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April 2010 Newsletter

Sherbourne Park Art Sculptures Underway

Work has begun on the nine-metre high art sculptures on the north side of Sherbourne Park. Using large fiberglass molds, crews have constructed three structural steel cages made of an epoxy-covered rebar and have filled them with aggregate concrete—a highly fluid, yet durable concrete known for its high quality finish. The steel cages provide support for the large concrete structures.

After the concrete has cured, the sculptures will be carefully removed from the molds, craned onto the site and installed in concrete footings. Once in place, pipes and electrical finishes will be installed.

Designed by visual artist Jill Anholt of Vancouver, Light Shows is a series of iconic sculptures that are both beautiful pieces of public art and important components of the stormwater purification process for East Bayfront.



Stormwater in East Bayfront will be treated in a UV purification facility located in the basement of the Sherbourne Park pavilion. Once treated, the water is directed to the north side of the park where it enters the 240-metre long water channel through one of the three dramatic art sculptures. The sculptures lift the water toward the sky and back down as a textured veil of water. Water from the art pieces then travels the length of the channel where it is discharged into Lake Ontario.

Canada's Sugar Beach Featured at Harvard Exhibition

Canada's Sugar Beach, designed by Claude Cormier Architects Paysagistes (CCAP), is featured as part of an exhibition called Erratics at the Harvard University Graduate School of Design. The exhibition, which focuses on the origins of rock-based landscape architecture, is on display from March 22 until May 10, 2010.

The exhibition is designed to explore the fascination with erratics – rocks deposited by glacial movements – and the opportunities for invention that they inspire. The exhibition will also examine significant precursors to Canada's Sugar Beach including the granite outcropping in Martha Schwartz, Ken Smith, and David Meyer's Yorkville Park in Toronto, and Michael Van Valkenburgh Associates' Teardrop Park in New York City.

Canada's Sugar Beach is the latest of seventeen landscapes designed by CCAP over the past decade. CCAP is a highly successful landscape architecture and urban design firm based in Montreal whose portfolio of work extends across North America, Europe and Asia. Currently under construction, Canada's Sugar Beach will open this summer.



Wavedecks Nominated for Prestigious Innovation and Design Award

The Simcoe and Rees WaveDecks have been nominated for an Innovation and Design Award of Excellence by Condé Nast Traveller Magazine, a leading international travel magazine. The awards honour organizations and individuals that have demonstrated a commitment to enhancing the travel experience through good design. The wavedecks have been nominated in the infrastructure category.

Previous winners include Foster + Partners' design for the Beijing Airport which opened in time for the Beijing Olympics and the renowned Design Museum Holon by Ron Arad Associates. The Innovation and Design Awards will be held in London, England on May 10, 2010. Learn more about the awards in the May edition of Condé Nast Traveller and vote for your favourites online at www.cntraveller.com.



Lane Closure - Lower Sherbourne Street

A 110-metre stretch of Lower Sherbourne Street will be permanently closed to all northbound traffic between Queens Quay and Lake Shore Boulevard

beginning this summer. Southbound traffic will not be impacted.

The closure is necessary to realign Lower Sherbourne Street with Dockside Drive, a new street south of Queens Quay that will run along the edge of Sherbourne Park south in front of the new George Brown College Waterfront Campus. The realignment will improve the area's road network and eliminate a skewed intersection.

Waterfront Toronto is working closely with the City of Toronto to ensure proper signage is in place to help motorists, cyclists and pedestrians navigate the area.

Plans for the newly realigned Lower Sherbourne Street are underway. The street, which is expected to open in summer 2011, will be adjacent to Sherbourne Park north and will include two lanes of north-south traffic and dedicated lanes for cyclists.

Tall Ship Festival Coming to the Waterfront

Over a dozen tall ships from around the world will participate in this year's Redpath Toronto Waterfront Festival. Managed by the Waterfront BIA, the annual festival kicks off on June 30 and runs until July 4. Over the July long weekend, festivalgoers will have an opportunity to tour the tall ships and learn about their history while experiencing the vitality and culture of Toronto's central waterfront.

This year's festival is part of the Tall Ships Challenge, a series of tall ship races coordinated by the [American Sail Training Association](#). The fleet, which begins its tour in Toronto, will race from port to port across all five Great Lakes over the summer to promote youth sail training and water conservation. Toronto is the only Canadian host city in the challenge and after leaving Toronto, the ships will continue on to Cleveland, Bay City, Green Bay, Duluth and Chicago.

