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To: Toronto and East York Community Council

Re: Pedestrian access in the East Bayfront

Background

Waterfront revitalization is progressing with the opening of Corus Quay and the construction of the new George Brown College campus. Sugar Beach park has just officially opened at the foot of Lower Jarvis Street. In September 2010 a new park named Sherbourne Common will open in the East Bayfront. The park is the latest piece of the revitalization of our waterfront being led by Waterfront Toronto. Located just east of Lower Sherbourne Street, the 1.5 hectare park spans more than two city blocks, from Lake Ontario in the south to Lake Shore Boulevard in the north, on both sides of Queens Quay. Sherbourne Common will become a well-used, year-round destination for city residents and visitors.

One of the main goals of waterfront revitalization is to provide better access to the water's edge from existing neighbourhoods in the downtown. New Pedestrian Promenades are being implemented at York, Bay, Yonge, Lower Jarvis and Lower Sherbourne Streets to ensure safe and beautiful routes to and from the waterfront.

Presently, many of the streets between Lake Shore Blvd. and Queens Quay between Lower Jarvis and Parliament Streets are covered with commercial boulevard parking and do not provide proper sidewalks. These streetscapes impede access to the new park and the new buildings on the waterfront.

Recommendations:

1. The General Manager, Transportation Services, report to the next meeting of TEYCC on revoking commercial boulevard parking permits in East Bayfront, to be replaced by unobstructed sidewalks so as to promote pedestrian access to Sherbourne Common, Sugar Beach, Corus Quay and the waterfront promenade.
2. The General Manager, Transportation Services report on establishing permitted on street parking on both sides of Bonnycastle Street, Small Street and Richardson Street by the first quarter of 2011.