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Save our Toronto Foreshore

Community and Service groups of Toronto are preparing to challenge LMCC over their plans to commercialise public land along the western end of the Toronto Foreshore Park for tourism and retail. Council will consider the Property Investment Committee's report at the Council Committee on Monday, 23rd April.

"One of the options in LMCC's Property Development Committee's report is to 'not proceed with any redevelopment and allocate the land for community purposes of consolidation into their overall foreshore masterplan redesign in 2018/19.' This is definitely our preferred option," said Nico Marcar

Toronto's population is set to grow by 20% over the next 15 years and council recognizes that this will generate additional demands for open space and recreational facilities, it recognizes the area is already under serviced in their Development Contributions Plan.

"If Council can't provide the community with the public facilities it needs who will? Toronto has the least amount of publicly accessible foreshore of any lakeside town in the city and they want to take half of it away, and put a development on it that their own Town Centre Plan doesn't support, we're extremely disappointed" said Suzanne Pritchard

The recommendation going to Council is for a four level tourism and retail development at Bath Street, an extension of the cycleway and to investigate extending Arnott Avenue over the railway track.

"Councils own planning documents say 2 levels on the foreshore, not to disturb the railway lines and to be sympathetic to the historical zoning. They're proposing four stories, to rip up some of the historical tracks and isolate the heritage elements of the Yacht Club from the rest of the town. Surely Council needs to comply with their own plans for sympathetic development" said Nico Marcar

"Council bought many of the parcels of land along the foreshore from locals with the intent of providing a parkland for the community, now they see this valuable foreshore real estate as something that council can profit from, reneging on the deal they made with the people of Toronto, this is very poor public relations and raises the issues of probity and transparency" Jeff Jansson said.

The report states it will cost under \$1,000,000 to get this proposal to the DA stage. "We want to stop this before it starts, it's a waste of rate payers money which defies

their own planning documents. We want the Toronto Community to get the open space and services it needs, we think the money would be better spent on delivering a community based outcome, to make the foreshore land accessible so everyone can enjoy it.” said Suzanne Pritchard

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