

Appendix B – Comment Form Responses

Appendix B lists all the comments received during the Community Meeting, through comment forms and through direct emails. Comments are provided verbatim.

**Comments 1-27 are from the afternoon session. Comments 28-41 are from the evening session.*

Thinking about the building concept presented for the Humber Bay Park Project:

1. What do you like?

#1

- The fact that the existing animal / bird life will not be disturbed.
- Concept is unobtrusive

#3

- I love it in total.

#4

- Small footprint of building.
- How the building integrates with the land.
- Viewing area from the building.
- Multi-season uses of the building

#5

- Building an improvement on original proposal and an opportunity to review the needs plan would be helpful.
- Space for programs and meetings is readily available in the condos.

#6

- The opens spaces, very outdoorsy.

#7

- The water filtration using stream concept and increasing the depth of the pond.
- The removal of accumulated silt and weeds from large pond and again make the pond pleasant to see and rest beside.

#10

- You have millions to spend. Spend it smartly on the protection opportunity for more wildlife.
- Of what benefit is this building to people? There are 2 meeting rooms – offices and washrooms – nothing to do with public enjoyment.

#11

- I like the area of water habitat.
- The building design is an improvement.

#12

- The proposed building architecture is well integrated to the park.
- Not a high-rise or large structure.
- Green roof.
- Close to the pond / away enough from the lake.
- Two meeting rooms are limited in space and not connected. It helped to limit the attendees.
- Must limit the usage of the building to education and recreation aligned with the purpose of the park. We don't need additional party venues.

#13

- Look of the building
- Natural landscapes

#14

- I like the views of concept 4D and the functionality of the facility.

#15

- I like the way the pond and wetland area are being changed.
- It appears there will be little or no loss of green space and still good animal/bird habitat.

#16

- Simplicity.
- Blends in with natural environment.
- Environmentally friendly.

#17

- Integration of new building as part of the landscape (i.e. natural roof)
- Increased habitat for birds
- Additional bridge linking both sides.
- Increased activities (i.e. skating).

#18

- Community building.
- Extended paths.

#19

- Architectural style of the proposed A3 building
- Vegetated roof
- Extended habitat opportunities

#20

- Integration (buried into the landscape) of building into park features.
- Like the design and panoramic views in different directions and lookout.
- Separate building room functions (e.g. 2 meeting rooms, separate)

#21

- More green space.
- Open washrooms.
- Plant more coniferous trees for shelter of wildlife and humans.
- Better water flow. Ponds and channels suffer from eutrophication and are filled with litter.

#22

- Like the reduced size of the building.
- Like the low-profile, low impact design.
- Like viewing areas related to building.
- Like the fact that public works functions will be separate from public use building.
- Like the fact that the back of the building will make funds available for pond improvements.

#23

- Beautiful building
- Integrated with site
- Good views – love the rooftop view into wetland

#24

- Love the building design into the berm.
- Adding more green space.
- All season uses
- Enough space to have a rest or break while using the park.

#25

- Winter skating, 10/10 😊
- Roof view replaces current pyramid and maintains over watch
- Parking spreading green space better compared to large square lot roadside

#26

- Dealing with algae producing issues/problems.
- The zigzag water area of marsh area should attract more wildlife.
- What is planned around the yacht clubs looks workable.

#27

- Wetlands.

#28

- Looks good. Blends in nicely with park, especially with roof as extended park experience.
- Provides a minimal footprint.

#29

- Super concept.
- Wetland.
- New building.
- Preserves existing features (watercourse, pond)
- Reconfigured parking, elimination of parking lots.

#30

- Everything! It will be a showcase for Toronto Lakeside. I particularly liked the boardwalk, making the area accessible to all.

#31

- I love the design!
- I love the green roof and how it looks like it's just built into the park.
- Great job!

#32

- Everything.

#33

- It's attractive.

#34

- The building design has a gorgeous aesthetic. I love how green and sustainable it is, including green roof, geothermal etc. I do think it's too large.
- I like the reduction of parking.

#35

- Additional green space.
- Fantastic building design, environmental.
- Redesigned parking is great.

- I hope to see birding and wildlife habitat protected.

#36

- I like the concepts in what we heard (3C)

#37

- I like the overall plan very much.

#38

- Natural elements like grass, wood, water and waterfalls (lots of these!)
- Integration with the natural landscape (Frank Lloyd Wright & Olmstead)
- A place of refuge and solitude in nature.
- Large area with comfortable couches, Wi-Fi, fireplaces, outside viewing and a café/snack bar (small)
- Viewing areas outside with comfortable seating, maybe fire pits, soft lighting
- Encouragement of wildlife to visit

#39

- It is a beautiful design. Harmonizes with the environment. Very impressive. The designers have clearly thought this through and know what they are doing.

