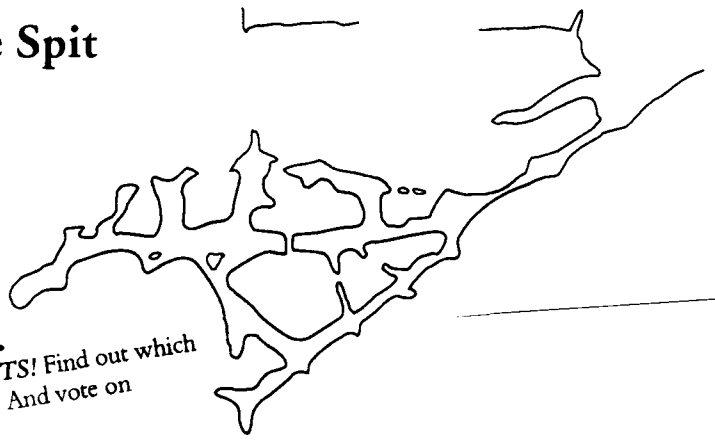


# Friends of the Spit

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- **YOUR VOTE COUNTS!** Find out which politicians are "friends". And vote on November 14.
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## NEWSLETTER

November 1994

### SPIT EA APPROVED BY THE PROVINCE

*Much gained toward protecting the Public Urban Wilderness. However, several challenges remain.*

Despite the many thoughtful letters from you and supporting groups and individuals objecting to the continuance of Aquatic Park Sailing Club – and its car access – the Minister of Environment approved the Environmental Assessment as submitted by the Metro Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (MTRCA).

We are greatly pleased with the general direction of the MTRCA plan for the Spit. However, we deeply regret that the environmental authorities failed to understand how critical it is for the future of the Spit to prevent the establishment of a privatizing use.

So if you thought that the approval of the EA ends nearly 15 years of lobbying and hard work to protect the Spit, we are sorry to say that this is not so.

New challenges are already mounting, such as Aquatic Park Sailing Club plans to build new (upscale?) clubhouse facilities, clamouring for more car access and demanding more amenities; waterfront development; and the expansion of Toronto Island Airport. In fact, Friends will need to be stronger than ever.

In the next issue of the Newsletter, we will discuss these issues at length.



*Very best wishes for a great Holiday Season and a Happy New Year.*

### JETS, AIRPORT EXPANSION WOULD DEGRADE WATERFRONT ENJOYMENT

*Jets zooming overhead every few minutes can certainly spoil your quiet time on the Spit! But that's what may well be in store if pro-development politicians dominate City Council. The tripartite agreement, which bans jets at the Toronto Island Airport (and therefore precludes expansion) once again will be in danger of being reopened.*

Friends of the Spit strongly oppose airport expansion. It will bring noise and pollution. It will adversely affect the enjoyment of the Spit by the thousands who go there each year to enjoy the tranquillity of a car-free wilderness and it will have a very damaging effect on birds, particularly during migration.

We have enclosed a petition, which we urge you to sign and circulate to friends and neighbours. This is an extremely important issue for all of us who love our waterfront.

### A friend who will be missed

*We were sorry to learn that Roger Hollander, Metro Councillor for Don River, is leaving politics. Roger was a true "friend", both at Metro and on the MTRCA Board. He even donated the fee he received as board member to Friends of the Spit. The best in your new endeavours, Roger.*

### SPIT MURAL AT LOCAL SCHOOL

*Members of your Steering Committee had the pleasure of participating in the official unveiling of a mural of the Spit at the Bruce Public School, in South Riverdale.*

The mural was painted by 21 grade-school children, under the direction of artist Marsha Stonehouse. "In 20 years, I want to show the Spit to my children," said one of the endearing young artists at the well-attended ceremony. Congratulations to the school for having the foresight to recognize the value of a local environmental resource.

