

2. STUDY PROCESS

2.1 Public Participation Overview

To receive public input for the revised Tommy Thompson Park Master Plan the Authority used a number of public meetings to ensure a broad range of input from various interest groups, government agencies and the general public. As a result, this Master Plan/Environmental Assessment Addendum is a product of the collaboration of these interests.

A public meeting was held before the Water and Related Land Management Advisory Board (WRLMAB) to provide the public with an update on the master planning process and background information on Tommy Thompson Park. A summary of the Revised Master Plan was circulated to the public for their review and comment. The public were also invited to participate by making a short presentation at all meetings of the WRLMAB on this issue. Based on the public input and staff reports, the WRLMAB adopted recommendations for approval by the Authority. The public also had opportunity to present any comments before the Authority.

The Public Participation Overview for the 1989 Master Plan/Environmental Assessment can be found in Section 2.2 of that document.

2.2 Public Input Summary

The public was invited to attend a meeting of the Water and Related Land Management Advisory Board held on March 6, 1992. The Tommy Thompson Park User/Entrance fees and the Tommy Thompson Park Revised Master Plan were two of the issues on that days agenda. A number of delegations spoke on each of these issues, and correspondence was also received in regard to these issues. For additional information regarding minutes of the meeting and the correspondence received at meetings held for Tommy Thompson Park see Appendix A: Public Participation.

The Metropolitan Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, as part of the public consultation process, arranged a public meeting of the Water and Related Land Management Advisory Board for May 27, 1992 in the Hart House Theatre at the University of Toronto. Approximately 175 people attended this meeting.

The public was invited to participate and comment at the public meeting through a newspaper advertisement in the Toronto Star on May 20, 1992. Approximately 400 notices regarding the meeting were also sent out through the MTRCA's mailing list to interested individuals and groups.

Authority Staff gave a presentation discussing the history of the Master Plan, Master Plan issues, changes in the Revised Master Plan, the approval process and, the revised capital costs and phasing. Thirty five deputations on the Revised Tommy Thompson Park Master

Plan were received. There was general support for the Revised Master Plan (May, 1992), and it was agreed that the new Master Plan was an improvement over the previous Master Plan in that most of the outstanding issues (ie. additional lakefilling to create a land base for Outer Harbour Sailing Federation Clubs, and private vehicle access to the endikement and public parking at that location) had been resolved. Issues such as, the Aquatic Park Sailing Club relocation to the north shore of the Outer Harbour, and the location of the Visitor Centre have yet to be resolved.

After discussing the concerns presented, the Water and Related Land Management Advisory Board adopted the recommendations before them. The Tommy Thompson Park Revised Master Plan dated May 27, 1992 was then recommended to the Authority Board for approval. Authority staff were directed to prepare an addendum including documentation of the public comments on the Revised Master Plan (May 1992) and submit it along with the Tommy Thompson Park Master Plan/Environmental Assessment document (July 1989) to the Minister of the Environment for approval under the Environmental Assessment Act. It was also suggested that Authority staff continue to utilize committees such as the Natural Areas Advisory Committee, a physical planning committee with the Aquatic Park Sailing Club and Metropolitan Toronto Parks and Property Department, and a working committee with cycling experts to address the specific cyclists needs, in advisory capacities during the detailed design and implementation stages of the Revised Master Plan.

On June 19, 1992, the Water and Related Land Management Advisory Board met again to discuss and report on the correspondence and written submissions received on the Tommy Thompson Park Revised Master Plan/Environmental Assessment, May, 1992. The Authority received 32 letters as of June 10, 1992, including 12 written submissions presented at the public meeting held on May 27, 1992. The comments reflect, as the Board heard at the public meeting, general support for the Revised Master Plan. The letters also reflect the comments presented to the Board by some of the deputants, namely, the assurance of no private vehicle access into the park, that the Aquatic Park Sailing Club should be relocated to the north shore of the Outer Harbour Marina and that the Visitor Centre will be located at the base of the park.

In a letter from Councillor Steve Ellis, a new idea to consider allowing "the aboriginal peoples of Metropolitan Toronto to maintain several Sweat Lodges as part of Tommy Thompson Park" was presented. It was resolved that a Working Committee be established composed of the Aboriginal community, Metropolitan Toronto, the City of Toronto, the Royal Commission on the Future of the Toronto Waterfront and the MTRCA to explore opportunities for providing "Sweat Lodges" within Metropolitan Toronto.

At its meeting #6/92 held on July 24, 1992 the Authority approved the May, 1992 Revised Master Plan for Tommy Thompson Park. Five delegations had requested to address the Authority on this item. One delegation withdrew his request prior to the meeting and another was delayed, however their presentation was circulated to Authority Members for information. The remaining three delegations were heard by the Authority. At this meeting the correspondence and written submissions on the Tommy Thompson Park Plan/Environmental Assessment May, 1992 were approved to be received. The items presented at this meeting were considered in conjunction with the May 27, 1992, Board

recommendations on the Tommy Thompson Park Revised Master Plan/Environmental Assessment - May, 1992.

All public comments received by the Authority regarding the Tommy Thompson Park Revised Master Plan have been included in this document in Appendix A: Public Participation.