#40

- The improved green space, the improved health of the ponds, the fact that the current space is going to be fully and beautifully revamped for greater enjoyment of the (ever increasing!) people living in this area and a place for birds, vegetation etc.

#41

- Good idea to arrange parking directly off the roadway because it reduces total amount of pavement. The roadway serves as the aisle for the parking.

EMAIL 1

- I like the outside design of the building, the way it becomes part of the park. It is very complementary to the planned water/wetland features. It is reminiscent of European park architecture and will attract much interest. This said, it is important that the Masterplan features are in place so that the lovely design will not stand there as a white elephant.

EMAIL 2

- I liked many aspects of the proposed plan...e.g. the natural building materials, the amphitheater seating, the idea of educational programming and more.

EMAIL 3

- Overall design on the building and how it is integrated into the park environment
- Green roof
- Reduced building footprint
- Lookouts over the proposed new wetlands and the large remaining pond
- Reconfigured parking option that positions parking along the realigned roadway and replaces most of the existing parking lot with meadows

EMAIL 4

- I was at your presentation at the Mimico Library on Oct 30 and was pleased with what I saw. I especially liked the concept of the building hidden in the berm.

EMAIL 5

- Everything except what is noted below.

EMAIL 6

- I welcome the initiative to clean the stagnant water ponds and hope this will contribute to better habitat for birds and other land based creatures. The meandering stream proposal should contribute positively to naturalizing that part of the park. Also rethinking the size of the parking lot to recreate a meadow is a great idea.
- I attended your open house on October 30th of this week and wanted to respond to your invitation to comment. Initially let me thank the City for having TRCA, consultants and City staff available to chat and answer questions. They were informed, approachable and engaging.
- Being a long-time user of Humber Bay East I am very interested in the plans put forward. I am a birder, a member of the Toronto Ornithological Club, the Tommy Thompson Park User Group and past Board member of the Nature Conservancy of Canada.
- As such, I am very interested in maintaining the few natural elements of the park and preserving/enhancing its role as a piece of natural habitat and bird stop over location.
- Past work on the butterfly garden has been a great move in this direction.

EMAIL 7

- Do NOT like the building concept! Trying to copy other cities' "Modern" building concepts is not appropriate to what is supposed to be a "natural" outdoor environment.
- Would strongly recommend that current building be retained and updated as required for use by school groups etc.

EMAIL 8

- The drawings and photos are attractive and the staff is enthusiastic.

EMAIL 9

- To the City of Toronto (This is in reference to the HBP Project and the Building Concept and the Comment Form):
- Justifying a project is a process of analyzing a business environment to:
- Propose a solution to the problem related to the business environment.
- Determine alternatives or options to the proposed solution.
- Analyze costs, benefits, impacts, and risks of the proposed solution.
- Validate the solution.
- Whatever the project is, one has to ask himself first; what is the purpose of it, what are the benefits – or whom will benefit from it, what are the aspirations and results of such project and what are the risks associated with it. Personally, I don't see any positive answers to the simple questions, and so far at the city no one has been able to provide some, so there isn't really anything in this proposal that I like. When I heard and saw "people will be able to see the fauna and wildlife from inside the building", that isn't actually how one wants to have a glimpse at it, if so, they should go to the Toronto Zoo. Design is nice, but this is not the park where it belongs

EMAIL 10

- I am disturbed by the idea of a new building in the park. There is no part of this proposal that I actually like.

EMAIL 12

- The fact that the building's form (possible refinement below) and green roof fit brilliantly into the landscape and thus reinforce the unique natural character of Humber Bay Park East. That it is a smaller building. The large windows in the activity rooms. The covered outdoor space. The viewing platforms on the roof.

2. What, if anything, concerns you and why?

#2

- Not about this plan BUT parking lot in East park BADLY needs lines repainted and disabled signs erected.
- Construction workers using [disabled spots] because the paint is badly faded.

#4

- Would have preferred ONE car parking area.
- Needs to see more information on improvements to access by cars, to mitigate high car traffic.

#5

- What is the maintenance budget?
- The pond and meadow illustrations look lovely and will need constant maintenance – which has been lacking in the waterfront parks.

#6

- Parking could be an issue.

#7

- That the large pond will not be emptied and silt and weeds LEFT to ACCUMULATE MORE as is the present situation.

#8

- Is this city money wisely spent?
- Is this building truly needed?
- Why put more infrastructure in a park?
- What extra parking is needed?

#9

- The unique indoor/outdoor viewing area looks nice in the picture but looking at the park plan it looks like you'd just be watching people walk by on the boardwalk 20 feet away and not any wildlife in the pond.
- Perhaps it would be better if the trail went on the other side of the pond?

