

*Confirmed by the Waterfront Reference Group
on October 8, 2002.*

THE CITY OF TORONTO

Clerk's Division

Waterfront Reference Group

Meeting No. 3

Thursday, May 30, 2002

The Waterfront Reference Group met on May 30, 2002, in Committee Room 2, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 9:30 a.m.

Present:

Councillor	9:30 a.m.
Councillor Joe Pantalone, Chair	X
Councillor Altobello	X
Councillor Ashton	X
Councillor Disero	X
Councillor Jones	X
Councillor Flint	X
Councillor McConnell	X
Councillor Moeser	X
Councillor Shiner	X
Mayor Lastman	-
Councillor Layton	-

Declarations of Interest Pursuant to the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act

Councillor Disero declared an interest with respect to Minute No. 35 – Outcome of the February 20, 2002 Waterfront Reference Group Meeting, and advised that the nature of her interest was that she was an object of a lawsuit between the Toronto Port Authority and the City of Toronto

Confirmation of Minutes

On motion by Councillor Altobello, the minutes of the February 20, 2002 meeting of the Waterfront Reference Group were confirmed.

3.1 Tommy Thompson Park Master Plan Design Project

The Waterfront Reference Group gave consideration to a communication (May 13, 2002) from J. Craig Mather, Chief Administrative Officer, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority advising that the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, at its Meeting on April 26, 2002, adopted the following resolution:

“THAT the final report (April 2002), its key findings and directions on the Tommy Thompson Park Master Plan Design Project as prepared by the University of Guelph - Landscape Research Group be endorsed;

THAT staff be directed to take the appropriate steps to pursue incorporating the baselands (currently zoned GR) into the overall Tommy Thompson Park Master Plan, as part of Lake Ontario Park which is a key greenspace component in the City of Toronto's Central Waterfront Part II Plan, "Making Waves", ensuring compliance with: the *Environmental Assessment Act*; previous environmental approvals; previous TRCA resolutions on "Making Waves"; current City waterfront planning initiatives; while exploring a cooperative partnership with current and adjacent landowners;

THAT this report be utilized as a foundation for discussions with City staff, agencies and interest groups to develop and implement the various Park Master Plan components;

THAT staff be directed to establish a Tommy Thompson Park Advisory Committee with broad representation of park users, interest groups, and the City of Toronto to assist Toronto and Region Conservation staff with the development and implementation of various Park Master Plan components;

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THAT the University of Guelph, Landscape Research Group within the School of Landscape Architecture be acknowledged for their hard work, and dedication to this project;

AND FURTHER THAT Policy and Development staff and Parks and Recreation staff from the City of Toronto's Economic Development, Culture and Tourism Department, and the City's Waterfront Secretariat be so advised”

The Group also had before it a report (May 30, 2002) from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services reporting on the compliance of the Tommy Thompson Park Master Design Project with the proposed Central Waterfront Park II Plan and current waterfront planning initiatives and recommending that this report be received and forwarded to Council, through the Policy & Finance Committee, for information.

Mr. Larry Field, Waterfront Specialist, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority addressed the Waterfront Reference Group and introduced Professor Walter Kehm, School of Landscape Architecture, University of Guelph who gave a presentation on the Tommy Thompson Park Master Plan Design Project.

The Waterfront Reference Group:

- (1) on motion by Councillor McConnell, recommended to the Policy & Finance Committee that the report (May 30, 2002) from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services be received and forwarded to City Council for information;
- (2) on motion by Councillor Pantalone, requested that a copy of the report (May 30, 2002) from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services be forwarded to the Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Corporation for its information.
- (3) on motion by Councillor Shiner, requested the Commissioner of Urban Development Services to report to the Waterfront Reference Group on the private proposal regarding the rowing channel; and

- (4) on motion by Councillor McConnell, congratulated Professor Kehm, School of Landscape Architecture, University of Guelph and the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority for their work with respect to this project.

