

# WELLINGTON PLACE

## *Neighbourhood Association*

Dear Members of City Council

November 15, 2011

### **Re: Fort York Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge**

On behalf of the Wellington Place Neighbourhood Association (WPNA), representing those who live and work in the area bounded by King, Spadina, Front and Bathurst Streets, I would like to urge you to vote in favour of the Fort York Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge at the upcoming Council meeting.

Our neighbourhood includes part of the Fort York National Historic Site, namely Victoria Memorial Square, originally the garrison cemetery (1794-1863).

This bridge is a vital link between the rapidly growing new communities north and south of the rail corridor, as well as between the general city population and the waterfront. It will permit development of the Ordnance Street area and it will also connect the citizens with Fort York at a time when it is central to Canada-wide celebrations of the bicentennial of the War of 1812.

I understand that there are three alternative concepts under consideration. Our preferred option would be the one including two bridges, one linking Wellington Street south to the Ordnance Street area and the second linking south to Fort York, both spans being connected by a park.

WPNA urges you to vote to complete this critical new transportation corridor, linking communities and opening up access to Fort York.



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