

## Naming of Fort York Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge as "Garrison Crossing"

**Date:** December 16, 2016  
**To:** Toronto and East York Community Council  
**From:** Deputy City Manager, Cluster B  
**Wards:** Ward 19

### **SUMMARY**

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Build Toronto awarded the design build contract for the Fort York Pedestrian and Cycle bridge design and construction to Dufferin Construction in the fall of 2015. Bridge construction began in August 2016 and the project is scheduled to be complete in the fall of 2017. City staff have completed a review process guided by the Toronto Office of Partnerships policy for naming new City infrastructure. The proposed name is Garrison Crossing.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The Deputy City Manager, Cluster B recommends that the Toronto and East York Community Council adopt Garrison Crossing as the name of the Fort York Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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There are no financial implications associated with this report.

### **DECISION HISTORY**

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At its meeting of February 19, 2014 City Council adopted the report Fort York Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge and Ordnance Triangle Master Plan - Status Update. This approval enabled the Waterfront Secretariat and Build Toronto with the authority to carry out the design and construction of the bridge project.

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2014/pw/bgrd/backgroundfile-65548.pdf>

## COMMENTS

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City staff have completed a review process guided by the Toronto Office of Partnerships policy for naming new City infrastructure.

The name proposed for the Fort York Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge is Garrison Crossing. As the design build process advanced in 2014 and 2015, community meetings were held in January and June 2015. At the second meeting in June 2015, held as an open house in the Fort York Visitor Centre, each of three candidate design build teams displayed and discussed their proposals and participated in presentations to the public.

All three proposals were the subject of a comprehensive evaluation by an expert jury. The jury selected the Dufferin Construction as the winning design build contractor. Build Toronto awarded the contract for the bridge design and construction to Dufferin in the fall of 2015. Detailed design, review by City divisions and Metrolinx and required agreements were completed in the summer of 2016. Bridge construction began in late August 2016 and is scheduled for completion in the fall of 2017. Build Toronto and MMM have continued to maintain a project website and to keep the public informed as the project proceeds.

Dufferin Construction identified its proposal as Garrison Crossing, a name based on area history, and described the design as an integrated composition of landscapes and structures with a singular identity, from Wellington Street south to Fort York. The concept is inspired by the fact that the entire area was part of the original Garrison Common Military Reserve, and the fact that the bridge is located where Garrison Creek meandered through a marshy valley bordered by rugged steep embankments. The route of Garrison Crossing is punctuated by lookouts for viewing the Fort York area, similar to the original vantage points that existed for the valley, creek and tablelands. Signs for Garrison Crossing would be integrated into the landscape adjoining the north and south landings as part of the design build contract.

Fort York area volunteers and members of the Friends of Fort York are in support of the name Garrison Crossing. In consultation with the Toronto Office of Partnerships, the Waterfront Secretariat has followed up with Toronto Fire, Paramedic Services and Police. These divisions have responded that they have no objection to the proposed name. It is therefore recommended that Garrison Crossing be adopted as the name of the Fort York Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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