#10

- Many other issues need to be addressed to benefit a good environment for nature like:
 - No fires (fire pits) allowed or overnight camping
 - More litter pollution control, especially along the shores of coves
 - Fireworks not allowed (only those controlled by the city on 2 occasions, May 24 and July 1)
 - Ski jets not allowed in cove waterways, only on the open lake. They swamp glebe nests etc. And noise pollution is bad for nesting swans, ducks etc.

#11

- Still don't like any building. We would need staff and maintenance. Where is this in the budget?
- No railings on sidewalk over the water.

#12

- Concerned that parties with food and alcohol could be held in the building.
- Building to be left open with no surveillance.
- The work will disturb the existing flora and fauna. It should be done before or after mitigation of birds and nesting time. Fall 2018 - Spring 2019. (*Should be done by Spring 2019, i.e. March)

- Who thinks we need such a building? Just proper washrooms are enough. The general sentiment is that the “city” is trying to build a venue that nobody needs.

#13

- Size of building. What are meeting rooms for?
- Cleaning of sailboat pond. Will it be guaranteed that the system will work?
- Loss of parking. Most of the summer that lot is full.
- Could people be directed to other areas to park during the busy summer months?

#14

- Only concern is how this attraction will affect local traffic in lieu of the new condos in the area.

#15

- I was concerned about food concessions but I was glad to hear that would not be part of any plan.

#16

- Accessibility, handicapped, allow for independence.
- Security of building/site.
- Who will be present daily/operate?
- Who is the building designed for? (e.g. school, community groups?)

#17

- Length of time it takes to implement.
- Ensure paths are wide enough to accommodate increased populace moving into new condo developments.

#18

- Paths wide enough for bikes and pedestrians.

#19

- Reducing parking spaces from 250 to 152.
- Reduces availability of park to residents living outside Humber Bay shores.

#20

- Size of building and uses in the future;
- 8,000 sq. ft., concern relates to any commercial use? Vs small meetings for education and shelter.
- Lobby could be integrated into two meeting spaces in the future?
- See a separated maintenance building vs. integration into new building. Part of 8,000 sq. ft.?

#21

- Maintenance once built. City has a VERY poor record of maintaining facilities once built.
- Previous platforms were burnt/chopped up and not maintained. They were just left to die.
- This (and most other Toronto parks) suffer from significant vandalism. There are few patrols and/or consequences for the culprits.

#22

- Would like to see more details of the budget for buildings and all related infrastructures including the ponds.

#23

- Not sure programming and maintenance are addressed. At what point (now required for the new building) is this approved?

- Still have concerns programming, use of rooms, not really needed.
- Still concerned, if this is not sustained, building will be closed most of the time. Then repurposed in a commercial sense.
- The views from the rooms will be wonderful. Will those rooms be open to the public when no meeting scheduled? That would be great!

#24

- Security. A little isolated so how will space be monitored?

#25

- Fixed metal grating pathways over water. Water height stable? Growth from under maintenance?
- Bike access to sections compared to current?
- Better bike racks if access more strictly pedestrian.

#26

- This project and how it addresses all the points against which it was evaluated remains unclear (for building space component).
- Building looks like it's for city staff and not a community resource.

#27

- The community clearly said NO building yet one is proposed. There are better ways to spend all that money.
- I appreciate the effort to integrate the building with the park but still questioning the need for it.

#29

- Approval process, funding.

#30

- Recommend angled parking wherever possible as it's easier to access and egress.

#31

- A little kiosk café serving some coffee water and something light to eat would be wonderful, similar to how they have in Europe.
- With 2 or 3 chairs and tables for people to sit.
- After a long walk, people may want to sit down and have a coffee and enjoy the view.

#33

- The proximity of building to wetlands.

#34

- Artists' conception of new marsh near building shows invasive species (purple loosestrife not desirable).
- The building seems larger than you need. Do we really need meeting rooms?
- I see no planning for better lighting, waste management or maintenance.
- I see no budget numbers for building or ongoing maintenance.

#35

- Concerned that Humber loop will move to park entrance. I think this may be a bad idea and would like to hear more about this proposal (if it is a proposal).
- I have been reassured that the building will not be open for commercial use, weddings, functions.
- It is important that this type of commercial use not be a feature of the new building.

#36

- I find things aren't moving ahead fast enough.
- Concern is that politics get in the way.

#37

- Migration of Humber Loop TTC to entrance of park. Is this still part of the TTC plan? If so, this would be TERRIBLE!!
- Still have concerns over the ability for pedestrians to walk without hindrance from cyclists and rollerblades etc.

#38

- Too many rooms for rent.

#39

- No, we need more spaces like this. Especially given all the high-rise density nearby.

#40

- My concern cannot be addressed by this project. My concern is the huge numbers of people who will be living here due to the constant building of condos in this area.
- There is already total gridlock often on the local roads.
- Public transit has not been enhanced at all to cope with the masses of people coming in!
- Who is managing the condo glut?

