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Humber Bay for All Deputation to the Infrastructure & Environment Committee

Agenda Item: IE30.15, the Western Waterfront Master Plan – Update

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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The Humber Bay for All would like to acknowledge that the Western Beaches are located within the traditional territory of many nations including the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples and is now home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. The Humber River watershed historically provided an integral connection for Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, and Wendat peoples between the Ontario Lakeshore and the Lake Simcoe/Georgian Bay regions. Toronto is covered by Treaty 13 signed with the Mississaugas of the Credit, and the Williams Treaty signed with multiple Mississaugas and Chippewa bands. Toronto continues to provide a vital source of interconnection for all (Humber College Indigenous Education & Engagement, 2021 & City of Toronto, 2021).



Refined through engagement

WHO WE ARE

- West End Beaches Stakeholders Association (WEBSA) was formed in 2005.
- Humber Bay For All is a sub-committee of WEBSA.
- The catalyst for the **Humber Bay For All (HBFA)** Vision was a 2014 meeting with the TRCA.
- HBFA seeks to work with community members to entice the City of Toronto to reconstruct the breakwater that protects the Humber Bay shoreline.

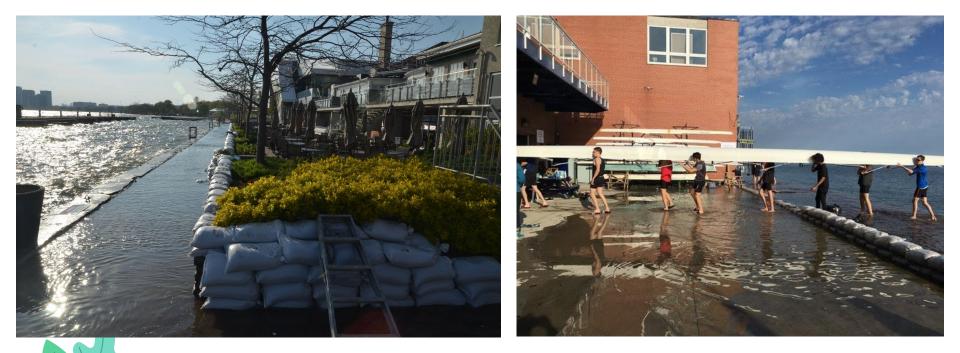
THE 2009 WESTERN WATERFRONT MASTER PLAN





Charles Rishor, 2021

WATERFRONT FLOODING



Walter Kehm, 2017

WESTERN BEACHES PARKLAND Over 0.96 sq km of Open Green Space High Park Sunnyside Park Humber River Marilyn Bell Park Sunnyside **Bike Park Budapest Park** Ontario Humber Bay Place Shores Park Palace Pier **Toronto Islands** Lakeshore Sir Casimir Boulevard Gzowski Park **Trillium Park** Parklands Humber Bay Parks

City of Toronto Open Data, 2021



TIMELINE OF THE SITE



1912-1917

1979-Present

The breakwater is constructed as part of the newly formed Toronto Harbour Commission & the federal Department of Public Works Portions of the breakwater begin

to break and deteriorate over the next few

decades

2009

The Western Waterfront Master Plan is implemented

2017 & 2019

The lakeshore experiences major flooding from higher than normal lake water levels

2020

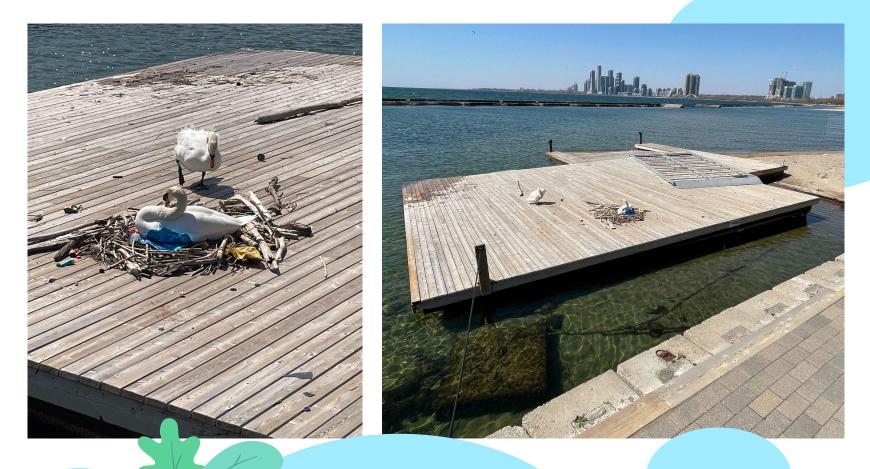
COVID-19 pandemic leads to the increased use of the western beaches

