



**Friends of the Spit**  
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**AT LAST!!!**

MTRCA ASKS FOR PUBLIC INPUT.....

The planning process for the Leslie Street Spit/Tommy Thompson Park is now in Phase II. This phase is essentially a listing and rating of all possible uses and facilities that may be available on the Spit within Option 1 (all natural) and Option 3 (divided Spit).

As an interested individual, you may have received a flyer from the MTRCA asking for your ideas. Public input to the MTRCA together with the list prepared by its staff will be evaluated to generate a preferred list of uses for planning zone Options 1 and 3.

Your steering committee will be putting forth a policy statement, and we need input from the membership. The all-natural, no cars, let-it-be approach we have always taken needs to be clarified. Public transit vehicles, washrooms, bicycle racks, interpretive signs, trails, etc., etc. What is desirable? What would be too much?

Please let us know how you feel and what you want. You can be as specific as asking for a bicycle rack at the entrance, or as general as requesting "nothing", no development at all.

Write to us with your ideas before April 5, so that we have time to assess the responses and write a summary for discussion by the membership at the Annual General Meeting.

BEAR WITH US.....

We have been working hard to improve our mailing list system. If you have sent in a change to be made on your mailing label and it has not been implemented yet, please try again. If possible, send us the mailing label with the correction required. Thank you.

FRIENDS OF THE SPIT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday April 9, 1986, at 7:30 p.m.  
Central Reference Library, Room B  
789 Yonge Street (just north of Bloor St.)

PROGRAMME

"The Changing Seasons"

A slide presentation of nature on the Spit

The Future of the Spit

An open discussion of development plans for the Spit

SEE YOU THERE

TORONTO HARBOUR COMMISSION OPERATING PLAN.....

The Toronto Harbour Commission (THC) Annual Operating Plan for 1986 was presented to the City of Toronto Neighbourhoods Committee for discussion at its February 10 meeting.

Friends of the Spit addressed a number of points in the plan which we felt were not in the best interests of the city or the public. The Committee responded very well to our comments and to the address by SCOW (an environmental group) on the subject. The Ministry of Natural Resources was asked to request the THC to proceed expeditiously with the completion of the Spit without diverting fill to other purposes and to follow their original plans for disposal of dredgeate in the cells of the Spit as is currently under consideration in the Keating Channel Environmental Assessment.

In addition, the city requested the THC to submit monthly progress reports, including the measurement of the toxicity of truckfill by a scientific method. These recommendations were made by Friends of the Spit. They are in keeping with our concerns, which include the probable diversion of truckfill for construction of the planned THC marina at the base of the Spit, the disposal of dredgeate in a manner which would allow for another marina while being more likely to contaminate the lake, and the present inadequate inspection of truckfill.

At the time of this writing, we believe the THC is still proceeding with the planning for construction of their marina. They have not yet released to the public their completion planning story or their water quality and circulation report. However, the disposal of fill for the marina was included in their 1986 operating plan!

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Membership renewals for 1986 are now due. If you have not yet renewed, please tear off the form below and mail it with your dues. We need your support.

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