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June 16, 2025

Mayor Olivia Chow and Members of the Executive Committee
City of Toronto
City Hall – 100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Attention: Catherine Regan, Committee Administrator

Dear Mayor Chow and Committee Members:

Re: EX24.5 – Western Beaches Breakwaters Action Plan

The West End Beaches Stakeholder Association (WEBSA) is a coalition that was formed in 2005 by the Argonaut Rowing Club, The Boulevard Club, Sunnyside Paddling Club, and Toronto Sailing & Canoe Club. Our objective is to work with government agencies and non-governmental organizations to address the interests of persons who regularly use Toronto's Western Beaches area.

We want to commend the City of Toronto for bringing forward this report for the West Beaches Breakwaters Action Plan and want to express our support for the recommendations as outlined.

Addressing the deteriorating breakwater infrastructure is essential to creating a western waterfront that can support water-based recreation, create a healthy shoreline ecology, and improve the lake water quality. The waterfront amenities along the Western Beaches serve both residents and Torontonians outside of the community as a destination park in the city. We are a great city on a Great Lake. Investment in the breakwater infrastructure is necessary to create a resilient shoreline, provide spaces for recreation, spark connections with the natural world and implement improvements to the public realm.

We represent a broad range of organized local waterfront users and stewards including paddlers, rowers and sailors. WEBSA's members have a long history of developing and delivering amateur and recreational water-based sport along Toronto's western beaches waterfront. WEBSA has unique expertise and perspective on water-based recreation uses and the safety issues at this location. We look forward to sharing our experience and expertise to contribute towards the Western Beaches Breakwaters Action Plan.



We would like to submit for the consideration of the Executive Committee and City Staff, our Humber Bay Community & Recreation Plan that we prepared in 2021. This document summarizes some of the key issues and considerations for the Western Beaches and was based on extensive input with our members and consultation with the public. Please find attached a copy of our report.

Thank you for bringing forward the Staff Report EX24.5 – Western Beaches Breakwaters Action Plan. We hope that it receives the full support of the Executive Committee and City Council.

Sincerely,

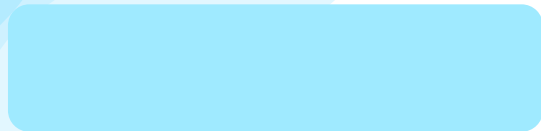
Charles Rishor
Yachting Director, The Boulevard Club
On behalf of Western Beaches Stakeholders Association