2022

The Western Waterfront Master Plans undergoes revisions



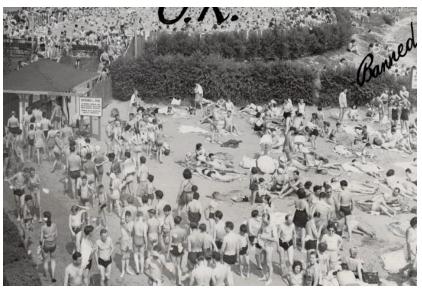




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SUNNYSIDE BATHING PAVILION AND AMUSEMENT PARK





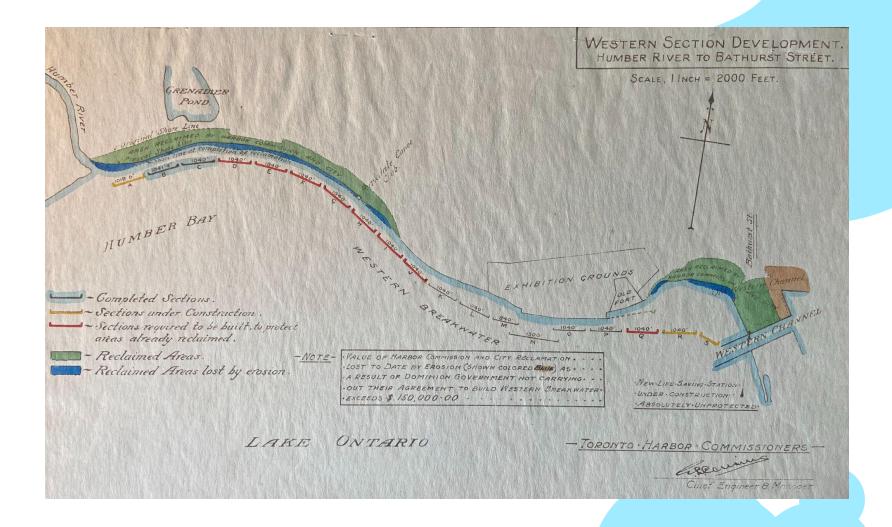


Toronto Star Archives, 1943

Inadvertent lake filling is hampering water circulation behind the breakwall which is harming aquatic and avian habitats, and access along the Western Beaches



Walter Kehm, 2021



COMMUNITY CONSULTATION MEETINGS

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- Nancy Gaffney, John Mackenzie, Anil Wijesooriya from the TRCA
- Tom Davidson, Executive Assistant To Councillor
- Lara O'Donnell & Gabriella Silano, Weston Foundation
- Councilor Gord Perks
- Bhutila Karpoche, MPP
- Arif Virani, MP
- Wayne Reeves, Former Chief curator of Museums and Heritage Services, City of Toronto
- 416 Caucus
- Edward Birnbaum, City of Toronto Mayor's Office
- Sunnyside Community Association Members
- Waterfront For All Members



FUTURE ENGAGEMENT

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- Lake Ontario Waterkeeper
- Parkdale Land Trust
- Parkdale Residents Association
- Mimico Residents Association
- Liberty Village Residents Association
- Humber Bay Shores Condominium Association
- Swansea Area Ratepayers Association
- Roncesvalles Village BIA
- Parkdale Village BIA
- Liberty Village BIA
- Waterfront BIA



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THANK YOU

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