#41

- It appears to require to support formal programming but not informal use such as suggested [in answer to Q3]

EMAIL 1

- It is imperative that a timeline be announced for the Masterplan. Just as the proposed completion date for the building is stated, the same should be the case for the rest of the park. Keep in mind, it is the park which is important! No building will ever be able to compete with what nature has to offer. We all like to breathe, like to relax, watch wildlife, enjoy bushes, trees, wildflowers, see the seasons change – all in the park.
- As to the interior of the building: I am still not reconciled to having 2 large rooms. Are these rooms meant to raise funds? If so, from whom and for what? What use is envisioned? What's more, why an office and staff facilities? Right now, all staff operations are situated in the HBPW building. Why duplicate this in such a small park? Also, did I miss where there is proposed storage, accessible from the outside, for supplies and equipment needed by volunteer groups?
- Another concern is maintenance and security. I feel that these should be addressed together with all the proposed work. There shouldn't just be a completed building and a lovely park without the necessary continued maintenance, policing and bylaw enforcement. Plan it now so that it can be in place at the right time.

EMAIL 2

- The focussed discussion on the proposed park? or conservation area? Or both? is not taking into account the broader environment in which it is to be situated.
- The great lakes themselves are at risk of being destroyed so that human habitation and recreation near the lake won't be desirable if some kind of coordinated action plan isn't developed and funded.
- The increasing number of invasive species the threaten to kill the natural species is very real and needs to be urgently addressed.

- the number of toxic substances that continue to be poured into the lake are also a huge concern and more focussing only on conservation of a local habitat must be part of a larger action plan...
- Environmental and other educational programs should be an integral part of this plan.
- I invite you to take a look at the programs at the Riverwood Conservancy in Mississauga before finalizing them. <http://www.theriverwoodconservancy.org/>

EMAIL 3

- Detailed costing for the building, wetlands and meadow have not yet been completed nor advanced since the August 30th ACRG meeting.
 - Both Peter and Jon have and continue to indicate that the building and wetlands can be constructed within the currently approved \$7M project budget. They both indicated the meadow component may but would likely require additional and not yet approved capital funding.
 - My primary concern is that if the detailed cost estimates of new building and wetlands exceed the funds currently approved, that scope of the building and or wetlands will be reduced to align with the current funding approval.
 - The timelines for completion of detailed design, tendering, contract negotiation and construction appear to be overly optimistic. Based on recent PFR experience with similar projects, the timelines should be reviewed and revised, as appropriate, so not to create unrealistic community expectations for project completion. Does this project require review by the Waterfront Design Review Panel? If yes, has this review process been factored into the proposed timeframes?
 - The proposed plan continues to include space and will require funding to accommodate park maintenance and operations staff. Previously, PFR staff have indicated the longer-term plan is to relocate maintenance and operations staff to Humber Bay West. Based on the timeframes currently proposed (and likely longer), there should be sufficient time to plan and relocate all park operations to Humber Bay West. If this can be done, funding would not be required for this component of the project and could be reallocated to either the proposed building or other Master Plan initiatives.

EMAIL 4

- The idea of the boardwalk sounds good, but I wonder at the plant life that will flourish there, and hope it won't just be overgrown like the growth along the stream in the east end of the park.
- I like that you are attempting to retain its naturalized character, but making the waters edge accessible in places to wheelchairs.
- Thanks for responding to the feedback from the community

EMAIL 5

- The fact that when responding to the questionnaire, members of the community did not express a strong desire for ANY substantial building in the park for public use; just year-round washrooms and a utility building for storing Parks Dept. equipment.
- Reduction in the number of parking spaces in the main lot in Humber Bay Park East.

EMAIL 6

- As discussed with your consultants and city representatives I am very concerned about the negative affect dogs off leash are having on the natural areas. As recently as last weekend I witnessed twelve dogs and their owners, only one on a leash. These dogs run with abandon through the natural areas, disturbing birds, leaving urine and defecating, spreading invasive

plant seeds... The investment the City has been making in large off leash areas does not seem to be working. The large site in Humber Bay West is not very much used but took over an entire point there. There seems to be little education of the public on the negative effects of dogs running freely and certainly not much enforcement. I do call 311 regularly but without enough enforcement personnel that does not address the issue.

- The pressure on Humber Bay is growing exponentially as the condos continue to grow there. Positive action with developers to create in situ dog accommodation is long overdue. I am aware this issue is very real in many parts of the city. Maybe condos here could be poster children on this issue.
- My second concern is the impact phragmites is having on the Park. This is a large problem everywhere in Ontario. This invasive species is choking so many of our waterways, robbing many creatures including birds of much needed habitat. The one bay is now almost totally surrounded by phragmites and it is impossible to use the trails. I would encourage you to take this opportunity to eradicate this weed here, knowing how challenging this has been elsewhere but also that much has been learned by others in this area.