To learn more about the festival, visit www.TOWaterfrontfest.com. Ship boarding passes go on sale in May.



Port Lands Pilot Soil Recycling Facility Public Open House

Waterfront Toronto held a public open house on March 11 to share its plans to develop a pilot soil recycling facility in the Port Lands. Approximately 50 people attended the meeting to learn about the proposed facility and ask questions of the project team. A series of [display boards](#) were used to describe the project.

Revitalization of much of the 800 hectares of the waterfront area depends on the ability to deal with soil that has been impacted by decades of industrial uses and that were the result of infilling long ago when standards were not as stringent as today. As part of its sustainability objectives, Waterfront Toronto wants to use the latest and best technologies to wherever possible treat and reuse soil rather than "digging and dumping" contaminated soil to other communities.

The proposed pilot facility is a first step in a larger plan to treat contaminated soil to an environmental condition that allows them to be reused in future residential, parkland and commercial areas. Conducting the pilot will enable us to better assess the effectiveness and economic performance of these technologies and optimize operational features before developing a full-scale facility.

If approved by the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, the pilot will begin in summer 2010 and will last approximately one year. The proposed 8.2 hectare site located at 294–348 Unw Avenue, which is owned by Toronto Port Lands Company (formerly TEDCO), is currently zoned industrial and was most recently used for salt storage and aggregate processing.

Before being received at the pilot facility, all soil will undergo pre-testing of soil quality and no hazardous waste will be accepted. Dust control, air monitoring and runoff control measures will be in place.

Unique West Don Lands Park Unveiled

A derelict area beneath a series of overpasses in the West Don Lands is undergoing a dramatic transformation. On March 10, Waterfront Toronto unveiled plans for Underpass Park, the most extensive park to ever be built under an overpass in Canada, and the first in Toronto.

Located under and around the Eastern Avenue and Richmond/Adelaide overpasses, the new 1.05 hectares (2.5 acres) park will transform the derelict and underused space into a beautiful urban neighbourhood amenity and provide key pedestrian connections through the area.

Designed by renowned landscape architects Phillips Farevaag Smallerberg in association with The Planning Partnership, Underpass Park will be a socially-engaging park for community members of all ages and abilities. It will feature public art, recreational space, playful climbing structures and play areas, flexible community space, community gardens, and public gathering places.



In keeping with our sustainable development approach, several sustainability best practices have been incorporated into the parks' design. Reclaimed granite cobblestones excavated from Eastern Avenue will be repurposed and used in the community garden structures. Recycled rubber materials will be used for

the recreational court surfaces. More than 50 trees will be planted to beautify and naturalize the space, including between the existing ramps. Lighting will be provided through energy efficient LED systems, and drought, salt and shade tolerant plantings will be used for minimal maintenance and irrigation.

Construction of Underpass Park is slated to start in May 2010 and is another sign of the momentum and progress being made in the West Don Lands. The park will open next year.

Learn more about Underpass Park on Waterfront Toronto's YouTube channel - <http://www.youtube.com/WaterfrontToronto>

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Some Recent Tweets:

- TTC, City of Toronto and Waterfront Toronto complete East Bayfront Transit EA Environmental Study Report.
- Now Magazine covers Underpass Park.
- RT: Whenever I pass the mounds of dirt sitting in the west don lands I visualize the area filled with parks and housing and people.
- Inside Toronto: Plans for Underpass Park are underway.
- West Donlands: Toronto's first 21st-century community.

Watch Waterfront Toronto on YouTube



Take a video tour of waterfront revitalization plans on the Waterfront Toronto YouTube channel - <http://www.youtube.com/user/WaterfrontToronto>

Recently added: [Underpass Park](#)

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Photo of the month

In this new regular feature we'll be highlighting some of the great photographs submitted by the public to the Waterfront Toronto Flickr group. You can contribute to the group by visiting <http://www.flickr.com/groups/waterfrontoronto> and clicking on the "Join this Group" link. Photos added to the group are automatically included in a slide show that appears on Waterfront Toronto's new room at <http://news.waterfrontoronto.ca/>.

We look forward to seeing what you've captured.

***Featured image – 'Martin Goodman Trail Opening' by [Medmoiselle T**](#)*



Upcoming Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Please check our website for meeting agenda with time and location.

Upcoming Design Review Panel Meetings

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Wednesday, June 9, 2010

Design Review Panel meetings are held at Waterfront Toronto Offices – 20 Bay Street, Suite 1310 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. For more information, please

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