Port Union Phase 2 Construction Progress

Progress to October 2009

Construction progress to date:
- Headlands 5, 6, 7, and 8 complete
- Rubble filling complete to Headland 9

The total amount of material delivered to the site so far:
- 7,500 truck loads of rubble and fill material
- 3,500 tonnes of cobble stone
- 10,000 tonnes of rip rap stone
- 17,000 tonnes of armourstone

2010 Schedule
- Continue rubble filling
- Construct Adams Creek wetland and channel
- Complete cobble beach filling
- Start site preparation for final landscaping

2011 Schedule
- Carry out trail construction, fencing, and planting.

2012 – Park Opening
- Open park in late spring.

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The “midway” was expanded this year: the Scrambler complemented the Ferris Wheel and there was twice the fun for the younger kids. New exhibits included the East Enders Car Club who brought a collection of classic cars to Port Union Road.

Popular features included the Enbridge BBQ crew serving delicious hot dogs and soft drinks at family prices and the Toronto Services fireboat delighting and amazing young and old alike. Other returning favourites included Hawkshadow, special musical guests and displays from local businesses and community organizations.

This year we had even more reason to celebrate. Councillor Moeser officially announced the start of construction for the new GO Transit Parking lot on the east side of the Common along the Duthie St. road allowance. There was a sod turning event with special guests Mayor David Miller and other local dignitaries.

Stay tuned for details of the 2010 Port Union Waterfront Festival, scheduled for June 12.
Thank you for your Support!

Have you ever planted a tree in the Port Union Waterfront Park? Participated in a nature hike or built a bird box? If so, then thank you for being a part of the Port Union Stewardship Initiative.

Over the two year span of the Port Union Stewardship Initiative (January 2008 to December 31, 2009), we have been very lucky to have had such an active community to work with. There has been ongoing support from the Centennial Community Recreation Association, the City of Toronto staff at the Port Union Recreation Centre, the West Rouge Community Association and many other community groups.

The Port Union Stewardship Initiative has meaningfully engaged 1,527 volunteers in environmental activities. One of our major goals was to plant as many trees as would fit along the Port Union Waterfront Trail. With the help of 173 volunteers, we achieved this goal – successfully planting 600 trees. The volunteers who helped with this project included the First Highland Creek Girl Guides and many others who participated in Earth Day in 2008 and 2009.

In addition to planting trees we have:

- Planted over 200 wildflowers in constructed beds at Sir Oliver Mowat Collegiate Institute and St. Brendan’s Catholic School.

- Constructed and installed 55 bird boxes within Adam’s Park with the First Highland Creek Girl Guides and Second Highland Creek Beavers.

- Hosted two TD Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanups where volunteers picked up a total of 18 bags of garbage from the Port Union Waterfront shoreline.

- Participated in the Port Union Waterfront Festival each summer.

- Participated in Winterfest at the Port Union Recreation Centre.

Thank you for the support and encouragement. We appreciate all of your help!

The Port Union Stewardship Initiative is funded by EcoAction and the City of Toronto with in-kind support from the local community.

To find out more call Mary Williams at 416-661-6600 ext. 5753 or email mawilliams@trca.on.ca.
TD Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup
On Saturday, September 19, 2009, a cleanup event was held at the Port Union Waterfront Park. This event was part of the TD Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup, a national, week-long event that was initiated by the Vancouver Aquarium in 1994. Since then this event has grown to become the second largest cleanup in the world.

At the Port Union event we had fifteen enthusiastic volunteers who came out to clean up the shoreline. We concentrated on tackling the beach area on the east side of the Highland Creek bridge and then worked our way back along the shoreline towards the lookout point. We collected four bags of garbage and two bags of recycling. Afterwards, we had a picnic lunch together to enjoy the view of the newly cleaned beach. Thanks to the Port Union Stewardship Initiative for supplying the delicious food. We’re already looking forward to next year’s event and hope there will be even less garbage on the beach for us to pick up.

For more information on the TD Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup, please visit: http://www.vanaqua.org/cleanup/home.php

Port Union 25th Anniversary Hike and Planting
On the crisp Saturday morning of September 26, 2009, a group of passionate volunteers met at the Port Union Waterfront Park to discover the wildlife that lives along the trail. The interpretive hike explored the birds, butterflies, and mammals that live in the area and the natural habitat found within the park.

After the hike, all thirty-seven volunteers spent the day planting 100 native trees. This planting was the final step in the rehabilitation and naturalization of the Port Union Waterfront Park. To date, there have been 600 trees planted along the waterfront trail at this site, contributing to the habitat establishment in this man-made park.

We had a great turnout of participants and a successful community hike and planting. Thank you to the City of Toronto, the Centennial Community Recreation Association and everyone who took part in this fantastic day!

The Western Gateway
This project will connect the eastern edge of the Port Union Waterfront Park to the City of Pickering, creating a seamless waterfront trail between the City of Toronto and the City of Pickering. Improvements on the east shore of the Rouge River will include new steps on the north side of the railway and the replacement of the raised pedestrian boardwalk on the south side of the railway. The Western Gateway project is funded under the Port Union Waterfront Park project in a cost sharing agreement with the City of Pickering.

For information regarding the Port Union Waterfront Improvement Project, visit: www.trca.on.ca/water_protection/strategies/lakeontario.
If you have specific questions regarding the project or if you would like to be added to the project mailing list, please contact:

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