EMAIL 7

- Adding another building takes away from what I believe should be a “natural” park. Having three buildings on site is definitely not “natural.”
- What would become of original buildings if another is added?

EMAIL 8

- The community definitely did not want the pavilion. Washrooms open year-round, plus storage space for park maintenance equipment, were wanted. No building was asked for, not even a smaller one. Both the pavilion and the present scheme were sprung on the community without prior consultation; architects were hired and plans were developed first. The community still does not know how much money has been spent so far. There are serious concerns about ongoing maintenance and programming.

EMAIL 9

- This park is thriving with wildlife, and the City of Toronto is really blessed to have such diversity within its boundaries – I have lived in Québec City(22y) and Montréal(23y) – so I am able to compare. Many of Toronto Parks are hubs used by birds while migrating in the Spring and at Fall time, as well as being used all Spring and Summer by some species, while others come for winter time.
- I haven’t seen any environmental assessment regarding this project, and there should be one somewhere since so many bird species nesting in this park are on the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, all native North American Birds are protected under this act, as well as by the Ontario's Endangered Species Act also protects the nests and eggs of birds that are listed as endangered and threatened. So it is obvious that this kind of venue might increase the risk to these birds, as I already have witness many time and there isn’t yet such a place, people trying deliberately to harm some of them.
- If people want to come skating in winter time, put some benches close to the ice rink, that is all they need.

EMAIL 10

- This feels like a wedge proposal which could lead to a cascade of negative effects on the wildlife in the HBP. I have two major concerns.

- The proposed building design must respect the current designated status of the Humber Bay Parks. The proposed building or any structures can not have averse, or negative impacts on the wildlife and its ecosystem. This park was designated as a natural habitat by the Governor General since 1984. Our HBP's very diversified wildlife is unique in a world class city like Toronto and is also a very important part of our community life and our city's history.
- If a structure is permitted, its function and impact on the wildlife habitats must be monitored to ensure that there is no degradation or adverse impact.
- What concerned me during the presentation, I heard a lot of beautiful stories and viewed graphic pictures about the proposed building and the master plan. But, as a professional designer, I haven't heard or seen this proposal's title, nor design agenda.
- Any designer will recognize a design title is very important for a design project. How will this proposed design affect our parks' habitats? Is this proposal consistent with the technical Ornithology and Entomology design criteria of current wildlife such as birds, butterflies etc. nesting and living in this park? Has there been an environmental baseline study? Has there been an impact assessment? Have any native groups been consulted, in line with the City's Statement of Commitment to Aboriginal Peoples, e.g. Commitments #2 through #4.
- My post graduate study included architecture as a professional code advisor and design engineer. I expect any designer involved will be able to carry out their professionalism to honor and respect this park's status, and a clear design agenda to enhance and protect this park's wildlife habitats and its needed ecosystem.

EMAIL 12

- The type of activities that will be allowed. Hopefully, they will not be at odds with the natural character of Humber Bay Park East.

3. What refinements, if any, would you suggest?

#2

- The building **MUST** be staffed to be useful.
- Leaving heated workrooms unsupervised will result in an influx of homeless people (already there).
- Park was used for camping several times this summer, up to a week at a time. The open washrooms will be appreciated by the campers.

#4

- Did not see anything about cycling activities (bike racks?).

#5

- Concentrate on basic grass and trees and access to the lake.

#6

- Look at Bronte Harbour. Recently renovated. It is very nice.

#7

- The Parks Department should start to reduce the amount of invasive species that now have firmly established themselves.
- There is more than cutting grass and garbage removal.

#8

- Will this property be maintained?
- How often will the bathrooms be opened? Cleaned? Supervised?
- Will this impact cyclists/commuters/dogwalkers?

#10

- Water movement
- Clean water
- Control needs/algae
- Approach developers on Marine Parade Dr. to educate workers, discourage plastic wrappings, food containers etc. to be properly recycled. Most ends up in water etc. etc. etc.

#11

- Cut back the scope of structure. No need for meeting rooms.
- Focus on nature, safety.

#12

- Limit the hours when the building is open/accessible.
- Limit surfaces outside for graffiti.
- Do not add a kitchen facility to limit the possibilities of renting the space for a party venue.
- Define clearly and share with residents the objective and purpose of the building and added value. It seems that not everybody has the same understanding of it.
- Protect adequately the green spaces around to assure fauna/flora are not endangered.
- Assure to add sufficient garbage bins.
- Clarify what material will be used. They should be as ecofriendly as possible.

#13

- Less refinements.
- Walking area around ponds should be as much as now exists to get to beach and have nice flora.

#16

- Perhaps share interior design elements and multipurpose options.

