

MINUTES of a public meeting of the 68th Board of Directors of the Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Corporation held at the offices of the Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Corporation 20 Bay Street, Suite 1310, Toronto, Ontario on Thursday, June 12, 2008 at 9:15 a.m. local time.

PRESENT: Mark Wilson, Chair
 Bill Charnetski
 Jack Cockwell
 Sue Dabarno
 Renato Discenza
 Vivien Dzau
 Kevin Garland
 Janet Graham
 Ross McGregor
 Mayor David Miller

The following additional persons were in attendance: John Campbell, President and Chief Executive Officer; Robert Siddall, Chief Financial Officer; Victor Wong, V.P. Legal; Marisa Piattelli, V.P. Government Relations, Strategic Partnerships and Communications; Andrew Gray, V.P. Development, East Bayfront; Meg Davis, V.P. Development (WDL); Christopher Glaisek, V.P. Planning & Design; Thelma Gee, Interim Director of Sustainability; Elaine Baxter-Trahair, City Secretariat, John Piper, Mayor's Office.

The Mimico deputation was presented by: Mark Grimes, Councillor Etobicoke/Lakeshore, Laurel Broten, MPP Etobicoke/Lakeshore and Michael Ignatieff, MP Etobicoke/Lakeshore and Deputy House Leader.

Capital project presenters were: James Roche, Project Manager, Planning & Design; Pina Mallozzi and Brenda Webster, Project Managers, Planning & Design; and Margaret Goodfellow, Assistant Planning Project Manager.

The Chair, Mark Wilson, took the chair, and with the consent of the Directors, appointed Donna Metcalfe to act as secretary of the meeting.

The Chair declared that a quorum of Directors was present and that notice of the meeting having been duly sent to all Directors in accordance with the Corporation's By-laws, the meeting was duly called and regularly constituted for the transaction of business.

1. Approval of Consent Agenda

ON MOTION duly made, seconded and carried, it was **RESOLVED** that Consent Agenda for the 68th meeting of the Board, held on Thursday, June 12, 2008 was accepted and approved by the Board of Directors.

2. Gardiner Expressway

John Campbell opened discussions concerning the removal of the Gardiner Expressway from Jarvis to the Don Valley Parkway and replacing it with a waterfront boulevard, at grade. This would combine Lakeshore Blvd. and the Gardiner at its least used section. The presentation highlighted that growth in commuting would be handled by public transit in keeping with the City's plan.

During the presentation it was pointed out that this would help connect the City to the Waterfront by removing the barriers and as well improve the quality of development that will occur on the south side of Lakeshore Blvd.

Each director in turn presented their perspective on management's recommendation. The following motion received unanimous approval and the recommendation will now go forward to City Council.

ON MOTION duly made, seconded and carried, it was **RESOLVED** that:

Whereas, the Board of Waterfront Toronto believes that:

- Reconnecting the City to its waterfront by removing barriers and improving north/south connections advances revitalization objectives;
- Leading with place-making urban design principles, including the creation of a "great street," will improve the quality of life in the new communities being developed in East Bayfront and West Don Lands;
- Sustainable and intelligent city-building emphasizes transit-led solutions for growth;
- The Gardiner full replacement option is not financially feasible at this time.

Now therefore be it resolved that:

- Waterfront Toronto recommends commencing an environmental assessment and urban design study of the removal of the elevated Gardiner Expressway from Jarvis Street to the Don Valley Parkway and the remaining Lake Shore East ramp in a manner that:
 - a) Assists in overcoming the physical and visual barriers currently created by the nexus of road and rail infrastructure and opens up new and improved views and vistas and improved access;
 - b) Balances the needs of through traffic and circulation connecting the Don Valley Parkway, the remaining portion of the Gardiner and Lake Shore Boulevard and adjoining areas of the site with the need to produce high quality environments within the study area;
 - c) Reserves sufficient lands in appropriate configurations for the development of sustainable, mixed-use communities;
 - d) Facilitates multi-directional accessibility by all modes – vehicles, pedestrians, transit, cyclists - within the area and to the adjacent areas;
 - e) Contributes to place-making, strengthening and improving the public realm;