Principal Valerie Mah is inviting Friends to see the mural in the lobby of the school, which is located at 51 Larchmount Avenue.

**1994 Memberships Now Due** – If you have not yet renewed in 1994\*, and we hope you do, please fill this stub and mail it with your cheque to:

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**Dues: \$5.00 – Individual \$8.00 – Family/Group. Donations welcome.**

**Yes, I am renewing my membership to help keep the Spit free from development and privatization.**

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To help in your decision on municipal election day, November 14, we rate candidates on issues affecting the Spit. Candidates for City Council were rated on 1) how they voted on allowing powerboat races at the Spit, 2) whether they were for or against Toronto Island Airport expansion, and 3) whether they supported allowing Aquatic Park Sailing Club (APSC) to remain on the Spit. These are three crucial issues for the future of the Spit as a Public Urban Wilderness. For Metro Council, we rated the general record of candidates who were involved in the issue of the Spit. **Candidates who were acclaimed or with no record of involvement were not rated.** In some wards there are good community-based candidates who seem preferable to the incumbents rated “No friend”. Check them out.

**Key to symbols**

- ♥ The best of friends
- ☆ A good friend
- ψ No friend
- ✓ Friendly vote
- † Incumbent

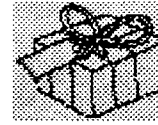
**YOUR VOTE COUNTS. IN SOME WARDS, THERE ARE ENOUGH FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS TO INFLUENCE THE OUTCOME!**

**NOTE THAT FRIENDS OF THE SPIT DOES NOT ENDORSE OR SUPPORT ANY CANDIDATE OR PARTY.** Chart compiled from available information.

City of Toronto		Against powerboat races	Against airport expansion	Against boat club remaining on the Spit	Rating
<b>Mayor</b>	Barbara Hall	✓	✓	Great record of support (too bad she voted for APSC). But look at the other two!	☆
	Gerry Meinzer	Not in politics when vote taken.	Said he is FOR airport expansion.	Not in politics when vote taken.	ψ
	June Rowlands†				ψ
<b>Ward 2</b>	Chris Korwin-Kucznski†				ψ
<b>Ward 3</b>	Tony O'Donohue†				ψ
<b>Ward 4</b>	Martin Silva†	✓	✓		☆
<b>Ward 6</b>	Kyle Rae†	✓	✓	✓	♥
<b>Ward 8</b>	Peter Tabuns†	✓	✓	✓	♥
<b>Ward 9</b>	Steve Ellis†				ψ
<b>Ward 10</b>	Tom Jakobek†		✓		ψ
<b>Ward 11</b>	Robert Maxwell†	✓	✓		☆
<b>Ward 12</b>	Betty Disero†				ψ
<b>Ward 13</b>	John Adams†				ψ
<b>Ward 14</b>	Howard Levine†	✓	✓	✓	♥
<b>Ward 15</b>	Kay Gardner†	✓	✓	Erratic voting record	☆
<b>Ward 16</b>	Michael Walker†				ψ

**Metro Council**

<b>Don River</b>	Jack Layton	Always extremely supportive and helpful when on City Council. <b>A friend to have.</b>
“ “ “	Paul Raina	Voted for the new MTRCA Spit plan (as did a majority of the MTRCA Board).
<b>Midtown</b>	Ila Bossons†	Always an excellent supporter on Council and on MTRCA Board. <b>A friend to keep.</b>
<b>Scarborough City Centre</b>	Brian Harrison†	Unreliable. Inconsistent voting record on the MTRCA
<b>Rexdale-Thistletown</b>	Lois Griffin†	Very supportive on MTRCA Board, even when the chips were down. <b>A friend indeed.</b>



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This attractive illustrated guide to the plants and other features of the Spit makes a lovely, inexpensive present. It is suitable for all (ages 10 and up). Only \$5.00 plus \$1.00 postage per book. Use the coupon below. To receive in time for Christmas, mail your order by December 1.



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