#17

- Implement seasonal food trucks, i.e. ice cream in summer and hot chocolate in winter.

#18

- Timelines. Sped up process. We need community centre ASAP.

#20

- Maintenance!!!
- Current building had a vision as well but fell into disrepair.

#21

- More maintenance.
- Police patrols.
- Increased litter pickup.
- “Friends” groups nod o most of the trash pickup.
- No parking fees. Our taxes should get citizens something!

#22

- Make sure washrooms are open to the public all year round.
- Would like to see space made available for stewardship groups, FOHBP, MMM (exterior accessible space).

#23

- Washrooms should be open all year. That’s a city problem, but people need washroom in large parks in the colder half of the year too.

#24

- Washrooms can be separated and used when building is not open?
- Smaller outside sitting area when pond is used for skating.
- Some outside shade area and place to put bikes.

#25

- Does the roundabout have an accessible/Wheel trans drop-off space? OR at western river space?
- Stone oven? Please? ☺
- Avoid Pgate installs if possible. Restricts some access to bikes and strollers through current northern entrance

#26

- I hope this is a proper resource for the community. Get rid of the officelike concepts.
- For all the effort, the building/pond area lacks excitement. Leaves me cold.

#27

- Cut size of building down to provide year-round washrooms (as requested by community) and ONE additional room.
- Otherwise this is going to become a party place which again is not what the community (other than a few from HBS) wanted.

#28

- Monitor the pond to make sure it’s safe for ice skating.

#30

- None – great job!

#31

- The tiny café kiosk.

#32

- Groomed areas and natural areas.

#33

- I will have to go online to get truly oriented before I can contribute.

#34

- Reduce meeting space.
- Utilize only native special in all planting plans. NO PURPLE LOOSESTRIFE!
- Meeting space for community only.

#37

- More seating areas to enjoy the environment.

#39

- Ready to see this developed.

#40

- More peaceful, multiuse graceful green spaces like the one proposed in this Humber Bay Park Project are sorely needed in this overbuilt area.

#41

- Washrooms should be open year-round.
- There should be a warmup area around a fireplace or firepit where park users can seek refuge from the elements, have a coffee or light snack etc.
- We should figure out how we could get a food truck to provide the coffee and light snacks mentioned above.
- The food truck would need a place to park near the warmup area.

EMAIL 1

- My suggestion does not exactly address refinements. It concerns efficiency and planning for the future. Establish timelines for all work to run concurrently. The success of this project depends on expert planning, cash flow and communication with the community.

EMAIL 3

- Complete detailed costing for the proposed design as soon as possible to align with 2018 City of Toronto capital budget timeframe approvals. If additional funding to complete the proposed work is required, it would be advantageous to have this requested through the 2018 Budget process to
- align with the currently proposed timeframes for tendering and awarding of the contract.
 - Alternatively, if additional funding is not approved, PFR should review their existing approved Capital budget to determine if funds from other projects could be realigned to address any funding shortfalls with the Humber Bay Project.
 - PFR officials should explore other potential funding sources for this project. For example, I understand from discussions with TRCA that \$100,000 in funding (approximately, one third of the \$300,000 project cost) for the shoreline restoration work presently underway in Humber Bay East Park was secured from the provincial Ministry of Environment and Climate Change.

- Community consultation to complete the Humber Bay Parks Master Plan should be restarted and completed expeditiously to align with the Humber Bay Park Project – Building Concept.

EMAIL 5

- Send someone to observe the actual use of the parking lots on a fine summer weekend, before deciding on the number of parking spaces to be retained. Don't just apply a formula relating the number of parking spaces to acreage.

EMAIL 6

- My final observation would be that as much as setting the capital aside for this project is wonderful, maintenance and monitoring dollars are equally as significant. Ongoing vandalism is disturbing and needs some creative thinking to minimize.
- Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Plan.

EMAIL 7

- Keep ALL changes to a minimum to enhance the “naturalness” of the entire area. High Park is an excellent example of an urban “natural” park.

EMAIL 8

- This question assumes that the public wants more built form in the park. The question: DO YOU WANT A BUILDING? has not been asked. The huge condo developments at Humber Bay Shores have already influenced the natural environment adversely. Developers promised lots of amenities in their buildings. We need to protect what is left of the more or less natural environment, not build into it.

EMAIL 9

- Drop this building idea all together, make the other changes shown at the presentation, and then make this amazing park a bird sanctuary.