Attachments: Humber Bay Community & Recreation Plan

HUMBER BAY NATURALIZATION

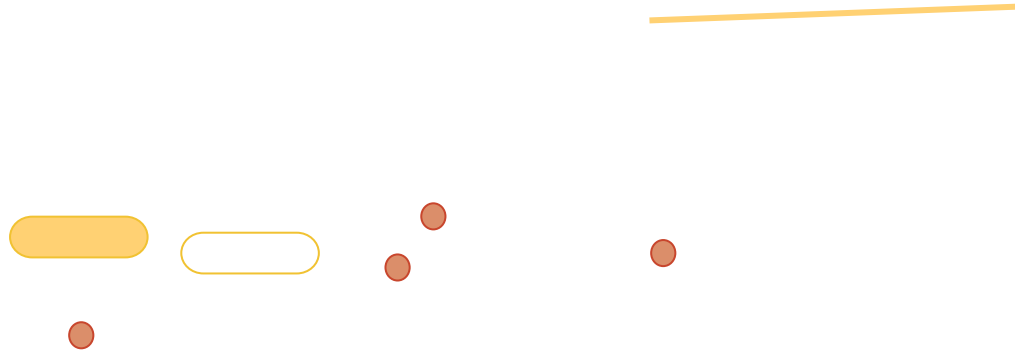


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EXISTING USES

PRECEDENTS & THE SURROUNDING WARDS

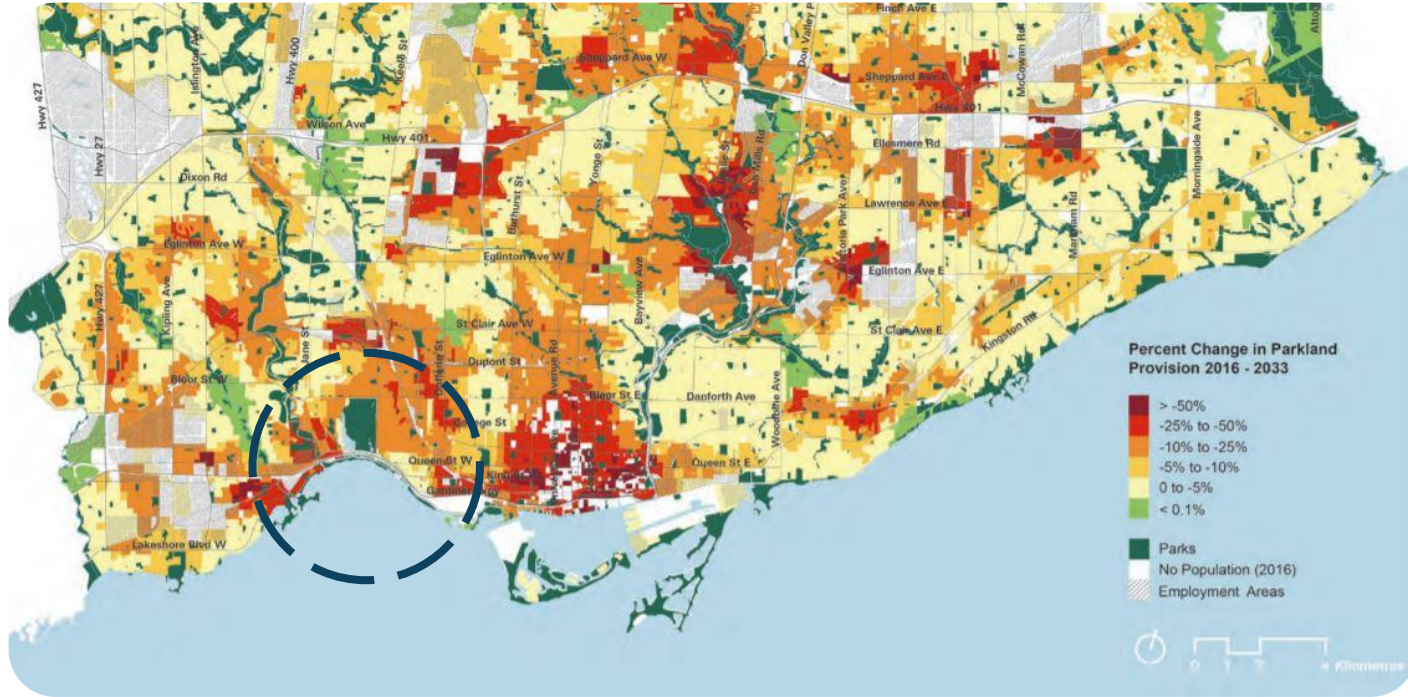


PRE-CONSTRUCTION & RECENT DEVELOPMENT



Urban Toronto Data, 2021

Impact of Growth on Parkland Provision, by Percent Change



City of Toronto Parkland Strategy, 2019

FUTURE PARKLAND DEFICIENCIES

Ward 3 provides **34.9sq m** of green space per person

Ward 4 provides **26.6sq m** of green space per person

Ward 9 provides **8.3sq m** of green space per person

Ward 10 provides **32.9sq m** of green space per person

- Between the four wards and the **2016 census population** there is a total of **26.4 sq m** of open green space per person, which is **below Toronto's city-wide average**.
- Development proposals and population growth will **increase the demand for accessible parkland**.

In **2016**, on a city-wide average, residents had access to **28 sq m of parkland per person**.

EVOLUTION OF THE SITE AND LAKESHORE BOULEVARD

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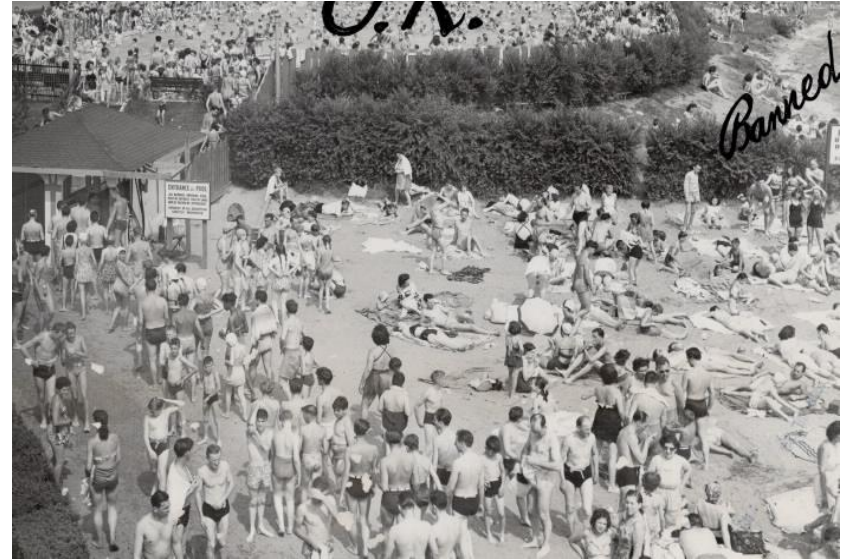


