

# Friends of the Spit

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MAY 6

The special meeting of the Land Use Committee of the City of Toronto to discuss the Central Waterfront Plan and Private Automobile Traffic in Tommy Thompson Park will now be held on Wednesday, May 6, 1987, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of Toronto City Hall.

We reiterate that this is a vitaly important meeting. Friends of The Spit has always believed that The Spit (Tommy Thompson Park) must be car free. The MTRCA's plan includes public cars and parking all the way out to Aquatic Park Sailing Club! We need a bylaw to prevent this.

To be put on the speakers' list, phone 392-7033 by noon on Tuesday, May 5th.

(This meeting is in lieu of the March 25th meeting previously announced.)

Please call our hot-line number 699-6442 for further information.

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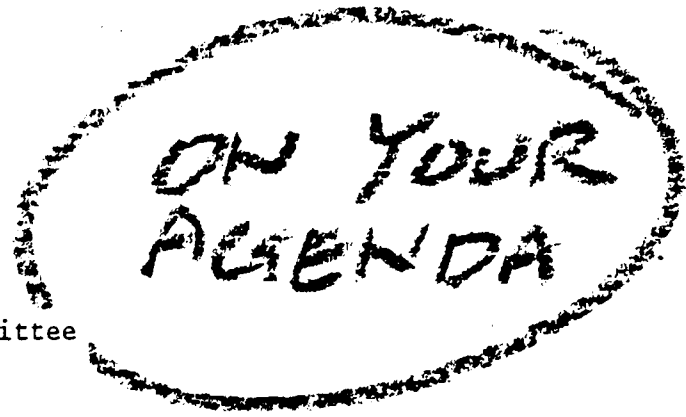
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The MTRCA has convened an Advisory Committee to advise on the plan of the Natural Areas of Tommy Thompson Park. This Committee is made up of one representative of each of the main user groups, MTRCA and MNR staff, and one non user - The Outer Harbour Sailing Federation. The Committee's first meeting was held on April 6 at the MTRCA headquarters. The MTRCA outlined the Advisory Committee's role - to provide advice only - and proceeded to discuss the items pertinent to the future use of the Natural Areas. F.O.S., and many other user groups present, stated that their presence [at the meeting] did not imply acceptance of Concept D; but indicated a desire to advise on the use, planning, and management of the Natural Area. The MTRCA has a great urge to see the Natural Area "finished" and developed (the size[!!!!] of the Interpretive Centre was their first item of discussion!!). The Committee shot this down, and spent a long time trying to formulate ideas re: principles and minimal levels of management needed. The next meeting is May 11th -- we'll keep you informed of progress. If you have any comments or suggestions, please send them in.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, June 9, 1987 7:30 p.m.

Toronto Board of Education Building, Cafeteria  
155 College Street



Programme: Annual Report by your Steering Committee

Nature of Things Film on The Spit

Followed by a discussion of the changes to the plant communities and habitats since the film was produced.

The Board of Education Building is just west of University Avenue and is near to the Queens Park subway station and the College Street street car. Parking is available in the Board's covered lot around the corner on McCaul Street.

CUTTING THE SPIT

The cut to allow the scows access to dump the dredgeate from the Keating Channel in the cells of The Spit is underway. The MTRCA assures us that there will be no disruption to public access to The Spit. They promise that the bridge will be in place before they cut the road out. Work should be completed by the end of June.

THANK YOU LEE GOLD

After many years and innumerable hours of hard work, Lee Gold has resigned her position as Co-Chairperson of Friends of The Spit. Lee now has a very demanding job working at a Women's Crisis Centre and feels she can no longer pull her weight on the Steering Committee. We will miss her spirit and her excellent presentations; however, Lee will continue to provide us with her knowledgeable advice. Thank you Lee for all you have done to help us save The Spit.

NEW CO-CHAIRPERSON

Jacqueline Courval, well known to you all as an official spokesperson for Friends of The Spit, and as our representative on the Waterfront Remedial Action Programme (WRAP), has accepted the position of Co-Chairperson. John Carley continues his term as the other Co-Chairperson.

T-SHIRTS

We are offering Friends of The Spit t-shirts for sale. The t-shirts will be of good quality and will be printed with our logo and the slogan "Ontario's Pre-eminent Public Urban Wilderness, Let it Be." To order, send a cheque or money order payable to Friends of The Spit for \$10.00 with your name, address and size, to our P.O. Box. Allow 6-8 weeks for delivery.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Thank you to all of the Friends who have renewed their membership for 1987. We appreciate your quick response and continued support. For those of you who have not renewed please fill in the enclosed form and send it in today.