

Section III – Items for the Information of the Board

TO: Chair and Members of the Board of Directors
Friday, November 19, 2021 Meeting

FROM: Anil Wijesooriya, Director, Restoration and Infrastructure

RE: **HUMBER BAY PARK MASTER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION**

KEY ISSUE

To update the Board of Directors on the implementation of Phase 1 of the Humber Bay Park Master Plan.

RECOMMENDATION

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT this report on the Humber Bay Park Master Plan Implementation be received;

AND FURTHER THAT staff work with the City of Toronto, and stakeholders on implementation of the remaining components of the Master Plan.

BACKGROUND

Humber Bay Park was built by TRCA in the 1970s and opened as a public park in 1984. The Park is owned by Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) and managed by the City of Toronto's Parks, Forestry & Recreation Division. The Humber Bay Park Master Plan process was launched in 2016 to address the growing park use as a result of rapid community development and associated population increases in the surrounding area and increased usage during the pandemic. Specifically, the plan will guide park improvements and maintenance, establish priorities, and inform the long-term budget and decision making relating to this important Waterfront Park. After extensive public consultation, the Master Plan was completed in late 2018 and at Board of Directors Meeting held on February 22, 2019, Resolution #A22/19 was approved as follows:

WHEREAS as exemplified in the Waterfront Agreement of October 11, 1972 the City of Toronto and TRCA are to create and develop waterfront lands which will enable public access to water oriented recreational facilities.

AND WHEREAS TRCA staff worked with City of Toronto Parks, Forestry and Recreation staff to prepare the Humber Bay Park Master Plan.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Humber Bay Master Plan 2019 be received by TRCA Board of Directors for information;

AND FURTHER THAT staff be directed to work with the City of Toronto to advance and initiate projects to implement Master Plan priorities

The Humber Bay Park Master Plan will create an integrated and ecologically resilient park, while celebrating the unique character and setting of each area. The Master Plan will protect and enhance the naturalized landscape, habitat and recreational uses in the park; improve the safety and access to and within the park; and ensure that proposed improvements respond to existing and future needs of the community and city residents. The Humber Bay Park Master

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Plan received an award of merit from the Toronto Urban Design Awards under the category of Visions and Master Plans in 2019.

The City of Toronto is now embarking on implementation of Phase 1 of the Humber Bay Park Master Plan at Humber Bay Park East. Phase 1 includes the revitalization of the existing ponds to a functional recreational pond and a naturalized linear wetland. This requires the replacement of the failing pumping system for the ponds; creation of the revitalized pond and linear wetland, demolition of existing buildings, and construction of a new building that is integrated with the landscape and includes public washroom amenities.

The City of Toronto requested that TRCA's Restoration and Infrastructure Division oversee the implementation of the pond naturalization, bridges and a boardwalk construction, building demolition, and overall site restoration making up a significant portion of Phase 1 of the Humber Bay Park Master Plan implementation. The City will lead the construction of the new building and services once the majority of TRCA's work is complete.

RATIONALE

The 2018 Master Service Agreement between the City of Toronto Parks and Forestry and Transportation Divisions and TRCA identifies the scope and type of projects to be undertaken by TRCA on behalf of the City. This Master Service Agreement includes project management and construction for projects that involve habitat wetland construction, pedestrian bridge construction/replacement, and trail development near the Lake Ontario shoreline.

TRCA and the City have a long history of partnering on very successful projects at Humber Bay Park and across the Toronto waterfront. The City and TRCA have been working together to find implementation efficiencies so as, to ensure related projects are implemented in close succession to minimize overall disturbance to park users.

TRCA is also undertaking shoreline works in Humber Bay Park in partnership with the City of Toronto through the federal Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund to repair damaged shorelines as a result of recent storm and high-water events. Coordinating this shoreline work with the Master Plan implementation will enable TRCA's construction teams to achieve logistic and financial efficiencies and reduce overall disturbance to the park and its users.

Relationship to Building the Living City, the TRCA 2013-2022 Strategic Plan

This report supports the following strategies set forth in the TRCA 2013-2022 Strategic Plan:

Strategy 2 – Manage our regional water resources for current and future generations

Strategy 3 – Rethink greenspace to maximize its value

Strategy 4 – Create complete communities that integrate nature and the built environment

Strategy 5 – Foster sustainable citizenship

FINANCIAL DETAILS

The budget to complete TRCA's portion of the Master Plan Phase 1 implementation is \$8.4 million, including contingency. Funds to complete the project will be available in 113-50.

DETAILS OF WORK TO BE DONE

TRCA has entered into a Letter Agreement under the 2018 Master Service Agreement to undertake the works. The project is anticipated to start this fall and will be completed by spring 2024. TRCA's portion of the works is expected to be complete in late 2022 and the estimated timeline on major milestones is included below.

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Humber Bay Park East Pond Revitalization Construction Timeline

Public information session	October 2021
Dewatering and Fish / Wildlife Collection	October 2021
Erosion and Sediment Control / Tree Protection / Tree Removal	November-December 2021
Park Amenity Removals / Demolitions	December 2021- January 2022
Pond Contouring and Filling	January 2022 – May 2022
Habitat Features Installation	February 2022 – March 2022
Caisson & Boardwalk Installation	February 2022 – May 2022
Bridge Installations	May 2022 – June 2022
Pump System Installation	June 2022 – July 2022
Construction Demobilization	July 2022
Planting and Restoration	July 2022 - October 2022

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Attachment 1: Humber Bay Park East – Concept Plan