

TICA TALK

News From the Toronto Island Community Association Executive

Committee Updates

COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS

Glen Newbury and Nina Nakajima

Some of the pages on the Toronto Island Community website, <http://torontoisland.org>, have not been working due to changes made by the hosting service. We plan to change hosting services to get around this problem. Fortunately, the home page, the Land Trust page, and many of the other pages are working properly. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the website, please contact

-Baye Hunter (bayehunter@rogers.com) if you would like to be listed on the Islanders' Businesses page

-Nina Nakajima (nina.nakajima@utoronto.ca) for general questions or concerns

-John Penner (johnpenner@mac.com) for technical or permissions issues

-Allyson Woodrooffe (wordcom@sympatico.ca) if you would like to announce an event on the homepage

But the brains behind the machine (not that all of the above are not very smart!) is Eric Zhelka. He was the one who determined the cause of the problem and dealt with the hosting service. Thanks goes out to this dedicated Islander.

STEWARDSHIP

Kiloran McRae

Ferry Docks

Some improvements are in the works for the ferry docks. These include leveling and repaving parts of the compound, new benches for the park, improved flower beds, repainting the compound and making it accessible to wheelchairs. A scaled-down version of Richard O'Brien's proposal is to be part of the redesigned waiting room.

There is a plan to create a separate entrance for special events going up and over the old fire building. These visitors would queue down by the water's edge to the west, leaving the existing entrance for regular park visitors.

Ward's Washrooms

A decision has been made to close the Ward's Island washrooms for the winter. Chronic vandalism means that Parks employees are spending time dealing with the mess and damage there when their time could be better spent plowing our roads. A sign will be posted indicating that the nearest open washrooms are at the new fire hall.

WATERFRONT ISSUES

Pam Mazza and Adam Zhelka

Spadina Quay Redevelopment (Pam Mazza)

On November 29, Waterfront Toronto held their ribbon cutting for the Spadina Quay redevelopment. This is the start of the Queen's Quay revitalization project that will go from Bathurst to Jarvis.

Minister of the Environment, John Baird, from the Federal Government spoke, as did the Provincial MP and Mayor Miller. Baird arrived by Porter Air and should receive mail from everyone possible objecting to this. TICA will write a letter as well.

Waterfront Toronto will hold a public consultation meeting in January (date TBA).

Waterfront Toronto (Adam Zhelka)

Representatives of Waterfront Toronto met with members of the Community on the evening of November 26 to discuss future possibilities for the city side bayfront area around the ferry docks. Our guests that night included

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members of the design team from West 8 and DTAH who are currently heading up efforts to design and rebuild much of the waterfront (including Queen's Quay) from Bathurst to Parliament. Those attending were given a presentation summarizing the entire project although the majority of the meeting was devoted to the ferry terminal area. It was apparent that although several projects are underway, no specific design work has yet to be developed for this most important and centrally located area at the foot of Bay Street.

Much discussion followed about the current layout and design of the ferry terminal (and the area adjacent to it) and feedback from community members covered a whole range of themes. These included: the design of the ferry dock, tourism potential, access to the dock area and waterfront, vehicle access, visual aesthetics, seasonal uses, corporate partnerships, historical considerations, political considerations, environmental considerations, financial considerations, transit connections, etc. Suggestions were for both minor and major changes.

The comments and ideas from this meeting were dutifully recorded at that time and will hopefully serve as a start-

ing point for any redesign of that area. TICA will press for ongoing community involvement as future plans develop and we look forward to having our guest back in the not too distant future for more work on this. Although Waterfront Toronto had yet to really consider the Island (and access to the Island) as an element of the city side redevelopment, we feel positive that this first meeting has opened up a whole new realm of possibilities and potential.

Three general questions were presented by Waterfront Toronto. If you wish to respond or have other related suggestions, please forward comments to pmallozzi@waterfronttoronto.ca.

- (1) What would you like to see in the revisioning of Toronto's Central Waterfront?
- (2) What additional programming uses could you imagine on Toronto's Waterfront?
- (3) What improvements to the Toronto Island Ferry Terminal could you imagine? (e.g. bike parking, public access, comfort station, etc.)

*We wish everyone
a very happy holiday season!*

Toronto Islands Residential Community Trust Matters

Marty Crowder, Administrator

The sale of 14 Nottawa has been completed and the new owner is Barbara Brachi. Barbara Brachi was number 90 on the Purchasers' List. Welcome back to the Toronto Islands.

The Purchasers' List was opened on November 26, 2007 and closed at 4:30 p.m. on December 7, 2007. Just under 400 applications were received. The lottery will be happening within the next two weeks and letters will be mailed out to the successful applicants before the holidays. There are 45 vacant positions on the Purchasers'

List to be filled.

Over 50 people attended the community meeting held on October 29, 2007 at the WIA. The audit was presented by Rajiv Gupta from Clarke Henning, the Trust's auditor. Clarke Henning was appointed auditor for 2008. There were also reports from TICA committees and the Shaw House.

The office will close Monday December 24, 2007 and open again on Monday January 8, 2008.

I wish you all the best of the Holiday Season.