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**To: Toronto and East York Community Council**  
**Re: Pan Am and Parapan Am Games Promenade**

## **Background**

In 2015 Toronto will host the Pan and Parapan Am Games. The games will bring 10,000 athletes from 42 countries and over 250,000 visitors to the city. In addition to fast tracking the West Don Lands revitalization, the games will showcase the city's sporting venues, amenities, and the routes between them.

Front Street will be a primary conduit for visitors who will be accessing venues and amenities during the games. A safe and beautiful streetscape is important to ensuring the success of the games and maximizing their economic impact. A Promenade Plan will assist in creating an inventory of improvements to the public realm and pedestrian connections during the games and after.

## **Recommendations:**

1. Public Realm staff, in consultation with Urban Design, Community Planning, Cycling Infrastructure and Traffic Operations staff, report by the end of 2011 on Pan Am Games Promenades including:
  - a. Front Street from Cherry Street to Bathurst Street to connect the Pan Am Games athletes village and training centre to Pan Am Games facilities in the downtown and Railway Lands.
  - b. York Street connecting the Pan Am Games Nathan Phillips Square awards ceremonial area to Railway Lands Pan Am Games facilities.