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September 11, 2012

To: Toronto East York Community Council
Re: New Business- Ceremoniously Dedicate Front Street East between Cherry Street and Bayview Avenue "Diamond Jubilee Promenade"

Members of Community Council,

I am pleased to introduce this motion to ceremoniously dedicate Front Street East between Cherry Street and Bayview Avenue as "Diamond Jubilee Promenade".

On Tuesday May 22nd, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales visited the site of the Pan-Am athletes' village as part of his visit to Canada to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. At that event Premier Dalton McGuinty announced that the Official Gift of the Government of Ontario would be to name a portion of this street as "Diamond Jubilee Promenade".

Construction of the Pan Am athletes' village is helping fast track the revitalization of the West Don Lands as a mixed use community with high green standards, affordable housing and wonderful public spaces. Front Street East between Cherry Street and Bayview Avenue will feature a tree lined boulevard with generous pedestrian and outdoor patio space, creating a true promenade to the new Don River Park.

In consultation with City staff, and the West Don Lands stakeholder organization, I recommend that this portion of Front Street East be ceremonially named as "Diamond Jubilee Promenade".

Recommendation:

1. City Council authorize the General Manager of Transportation Services to post special honorary name signs to read "Diamond Jubilee Promenade" on Front Street East between Cherry Street and Bayview Avenue.

Sincerely,

Pam McConnell
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Councillor Gord Perks
Chair, Toronto and East York Community Council
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Dear Councillor Perks:

I am writing to thank you for supporting the Official Gift to commemorate Her Majesty The Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The gift will ceremonially dedicate the new pedestrian promenade along Front Street East in the West Don Lands as the "Diamond Jubilee Promenade".

Premier Dalton McGuinty announced this gift during his remarks at the Ontario reception for Their Royal Highnesses The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall on May 22, 2012.

The gift follows the tradition that official gifts to the Royal Family should remain in Ontario and benefit its citizens. The Front Street East promenade will be a fantastic part of the new community that is rapidly growing in the West Don Lands. The revitalization of the West Don Lands is part of the tri-government Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Initiative and I am very pleased that our governments continue to work together towards the goal of making Toronto's waterfront a vibrant and exciting place to live, work and play.

I would be pleased to answer any questions you may have. We hope that this matter can receive speedy approval at your scheduled meeting on September 11, 2012.

Thank you for supporting this Official Gift and for helping to create a legacy landmark that will commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee for generations of Ontarians.

Sincerely,

Bob Chiarelli
Minister

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