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- On November 14, 2016 group of community members, calling ourselves the HBP Nature Conservancy Group, submitted a proposal to Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECC), to declare a Migratory Bird Sanctuary for Humber Bay Parks, under the Migratory Birds Convention Act of 1994. This proposal has been accepted by the ECC and is under review. This places the HBP under the Federal jurisdiction of ECC, until they concluded their studies. Our community member Ms. Catherine Massaro, informed the City and Toronto Region Conservation Agency, about the proposal. Since this meeting is part of the HBP Master Plan, as a constituent, I expect this master process will respect the principles of the procedural laws for all levels of Governments having jurisdiction over this park, and also respect the technical requirements to honour legal status and the wills of our community to protect the habitats and the history of our parks.
- Specifically, I ask that all work, including landscaping, road repair, new furniture, etc., except of an emergency nature, be stopped in the HBP until the ECC finished their study of the bird sanctuary proposal.

EMAIL 11

- The building looks great, but it's too big. The economics don't work for putting staff in a small building with two multipurpose rooms. No one will be able to afford to rent them. I was told that you have people interested, but you need to put a price on them and see if anyone is still interested. It shouldn't be hard to figure out roughly what the rental rate will be.

- Also, this smacks of a "community centre lite". We need a real community centre, not some halfway measure stuck in the middle of a park. Mimico has needed a community centre for years, and the rapidly increasing population in the Humber Bay area is exacerbating the deficiency.
- The key thing we hear over and over is the desire for year-round public washrooms. We don't see a compelling reason to build more than that. Without a sound business case for the inclusion of the multipurpose rooms, they risk turning the whole building into a "white elephant".
- It struck me that such a (potentially) beautiful building would be an ideal place to have a small display highlighting some cultural or natural history aspect of the area. If there was buy-in from the City and/or TRCA to manage rotating displays, it might be quite effective, but it would require about as much space as is currently dedicated to the lobby.
- Integration of the building into the existing berm and using the roof as a lookout platform are both good ideas. Having a place to shelter from inclement weather would be a valuable feature, but enclosing it creates a host of security and maintenance concerns.
- CCFEW supports the suggestion of the Friends of Humber Bay Parks (FOHBP) to include some limited, externally accessible storage space for volunteer community groups actively working to enhance the park through stewardship, education or animation.
- We haven't seen a breakdown of paved area versus parking spaces created, but the parking configuration illustrated in panel 4B doesn't look as efficient or functional as the one proposed in the master plan presentation last year.
- A final observation is that the presentation materials from the October 30th meeting are not easy to find. ... There is no clear or intuitive path to the page with the presentation material from [the previous] meeting. This has almost certainly reduced public feedback.

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- Since the lobby has limited views outside, I wonder if the access to the roof at the front of the building could be shifted to the left side, with a straight roofline along the front? (I think there is space for this if the entrance to the washrooms is shifted.) This would allow for large windows all along the front of the building, space for seating in the lobby with views outside, as well as more covered outdoor space.
- A more conventional roofline at the front of the building would also give the building more presence in the landscape and make it more beautiful from the front.

EMAIL 13

- [Submitted to Honourable Catherine McKenna MP]
- Dear Ms. McKenna, as MP for Ottawa Centre and the appointed Minister of Environment and Climate Change, we as constituents are requesting your support. Myself, along with a passionate group of individuals, submitted a proposal to ECC, Wildlife Division, to have Humber Bay Park, granted Migratory Bird Sanctuary, status. The proposal was accepted some months ago and we received a criteria mandate requirement list that was requested by ECC, in order for Humber Bay Park, to be considered for a Migratory Bird Sanctuary. We responded, to ECC, with regard to this request some months ago and at present the documents in support of the proposal and criteria response are under the review of Mr. Olaf Jensen. Through continual correspondence and conversation, we are being assured that the proposal, is being reviewed with careful consideration and we are looking forward to a positive response. Through conversation, with Mr. Jensen, Olaf, we have also, learned that MP Julie Dabrusin, representing

the riding of Toronto-Danforth, has also submitted a similar proposal for Tommy Thompson Park. Both Humber Bay Park and Tommy Thompson Park, share the same migratory bird path along lake Ontario's shoreline and both park's habitats serve as staging areas for a tremendous array of migratory bird species. We are at this time, requesting support from our local politicians, community members and organizations, such as HBSCA, Humber Bay Shores Condominium Association, Toronto Wildlife Center and World Wildlife Foundation, as David Miller, a former Mayor of Toronto, is the CEO, of WWF, Toronto. As representing Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada, we would very much appreciate and ask that you please, write a letter of support to Mr. Jensen, Olaf. Our migratory birds, wildlife and nature are the essence of our community, here in Humber Bay Park and Mr. Jensen, Olaf feels that further support will benefit and contribute to the submitted proposal. Although, at the time of submitting our documents to ECC, Wildlife Division, we had no formal group name, we have since decided to give our group the name Humber Bay Park Nature Conservancy. We are in great hope that our proposal will be accepted and we strongly feel through our passion and love for Humber Bay Park's, habitat and wildlife that our group can enrich, enhance and bring further needed protection to Humber Bay Park's precious wildlife and migratory birds that depend upon this amazing habitat. We have many exciting ideas and are looking forward to sharing them with our community and the public. Please, contact me should you request further details or information with regard to the attached documents. As well, I would appreciate that you copy me, your letter of support.

