23, 2008

PLANNING AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

City Council on July 15, 16 and 17, 2008, referred the following Motion to the Planning and Growth Management Committee:

MM23.19 Gardiner/Lake Shore Corridor West of Exhibition Place
Moved by Councillor Palacio, seconded by Mayor Miller

SUMMARY:

The section of the Gardiner/Lake Shore corridor west of Exhibition Place forms a major barrier between the communities north of it and the waterfront.

The Central Waterfront Secondary Plan includes the consolidation of the road network at the west end of Exhibition Place to expand Marilyn Bell Park as a “big move”.

The Western Waterfront Master Plan is currently being prepared by the City to examine ways to improve pedestrian and cycling connections to the waterfront, rationalize the road network and enhance waterfront parkland.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That Deputy City Manager Richard Butts and the Waterfront Project Director, when they report on the Western Waterfront Master Plan early in 2009, address the feasibility of:
 - a. “decking/bridging” the Western leg of the Gardiner Expressway, west of Exhibition Place, in conjunction with the Western Waterfront Master Plan;
 - b. merging and/or downsizing the eastbound and westbound lanes of Lake Shore Boulevard, west of Jameson to the Humber River, to expand the open space along the Western Waterfront; and
 - c. increasing permanent pedestrian access between residential neighbourhoods and the waterfront.

for City Clerk

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