

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Friends of the Spit Annual Meeting will take place on

Wednesday, June 13, 1990

7:30 p.m.

at

155 College Street

(Toronto Board of Education Building*
7th Floor Cafeteria)

AGENDA

1. The Waterfront Environmental Challenge

A presentation and discussion with slides on what is happening on the Spit and on the North Shore.

The number of recent events affecting that area is overwhelming: the Crombie Commission, the Port Lands Environmental Audit, the Spit Environmental Assessment, the Toronto Harbour Commission Marina, etc. Our guest speaker will explain how they are impacting on the future of the Spit. A question period will follow.

2. Report from the Steering Committee

We may have **good news** or **interesting news** to announce. In any event, many significant decisions need to be taken by the membership on Friends of the Spit's future actions and strategies.

3. Question Period and General Discussion

Bring your ideas, questions or concerns to the attention of the Steering Committee and of the Membership.

This is a most important meeting. All members, old and new, are cordially invited.

* One block west of University Avenue (south side) by Queen's Park Subway Station. Free parking at the Board of Education Garage, on McCaul Street (west side). For information, call 699-6442

MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT RENEWAL

Memberships for 1990 are now due. To renew please mail this slip (make sure it includes your mailing label on the reverse) with your cheque to:

**Friends of the Spit
P.O. Box 467, Station J
Toronto M4J 4Z2**

Membership is still \$5.00 (individual) or \$8.00 (family) and additional donations are welcome.

Please correct your mailing label if necessary. **If you have renewed for 1990, there is a red check mark on your label.** Thank you for renewing promptly.

NAME _____ Phone number(s) _____

OMB APPEAL POSTPONED

The hearing by the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) on the appeal against the City of Toronto zoning of the Toronto Harbour Commission (THC) marina has been postponed at the request of the THC. No new date has been scheduled.

We have met with the General Manager of the THC, at their invitation. The meeting, which dealt with a number of issues about the Spit, the THC marina and the surrounding Port lands, was quite fruitful.

Another meeting with the THC will be taking place prior to the date of our Annual Meeting (June 13). It is possible that we may have further information on this hot topic at the Annual Meeting.

WILDLIFE NEWS

The Canadian Wildlife Service (CWS) and the MTRCA are continuing their efforts to encourage the nesting of common terns by supplying rafts as nesting sites.

This year the rafts are near the Blokpoel Islands. Look for them as you pass that observation point (on the City side of the Spit). Ringbill gulls, herring gulls and black crowned night herons are once again nesting on the Spit, with the number of Ringbills appearing to be lower than in 1989. If you want a copy of our Bird Checklist, write to us at our P.O. Box number. A small donation for postage and handling would be appreciated.

OOPS ... WE GOOFED

In our April Newsletter, we wrote that "the THC stated goal (at its marina) is for 12,000 boats". This is only 10,800 more than the actual "goal" of 1,200 - which is high enough, thank you! We apologize for this slip of one of our two typing fingers.

VIEWING DAY JUNE 3

Canadian Wildlife Service will be participating again this year in our Viewing Day at the Spit on Sunday, June 3, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. We are looking forward to seeing you there. And bring your friends.

Volunteers still needed

There is still time to volunteer to help at the Spit on Viewing Day, June 3. Pick a time: 10 to 12, 12 to 2 or 2 to 4 and call our coordinator, Sue Craig, at 699-3642.

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**Bike To Work Week**  
**June 10 to June 15, 1990**  
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Friends of the Spit is supporting this initiative of the Toronto City Cycling Committee. We encourage our many members who are bicycle commuters to participate in the events of this week. If you would like more information or help at one of the events, contact Sue Zielinski, Bike to Work Week Coordinator for the City Cycling Committee, at 392-7592.

BRINGING THE MESSAGE - II

We have been invited by the Ontario Science Centre to set up our display at their Eco-Science Show, that takes place on June 8, 9 and 10 (Friday to Sunday). Can you spare a few hours on one of these days to staff our exhibit? Please call us at 699-6442. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

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