3.2 Funding for the Port Union Waterfront Improvement Project

The Waterfront Reference Group gave consideration to a joint report (May 23, 2002) from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer reporting on expedition of the release of capital funds for the Port Union Waterfront Improvement Project in the 2002 fiscal year, encouraging the Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Corporation (TWRC) to include this project in its business plan for overall Waterfront Revitalization, and recommending that:

- (1) the request for reallocation of \$350,000 to the 2002 cash flow year for the Port Union Waterfront Improvement Project be forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) for approval;
- (2) the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) report to the BAC as to which projects or sub-projects in 2002 it will defer in order to accommodate this request for funding;
- (3) the TRCA submit for pre-approval, with their 2003 Capital submission, any requirements for urgent funding and that such pre-approval may include funding for the deferred projects and specifically for the balance of the city share of Phase 1 of the Port Union Project as required;
- (4) the Waterfront Project Director, with representatives of the TRCA, meet with officials of the TWRC to encourage inclusion of Phase I funding and Phase II funding (another \$6.0 million) in its business plan for Waterfront Revitalization; and
- (5) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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The Group also had before it a communication (May 13, 2002) from J. Craig Mather, Chief Administrative Officer, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority advising that the Toronto and Regional Conservation Authority requests the City to move the previously approved \$1 million for Port Union included in the 2003 capital budget to 2002 and waive the condition which requires immediate, matching federal/provincial funding as reflected in the following resolution to allow the Port Union Waterfront Improvement Project - Pedestrian Node component of Phase 1 to be implemented in a timely manner, and in so doing:.

- (1) approved the implementation of the pedestrian node component of Phase 1 (Highland Creek to Chesterton Shores) of the Port Union Waterfront Improvement Project be approved subject to obtaining the appropriate capital funding from the City of Toronto;
- (2) recommended that the City of Toronto, on the basis of this report as required by the City Council resolution as part of the 2002 Capital Budget process, be requested to release the previously approved \$1 million, without conditions, under the Port Union Capital Project in 2002 to the Authority to implement the Pedestrian Node Component;
- (3) continue to pursue the capital funding partnership (1/3 Federal Government, 1/3 Province of Ontario and 1/3 City of Toronto) through the Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Corporation and its partners to implement the total Port Union Waterfront Improvement Project estimated in 1998 dollars at \$12 million;
- (4) recommended that the City of Toronto be requested to advise the Federal and Provincial governments through the Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Corporation that the City anticipates receiving their respective shares of the total project capital costs (Phase 1 - \$6 million [\$2 million Federal Government and \$2 million Province of Ontario] and Phase II - \$6 million [\$2 million Federal Government and \$2 million Province of Ontario]) in a timely manner to allow for the implementation of the total 3.6 km (Highland Creek to the Rouge River) Port Union Waterfront Improvement Project; and
- (5) recommended that the City of Toronto Waterfront Reference Group be so advised.

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The following persons appeared for the Waterfront Reference Group in connection with the foregoing matter:

- Mr. Craig Mather, Chief Administrative Officer, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority; and
- Mr. Larry Field, Waterfront Specialist, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority.

On motion by Councillor Moeser, the Waterfront Reference Group recommended the adoption of the following and requested that its recommendations in this regard be submitted to the June 6, 2002 meeting of the Policy and Finance Committee and to the Budget Advisory Committee for its consideration prior to the June 6, 2002 meeting of the Policy and Finance Committee, if possible;

- (1) that the Ashbridges Bay Dredging Project be deferred to 2003, and that funding in the amount of \$350,000 be allocated to the 2002 Capital Budget for the Port Union Waterfront Improvement Project;
- (2) (on motion by Councillor Shiner) requested that the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) submit for pre-approval with their 2003 Capital Submissions any necessary requirements for urgent funding for the Ashbridges Bay Dredging Project;
- (3) that the Waterfront Project Director, with representatives from the TRCA, meet with officials of the Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Corporation (TWRC), to encourage inclusion of priority and strategic eastern and western Toronto waterfront initiatives in its business plan for waterfront revitalization;