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SUNNYSIDE BATHING PAVILION AND AMUSEMENT PARK



Toronto Star Archives, 1924



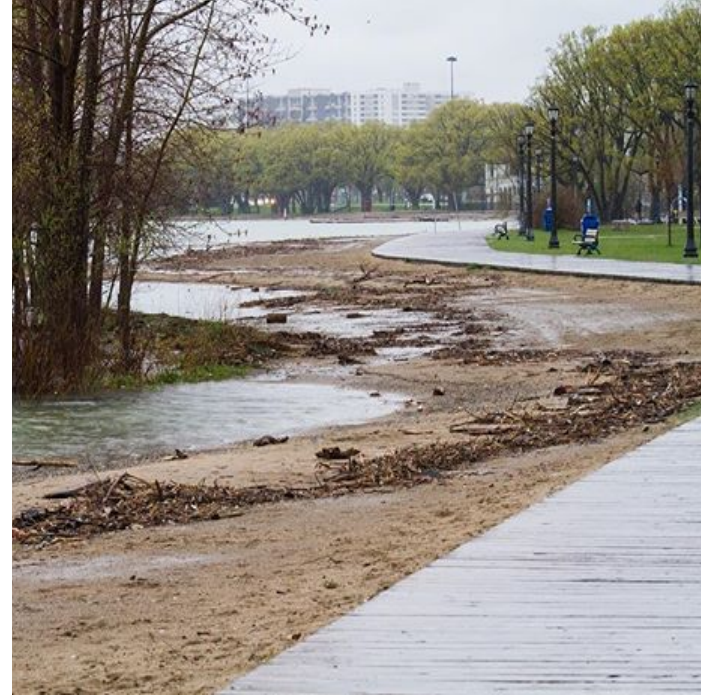
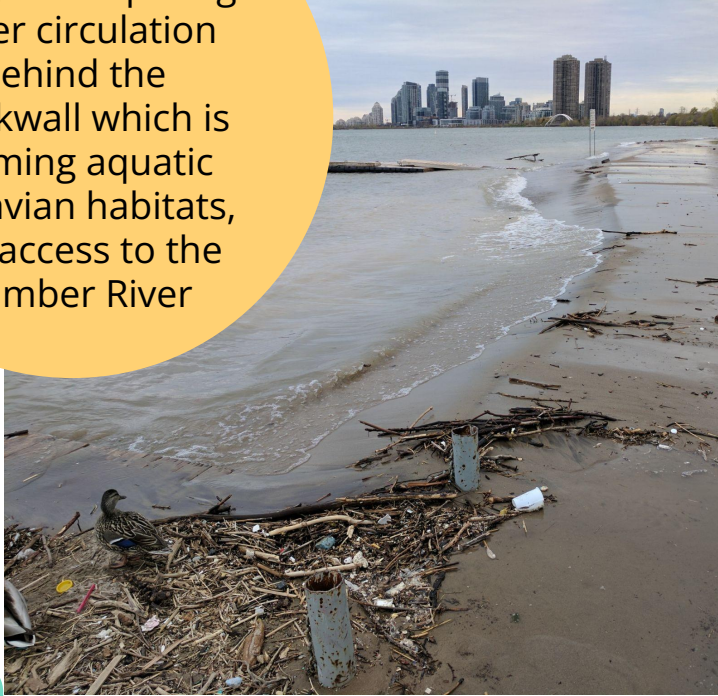
Toronto Star Archives, 1943

WATERFRONT FLOODING



Walter Kehm, 2017

Inadvertent lake filling is hampering water circulation behind the breakwall which is harming aquatic and avian habitats, and access to the Humber River



