

**FURTHER TO BUSINESS EXCELLENCE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING #1/05**  
**To be held Friday, March 4, 2005**

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**8.4 TORONTO WATERFRONT REVITALIZATION CORPORATION DELIVERY  
AGREEMENTS**

Status Update

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**TO:** Chair and Members of the Business Excellence Advisory Board  
Meeting #1/05, March 4, 2005

**FROM:** Adele Freeman, Director, Watershed Management

**RE: TORONTO WATERFRONT REVITALIZATION CORPORATION DELIVERY AGREEMENTS**  
Status Update

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**KEY ISSUE**

To provide updated information on the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority Eligible Recipient Delivery Agreements for all Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Corporation projects.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT the staff report on the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) Eligible Recipient Delivery Agreements be received.**

**BACKGROUND**

On March 5, 2001, the three levels of government announced the commitment to the creation of a Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Corporation (TWRC) and the funding for priority capital projects totaling \$300 million. TRCA is an Eligible Recipient for several TWRC funded projects described below, totaling \$86,500,000.

**Port Union Waterfront Improvements Project**

On May 2, 2001, TRCA received approval under the Environmental Assessment Act. Further, on July 28, 2004, TRCA received approval under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act. Outstanding approvals for this project include a Certificate of Approval from the Ministry of the Environment for the extension of the storm sewer at Port Union and approval under the Navigable Waters Protection Act for the Highland Creek Bridge. Phase I of the project was initiated in September 2002, involving the construction of a pedestrian node at the foot of Port Union Road, a 1.44 kilometre link to the waterfront trail, four armourstone headlands, six cobble beaches and a pedestrian bridge over Highland Creek. Phase II of the project includes the extension of the Waterfront Trail from Port Union Road to the Rouge River and is anticipated to start in 2006. The Delivery Agreement has been signed by TRCA for \$16,000,000.

### **Mimico Waterfront Linear Park Project**

On August 11, 2004, TRCA received approval under the Environmental Assessment Act. Further, on December 14, 2004, TRCA received approval under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act. Outstanding approvals for this project include a Certificate of Approval from the Ministry of the Environment for the extension of the storm sewer at Superior Avenue, approval under the Fisheries Act and the Navigable Waters Protection Act. The main features of this project include the provision of a connection to Grand Harbour promenade, a cantilevered boardwalk, a multi-use trail adjacent to the boardwalk, creation of cobble beaches and partly sheltered embayment as well as terrestrial and aquatic habitat enhancements. It is expected that implementation of this project may begin as early as July 2005 following the acquisition of required properties. The Delivery Agreement has been signed by TRCA for \$6,500,000.

### **Western Beaches Watercourse Facility**

The City of Toronto, in co-operation with the federal and provincial governments, has lent its support to a bid to host the 2006 International Dragon Boat Federation Club Crew World Championships. TRCA as the Eligible Recipient of this project will provide overall coordination for the design, approval and implementation of a watercourse facility in the Western Beaches suitable to host this event. A series of environmental assessments are currently being undertaken for the project to proceed into implementation. A Delivery Agreement is currently being prepared by TWRC for a funding commitment of \$23,000,000.

### **Tommy Thompson Park Master Plan Implementation**

On May 20, 2004, Human Resources and Skills Development Canada announced that \$8,000,000 would be allocated to implement the Tommy Thompson Park Master Plan, achieving its goal of an "Urban Wilderness Park". The Master Plan Development Project began in 2003 and has targeted a variety of public amenities, interpretive facilities and habitat enhancement activities. A Delivery Agreement is currently being prepared by TWRC for a funding commitment of \$8,000,000. An Annual Expenditure and Work Plan has been prepared and submitted to TWRC that sets out the authorized activities for the project up to March 31, 2008 during each fiscal year.

### **Naturalization and Flood Protection of the Don River**

On June 10, 2004, the three levels of government signed a Contribution Agreement with the TWRC that authorized an increase in study funding from \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000 as part of the Delivery Agreement between the TWRC and TRCA. This funding will be directed to complete two studies: i) Lower Don River West Remedial Flood Protection Project; and, ii) Don Mouth Naturalization and Port Lands Flood Protection Project.

**i) Lower Don River West Remedial Flood Protection Project**

The objective of this project is to remove the risk of flooding to 210 hectares of land in downtown Toronto, west of the lower Don River, up to the regulatory storm event. The draft Class EA was submitted for public review on January 18, 2005. The mandatory review period for the Class EA ended on Monday February 21, 2005. During the review period, two Part II Order Requests were submitted to the Minister of the Environment from Ontario Realty Corporation (ORC) tenants. Staff are working with TWRC, the City of Toronto and ORC to resolve this order. TWRC, ORC, City of Toronto and TRCA are working closely to resolve all issues raised in the two Part II Order Requests in an effort to have the Requests lifted voluntarily in order to avoid a Ministerial Review. A draft Canadian Environmental Assessment Act Screening Report is currently undergoing internal review and will be submitted to federal authorities shortly. The cost for conducting this EA is approximately \$1,200,000. Final EA approvals are anticipated by May-June 2005.

**ii) Don Mouth Naturalization and Port Lands Flood Protection Project**

The objectives of this project are to naturalize up to 28 hectares of land surrounding the Keating Channel area and to remove the risk of flooding to 230 hectares of land in the Port Lands area, south and east of the lower Don River, up to the regulatory storm event. An Individual EA and a Canadian Environment Assessment Act Screening Report will be utilized to determine the best alternative to achieve these goals through an in depth technical and public evaluation process. A team led by Gartner Lee Ltd. commenced work on the development of an EA Terms of Reference (ToR), which is the first stage of the Individual EA process, in January 2005. It is anticipated that the ToR will require most of 2005 to complete. The Individual EA and Canadian Environmental Assessment Act Screening Report should be completed in Spring/Summer 2007. This EA process will cost approximately \$1,800,000.

**Lower Don River West Flood Protection Project Implementation – Component 1**

It is anticipated that this project will involve the construction of the CN Kingston Line bridge extension, as defined by the Lower Don River West Remedial Flood Protection Project and the construction of a pedestrian tunnel under GO Transit's Bala Line that will connect the new West Don Lands community with the waterfront trail system. This component of the project will cost approximately \$20,000,000 for the Kingston Bridge (including TRCA, CN, Hydro One and other agency costs). A budget has not yet been established for the Bala Line Pedestrian Tunnel. A Delivery Agreement is currently being drafted by TWRC.

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