- (4) that for the specific Port Union Waterfront Improvement Project, the TWRC be encouraged to include the total capital costs of \$12.0 million (Phase 1 \$6.0 million – \$2.0 million from the federal government; \$2.0 million from the Province of Ontario; and \$2.0 million from the City of Toronto) and Phase 2 \$6.0 million (\$2.0 million from the federal government; \$2.0 million from the Province of Ontario; and \$2.0 million from the City of Toronto) in its business plan for waterfront revitalization; and
- (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Jones, the Waterfront Reference Group:

- (1) expressed to the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, its strong support in this regard and requested it to report accordingly through the 2003 budget process; and
- (2) requested the Commissioner of Urban Development Services to provide a status report on Mimico Park to the next meeting of the Waterfront Reference Group.

3.3 Update on the Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Project

The Waterfront Reference Group gave consideration to a report (May 17, 2002) from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services providing an update on various Toronto Waterfront Revitalization initiatives and recommending that this report be received for information and forwarded to Council through the Policy & Finance Committee, for information.

On motion by Councillor Disero, The Waterfront Reference Group:

- (1) recommended to the Policy & Finance Committee that the report (May 17, 2002) from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services be received and forwarded to City Council for information; and
- (2) requested the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services to report to the Waterfront Reference Group with further information on the extension of the Harbourfront LRT, to Dufferin Street and beyond, and advise how this extension will be accommodated through the environmental assessment of the Front Street extension and that the Toronto Transit Commission be so advised.

Michael Rosenberg appeared before the Waterfront Reference Group in connection the foregoing matter.

3.4 Status of the Walks and Gardens Trust - Report from the Walks and Gardens Working Group - Toronto Centre-Rosedale (Ward 28)

The Waterfront Reference Group gave consideration to a report (May 23, 2002) from the Commissioner, Urban Development Services informing the Waterfront Reference Group of the status of the staff report addressing the legal, financial and policy implications of recommendations prepared by the Walks and Gardens Working Group, and recommending that the Waterfront Reference Group consider the report of the Walks and Gardens Working Group along with a further report from the City Solicitor, Acting Chief Financial Officer, Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism and Commissioner of Urban Development Services on the legal, financial and policy implications of the Walks and Gardens Working Group's recommendations at its next meeting.

On motion by Councillor Jones, the Waterfront Reference Group adopted the report (May 23, 2002) from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services and noted that the Waterfront Reference Group would consider the report of the Walks and

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Gardens Working Group along with a further report from the City Solicitor, Acting Chief Financial Officer, Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism and Commissioner of Urban Development Services on the legal, financial and policy implications of the Walks and Gardens Working Group's recommendations at its next meeting.

3.5 Outcome of the February 20, 2002 Waterfront Reference Group Meeting

The Waterfront Reference Group gave consideration to a report (May 23, 2002) from the Commissioner, Urban Development Services clarifying the process through which staff will report on recommendations and actions arising from the February 20, 2002, public meeting of the Waterfront Reference Group and recommending that:

- (1) this report be received and forwarded to Council, through the Policy and Finance Committee, for information; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect hereto.

The Waterfront Reference Group:

- (1) on motion by Councillor McConnell, recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee that the report (May 23, 2002) from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services be received and forwarded to City Council, through the Policy and Finance Committee, and that City Council be informed that the Chief Planner, in consultation with the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, will be providing a further report to the October 8, 2002 meeting of the Waterfront Reference Group as part of the Part II Central Waterfront Plan,

- (2) (on motion by Councillor McConnell) requested the Waterfront Secretariat, Urban Development Services to review the Toronto Island Airport plan submitted by Community AIR to a recent community meeting for inclusion into the report to be submitted to the October 8, 2002 meeting of the Waterfront Reference Group;
- (3) (on motion by Councillor McConnell) requested that reporting procedures with respect to matters requiring action by Policy and Finance be followed in future; and
- (4) (on motion by Councilor McConnell) requested that the attached e-mail communication (April 19, 2002) from the City Solicitor to Councillors Feldman, McConnell and Pitfield be noted.

