

NEWSLETTER. Friends of the Spit

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Hello, friends,

The Visitor Experience Plan (VEP), is now underway with consultants Lord Cultural Resources and DTAH (Architects, Landscape Architects, and Planners) as headed up by Third Party Public.

The Community Advisory Group (CAG) has had one meeting (April 7th), an introductory meeting which allowed all the representatives to generally state their hopes and visions for The Spit.

As you know, Friends of The Spit is a member of this CAG and as such we were able to express your and all our hopes for The Spit.

The consultants have now forwarded us the attached poster, which outlines three events of significance:

First a **Pop-up** on **May 9th** 11 am to 2 pm at The Spit itself. Do note that that is also the day of the Tommy Thompson bird festival so parking may be an issue: if you ride a bike or take TTC, that's far preferable.

The second event is **May 12th**, 6:30 to 8:30 pm which will be an **Open House Public Meeting** held at Ralph Thornton Community Centre, 765 Queen Street East. We look forward to seeing you there, but more importantly, look forward to hearing you express your thoughts about The Spit personally to the consultants and to the City and TRCA staff who will be present.

Thirdly, please do the **Survey** (open until May 18th) and make your wishes and hopes known. The survey is an interactive map of The Spit, and may take a bit of fiddling about. You may be more successful on your computer or laptop, as the map tends to overwhelm the phone screen.

This is a long process, and to those of you who sent us your comments via email, thank you very much. We have conveyed those comments to the consultants and presumably they're taking them to heart.

So far, we are holding out hope that this VEP will deal with *all* The Spit issues, and not become limited or narrow in scope. In that regard, the big picture items always need re-stating – the car-free pet-free urban wilderness principles, that this is a place unlike other urban City parks – all bear repeating! Let the Consultants and staff know!

Thanks again, and if you have any questions, certainly do email us.

Cheers

Friends of The Spit

PS If the poster link doesn't work, copy and paste this link: [Tommy Thompson Park Visitor Experience Plan | Have Your Say Toronto](https://haveyoursay.toronto.ca/tommy-thompson-park-visitor-experience-plan?utm_source=Tommy+Thompson+Park&utm_campaign=b52ed4d90e-TTP_newsletter_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_373b03f343-b52ed4d90e-161132505&mc_cid=b52ed4d90e&mc_eid=e30bb204bc)

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