EMAIL 14

- Whether what I am submitting is applicable to the project or not, I would like to relay the following to you because it is a major safety concern: Two years ago, I was cycling west on Marine Parade Drive with a number of friends. The intersection at Marine Parade Drive and Humber Bay Park Road is a treacherous intersection and one of my friends was almost run over by a car as she was trying to negotiate a left-hand turn. She did crash her bike and was hurt. The car sped off without stopping. No report was filed except my concerns to a number of City of Toronto officials. Subsequently changes were made to cut back the foliage on the islands at that intersection.
- I have cycled along Marine Parade Dr. hundreds of times and trying to make a left-hand turn to either Humber Bay Park Road or the cycling path on the west or north side of the intersection had always been a nightmare to negotiate. The reason being one, the intersection is in a curve in the roadway and two, the large concrete planters were always loaded with so many plants that you could not see past them and the approaching vehicular traffic. After dozens of phone calls with city officials, I was elated to see the plants cut back but the visibility in the area of that intersection, in all aspects remains very dangerous. I would be very grateful if you and the appropriate city officials give that particular intersection more consideration for the safety of vehicular traffic, cyclists and pedestrians. The cutback of the concrete planters or simply lowering them would be an option. On University Avenue there are low concrete walls but motorists can see over them to negotiate their vehicles in turns and their driving in general.

EMAIL 15 – PART 1

- I wanted to expand on the importance of storage space for the public groups. I don't need to mention that this was a subject discussed many times during various talks and ACRG meetings.

We want something effective to be part of the building project. Not something fitted in to whatever space may be available at some point in the future in the City's storage area.

- It was one of the few things the community was clear in asking for. We want model boaters and any future groups, as an example- community/parent group that may want to store shovels and hockey nets for use managing the pond skating in winter, to have what they need.
- FOHBP does more park cleanup, both in our larger cleanups partnered with TRCA and by daily volunteers, than the City does. Steward groups like ours get involved in lots of projects involving flora and fauna. We are doing more of this, beginning with a burdock removal project this fall. We hope to expand, and welcome other groups with similar interests.
- Right now, we are working with U of T graduate students on their Urban Forest Management Plan project. One of the first things noted was the lack of diversity of flower species, limiting the number of bee species in the park. They need nutritious nectar through the full summer. If the City/TRCA were to respond to recommendations and add species, who would sustain the project by monitoring, collecting and spreading seeds? This is going on in support of the Oak savanna model at High Park by stewards there. But they have space, staff, and budget.
- We could take on projects like this, broadening and strengthening the ecology of the park (milkweed for Monarchs, shepherding newly planted trees) at virtually no cost. But you need some space on site for tools and supplies. We are already looking after swallow boxes, which need repair and maintenance.
- I'm very disappointed by your comments that storage space is not now part of the building plan. There should be some accessible space at the secondary maintenance building proposed in the current design. Preferably separate and accessible at all times- as built in lockers on an external wall. Volunteer community groups, working for free- a pretty cost-effective model, just need some minimal support to do our jobs.
- Please support the steward groups, long time park groups, and the future model of community participation in the parks.

EMAIL 15 – PART 2

- I think my issue with your original comments is there isn't really an issue in the building process. Simply put some cupboards/lockers on an accessible side of the maintenance building. Much nicer, and in keeping with the quality design we are dealing with in this project to have them built in I think. The minimum would be about 60 square feet and perhaps 8 feet high, but I would recommend more space to allow for flexibility in the future.
- Worry about dealing with who might use the space in the future when the structure is completed. It's not relevant at this stage. Of course, dealing with Parks on common sense issues later will be an important step. Compliance with safe storage rules is a given.
- We already know storage for groups happens in this park (including Butterfly Garden volunteer materials in the TRCA storage bin I'm told). And this happens all over the City because people are using facilities and need to store materials for a wide range of reasons.
- It's very important to get a sensible solution to this situation. I would actually like to get rid of most of the storage bins around our parks, but they keep multiplying. At Col. Samuel Smith Park there is a ridiculously ugly huge bin on the sports field. We need better solutions, and I think there is an easy one in HBPE.

- I'm sorry if I misjudged your intent. All I saw was mentioning problems, not the problem solving I know you are capable of. I understand everything in both big projects are a work in progress, needing cooperation and understanding to reach completion.
- There has been a lot of problem solving to get the building project to this point. There are fabulous opportunities here. But they don't all, or even mostly come from top down planning for programming, etc. It's the people in the community who use the park and will use the building. So, support for bottom up practical inclusive solutions is just as important as the big picture optimistic plans taking shape. You build the house. We'll make it a home.