Walter Kehm, 2021

OUR GOALS

**ENHANCE
ACCESSIBILITY
ALONG THE
HUMBER BAY
SHORELINE**

**ENHANCE
WATER &
TERRESTRIAL
ECOSYSTEMS**

THE CONCEPT PLAN



Walter Kehm, 2021

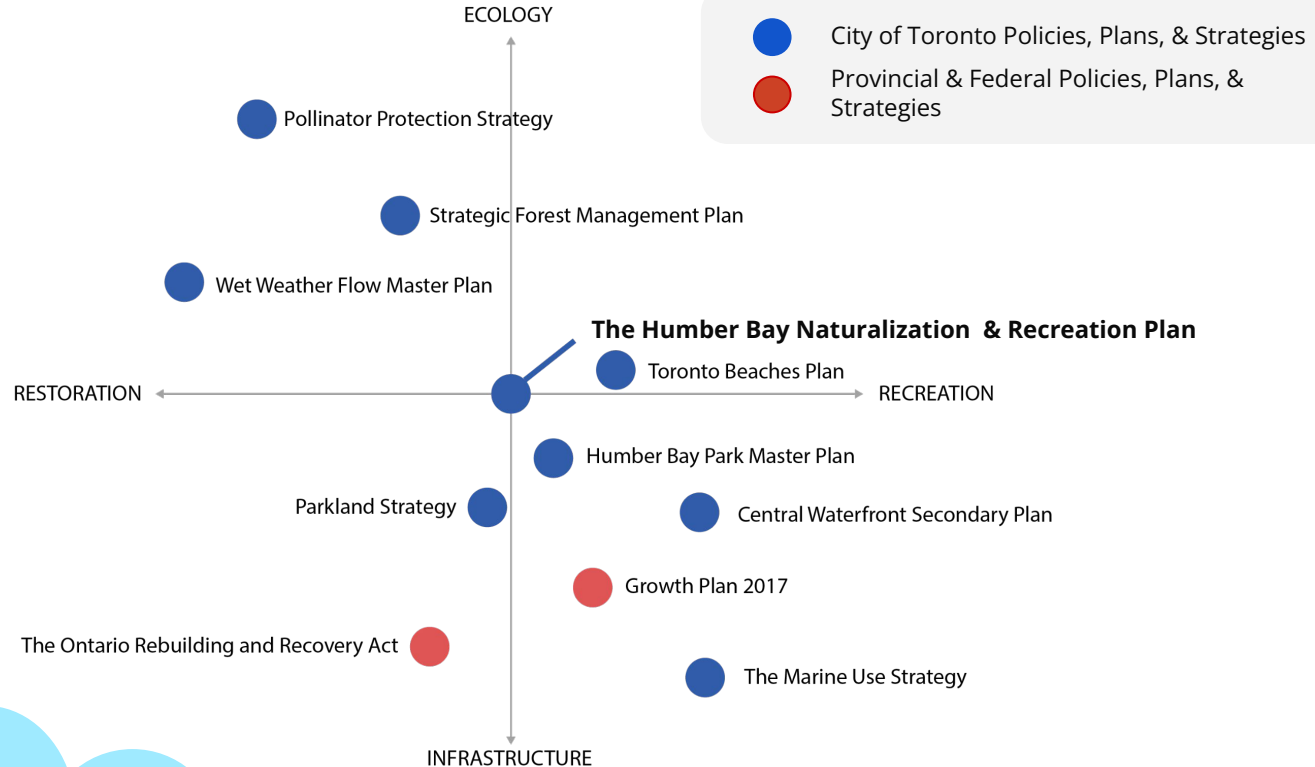






STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

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IMPLEMENTATION: NEXT STEPS

- Reinvalidate existing plans, reports, and studies within the boundaries of the Humber Bay Naturalization & Recreation Plan.
- Build the team
- Feasibility & Environmental Assessment Process
- Connect with Municipal, Provincial, and Federal partners for funding
- Public Participation
- Detailed Design & Construction drawings of the project



FEASIBILITY ASSESSMENT

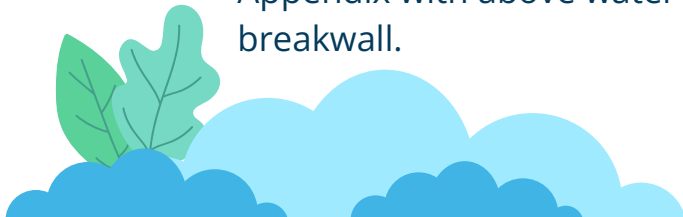
THE RIGGS ENGINEERING STUDY, 2018



- **The TRCA** initiated the Riggs Engineering Study of the breakwall from Palace Pier Court at the mouth of the Humber River in the west, to the entrance to the Ontario Place West Channel in the east.
- The study determined that the concrete breakwall structure experienced heavy to moderate deterioration.
- The study anticipates that the concrete breakwall will continue to rapidly deteriorate over the next 5 to 10 years.
- **Next Steps:** Update the Study to include a cost-efficiency Appendix with above water observations of the breakwall.



RIGGS Engineering Study, 2017





8 million cubic
meters of fill



30 cubic meters of
fill per truck



\$60.00 of revenue
per truck of fill

Estimate of total revenue: **\$17,333,333.30**

WEBSA CONSULTATION METHODS & PUBLIC PROCESS

Past Engagement

- Public Meetings
 - November 25th, 2017 (1 PM- 4 PM) – Community Info Session I
 - May 23rd, 2018 (6 PM – 9 PM) – Community Info Session & Open House, Jennifer Keesmaat - Keynote Speaker

Future Engagement

- One-on-one targeted interviews with community members, special interest groups, and elected officials.
- Pre-Engagement Phase for Indigenous Engagement
- Virtual Public Meeting
- Dissemination of useful information
 - Social media & letters of support

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