

FRENCHMAN'S BAY HARBOUR ENTRANCE

Class Environmental Assessment

Winter 2008/09



Project Location

Frenchman's Bay is located on the north shore of Lake Ontario in the City of Pickering, in the Region of Durham. It is home to a number of boating clubs and marinas and has provided a natural calm water harbour for over a century. The harbour entrance is located at the mid-point of a natural beach bar separating Frenchman's Bay from Lake Ontario.

Background

Harbour entrance improvements were identified as a priority in 2005, as part of the "Framework for a Five Year Implementation Plan for Pickering Waterfront and Frenchman's Bay". Harbour entrance improvements would involve the construction of a new harbour entrance, the development of a long-term dredging plan and the identification of opportunities to improve public access and amenities.

Purpose

The Frenchman's Bay Harbour Entrance Project will result in the creation of a safe harbour entrance that supports the marine functions of the Bay, while preserving or enhancing the ecological conditions of the Bay. The project will also consider opportunities for improved public amenities, waterfront access and trails. This is an integral part of City of Pickering's overall commitment to make the Pickering Waterfront a place that achieves a wide range of objectives including public use and recreation, environmental sustainability, enhanced tourism opportunities and commercial linkages.

Funding

In 2007, the Province of Ontario provided the City of Pickering with a grant of \$300,000 to complete an environmental assessment, work plan, and financing strategy to improve the harbour entrance. On May 20, 2008, City of Pickering Council authorized TRCA to assume a leadership role in partnership with the City of Pickering to undertake this work.

The Process

The project is proceeding as a Schedule C undertaking in accordance with the requirements of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment, October 2000, as amended in 2007. This process has five phases.

PHASE 1 > Define Problem

- Identify problems and opportunities

PHASE 2 > Identify/evaluate Alternative Solutions

- Identify alternative solutions to the problem
- Define study area boundaries
- Prepare detailed inventory of the environment
- Identify positive and negative effects of each alternative
- Evaluate solutions with agency/public input
- Select/confirm preferred solution

PHASE 3 > Select preferred design

- Identify alternative design concepts for preferred solution
- Identify net positive and negative effects of each alternative design concept including mitigating measures
- Evaluate alternative design concepts
- Consult with review agencies and public
- Select/confirm preferred design concept
- Prepare preliminary designs for preferred solution

PHASE 4 > Prepare Environmental Study Report (ESR)

- Prepare ESR and circulate for agency/public input
- File the ESR for 30 day review and issue Notice of Completion
- Respond to any Part II Order requests

PHASE 5 > Detailed design and approvals

- Pending Minister of approval, complete detailed designs, incorporating mitigating measures and fisheries compensation plan
- Property acquisition
- Prepare financing strategy
- Secure permits and approvals



GET INVOLVED!

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