- f) Results in a Great Street or Streets which have the dimensions, qualities and operational characteristics that invite pedestrian activity, encourage development with active ground level uses ideally on both frontages, and are crossable by pedestrians at frequent intervals;
- g) Maintains or improves the flood protection strategies planned as part of the Don Mouth Flood Protection and Naturalization EA.
- Waterfront Toronto seek Toronto City Council approval for the recommended approach and for the City to be a co-proponent with Waterfront Toronto in initiating an Individual Environmental Assessment;
 - Funding for the project implementation be determined during the EA process;
 - Funds from all governments currently reserved for Front Street Extension be reallocated to approved waterfront public realm projects.

The Board adjourned to meet with the media at 10:10 a.m.

The Board reconvened at 10:36 a.m.

3. Capital Project Approvals

John Campbell reminded the Board of the Capital Approval process established at its June 30, 2008 meeting.

All contracts over \$5M need to be approved by the Board and he highlighted the Lower Don and Portlands EA (MVVA) and the Design of CWP (West 8) as two contracts that would exceed this threshold but were for work previously approved by the Board.

The following capital projects were presented for approval:

- **East Bayfront**
 - a) Initial Municipal Servicing
 - b) Sherbourne Park
 - c) Sugar Beach
- **Central Waterfront Public Realm**
 - a) Spadina Bridge
 - b) Rees & Simcoe Head of Slips
- **West Don Lands**
 - a) Initial Municipal Servicing
 - b) Public Art
- **District Energy – WDL Facility**

Note: The following concerns were expressed on the Sugar Beach project:

a) The seasonal approach to the design b) the availability of an interactive screen on the side of the Corus building for use from the Sugar Beach c) the practicality of an urban beach d) the cost of annual maintenance and the impact of sugar from the refinery f) the need for a wind analysis to alleviate any environmental concerns g) the verification of the size and nature of the rock formation mounds being designed h) the inclusion of solar lighting in umbrellas, the tethering of chairs and umbrellas and the cooling of fountains.

ON MOTION duly made, seconded and carried, it was **RESOLVED** that the Board of Waterfront Toronto Capital Project Approvals presented at the 68th meeting of the Board held Thursday, June 12, 2008 in the amount of \$163M be accepted and approved by the Board of Directors; subject to the concerns expressed on the Sugar Beach project. Carried Unanimously.

4. Lake Ontario Park Master Plan

Lake Ontario Park will be a remarkable front door to Toronto's waterfront and a signature park for the City and its public. Implementation will take the time to ensure success and long-term sustainability and will in time become a park to explore and enjoy in all seasons. There are extensions to eastern beaches and access to Ashbridge's Bay; the spit and base lands, the Marina Peninsula, Cherry Beach and north shore.

ON MOTION duly made, seconded and carried, it was **RESOLVED** that the Lake Ontario Park Master Plan presented Thursday, June 12, be accepted and approved by the Board of Directors.

5. Parks Operations & Maintenance Strategy Costs

The Board was informed that work was underway to look at long term operation and maintenance issues for City Parks that we create. Current thinking is that long term funding vehicles; foundations, conservancy, etc. can be used to generate philanthropic support. Waterfront Toronto is exploring a contribution toward capital preservation in the early years of the parks operation that would require 10%-15% of initial capital.

6. Communications Corporate Strategy

Marisa Piattelli gave an overview of WT's integrated communications strategy going forward, identifying objectives, target audiences, key messages, media relations, deliverables, programming, a speaker's bureau, community outreach and timelines etc. The communications strategy will be part of the 5-10 Year planning Session on June 25, 2008 and a summer calendar of events offered on the WT website. A report on the outcome of all summer activities will be brought back to Board at their September 3, 2008 meeting.

7. Mimico Park – Phase II

A deputation by Mark Grimes, Councillor Etobicoke/Lakeshore, Laurel Broten, MPP Etobicoke/Lakeshore and Michael Ignatieff, MP Etobicoke/Lakeshore requested the assistance of Waterfront Toronto in supporting phase II of Mimico Park. The Board expressed support but indicated this needed to and would be considered as part of our new Long Term Plan.

8. New Business

There was no new business.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Chair

Secretary to the meeting