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PHASE 2 CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS

Phase 2 construction continues between Chesterton Shores and the Rouge River, with park completion expected in summer 2012. Once completed, the Port Union Waterfront Park will provide 3.6 km of new Waterfront Trail between Highland Creek and the Rouge River.

In addition to trail installation, construction activities include shoreline protection and cobble beach creation as well as habitat enhancements for terrestrial and aquatic environments.

Progress to June 30, 2010

- 11,022 truckloads of rubble and fill material
- Completion of rubble access road to the west end of the Rouge Beach Park, east of Headland 10
- Completion of rubble filling of the core of Headland 10
- Completion of the Adam’s Creek coastal wetland
- Completion of final armouring to Headland 9
- Completion of the armourstone Beach Curb along Rouge Beach Park

2010 Schedule

- Final armouring to Headland 10
- Fill rubble core Beach Cells 6 and 7
- Trail surfacing and landscaping

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PORT UNION WATERFRONT FESTIVAL

The third year of the festival took place on Saturday, June 12. Activities included a 5 km walk/run and a 10 km run along the waterfront trail to begin the day. Last year’s festival saw over 100 businesses and organizations host displays for an estimated 6,000 participants. This year’s festival was also a great success. There were activities for the whole family, including a Ferris wheel, music, games, face painting, BBQ, information tables, East Enders Car Club display, and interactive TRCA displays.

FROM THE COUNCILLOR’S DESK

Port Union Village Common:
This past spring has been a busy time in the Village Common. The round-about has been completed with beautiful natural landscaping features and extensive green features. Also, as many of you may have already noticed, GO Transit has added their new parking facility which will serve both commuters and residents accessing our waterfront. Plans are already underway for the construction of the new washroom facility to service the Village Common area. The facility will be built utilizing environmentally friendly standards and will include a maritime design theme that will compliment the heritage of Port Union’s nautical history. Construction is expected to begin this fall and be in operation for the spring of 2011.

Port Union Waterfront Festival:
Although the weather did not cooperate, the Port Union Waterfront Festival, held on June 12, was still a spectacular success with a great turnout! This year’s event featured 3 new rides, the Toronto Fire Service pumper boat, great entertainment and almost 100 display/sponsors. As usual, the 5/10k run was also a popular, well attended event. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many sponsors that supported this community event, as well as the Port Union Waterfront Festival Committee that worked tirelessly at planning the festival. I would also like to send out a special thank you to the more than 100 volunteers that donated their Saturday. A majority of these volunteers are students from our community! A job well done and I hope you can join us again next year.

As a member of the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, I will continue to work for our full enjoyment of the waterfront. I will be seeking more improvements, following the 2012 opening of the next phase of the trail, from the GO Station east to the Rouge River, to provide greater access to this wonderful feature in our Ward 44 community.

Ron Moeser, Councillor
Scarborough East, Ward 44

For information regarding the Port Union Waterfront Improvement Project, visit: www.trca.on.ca/water_protectionestrategies/lakeontario. If you have specific questions regarding the project or if you would like to be added to the project mailing list, please contact:

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Councillor Ron Moeser at the Port Union Waterfront Festival