3.6 Divisional Court Decision on Leave Application Waterfront Interim Control By-law Nos. 627-2000 and 616-2000 and 616-2001 ("ICBL") - Wards 20 and 28

At 11:31 a.m., on motion by Councillor Ashton, the Waterfront Reference Group adjourned its public meeting to meet in camera to consider a confidential report (May 14, 2002) from the City Solicitor respecting Divisional Court Decision on Leave Application, Waterfront Interim Control By-law Nos. 627-2000 and 616-2001 ("ICBL"), having regard that the subject matter relates to a proposed or pending acquisition of land for municipal or local board purposes, and is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

The group also had before it a report (May 28, 2002) from the City Clerk, Planning and Transportation Committee reporting that the Planning and Transportation Committee at its meeting on May 27, 2002 gave consideration to a confidential report respecting Divisional Court Decision on Leave Application, Waterfront Interim Control By-law Nos. 627-2000 and 616-2001 ("ICBL"), having regard that the subject matter relates to a proposed or pending acquisition of land for municipal or local board purposes, and is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose and

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recommending that the confidential report (May 14, 2002) from the City Solicitor to the Waterfront Reference Group be referred for a report to Council.

The Waterfront Reference Group received the in-camera report (May 14, 2002) from the City Solicitor, such report to remain in-camera, and issued confidential instructions to the Waterfront Secretariat.

At 11:33 a.m., the Waterfront Reference Group resumed its public session.

3.7 Date of Next Meeting

The Waterfront Reference Group was advised that its next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 8, 2002 beginning at 5:00 p.m. followed by a public meeting of residents and businesses beginning at 6:00 p.m., and that further meetings will be at the call of the Chair.

The Group confirmed this meeting date and noted that additional meetings will be at the call of the Chair.

3.8 Communications and Reporting Protocol for Waterfront Revitalization

The Waterfront Reference Group gave consideration to a joint report (May 27, 2002) from the Chief Administrative Officer Commissioner, Urban Development Services formalizing the process through which departments, agencies, boards and commissions (DABC) are to comply with Council's Communications and Reporting Protocol for Waterfront Revitalization and to communicate with the Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Corporation (TWRC) and Council on waterfront matters and recommending that:

- (1) this report be forwarded to the Policy and Finance Committee and Council for approval;
- (2) the Chief Administrative Officer and the Executive Lead for the Waterfront communicate to officials of all City DABCs the importance of complying with Council's Communications and Reporting Protocol for Waterfront Revitalization and clarify the process through which aspects of this Protocol are to be implemented;

- (3) all communications by representatives of City DABCs with representatives of the TWRC be coordinated through, and in conjunction with, the Waterfront Project Secretariat in Urban Development Services;
- (4) all DABC reports, communications and other information intended for Standing Committees or Council with a direct or indirect impact on Waterfront Revitalization be submitted through the Waterfront Reference Group; and
- (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary actions to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Ashton, the Group introduced this report as a new business item, and the Group recommended to Council, through the Policy & Finance Committee, that the joint report (May 27, 2002) from the Chief Administrative Officer and the Commissioner of Urban Development Services be adopted.

3.9 Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Corporation - Hiring Process

On motion by Councillor Ashton, the Group introduced this as a new business matter.

On motion by Councillor Ashton, The Waterfront Reference Group requested the Waterfront Secretariat to report further:

- (1) with a list of Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Corporation's current consultants under contract;
- (2) the process that was followed by the Corporation in the selection of consultants; and

- (3) with an assurance that policies are in place that would ensure a competitive and creative environment for the engagement of consultants.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Date of Next Meeting: October 8, 2002

Chair