

## PORT LANDS ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION UPDATE

## <u>Temporary closure of Portions of the Martin Goodman Trail and the East Parking</u> <u>Lot at Cherry Beach</u>

The Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Corporation (TWRC) and the Toronto Economic Development Corporation (TEDCO) are now undertaking environmental restoration work in the area of Cherry Beach as part of an overall environmental management strategy for the Port Lands.

From April - May, 2007, portions of the Martin Goodman Trail, as well as the entire east parking lot at Cherry Beach, will be closed so the environmental restoration work can take place.

A temporary fence will be set up in the eastern portion of Cherry Beach, securing the area south-west of the former Safety Kleen facility at 115 Unwin Avenue to Lake Ontario.

The work is necessary to remove contaminants that are floating on the groundwater. Proven technologies are being used to address the contamination. This involves digging trenches and installing a pumping system to pump the contaminated groundwater to a treatment station on the former Safety Kleen site where the contaminants will be screened, filtered, and treated appropriately. The contaminated material will then be securely shipped to a licensed treatment facility on a regular basis.

A remedial action plan outlining this work has been submitted to the Ontario Ministry of the Environment (MOE) for review.

During this work period, there will be no access to the beach parking lot east of Cherry Street and there will be limited access to the waterfront and a portion of the Martin Goodman Trail (south of Unwin Avenue between Cherry Street and Regatta Road). Visitors to the Port Lands during this time can refer to the alternate trail routes outlined in the attached map and provided on the TWRC website (<u>www.towaterfront.ca</u>).

## Safety Kleen site clean-up

Once the Martin Goodman Trail and east parking lot area is re-opened in May, TEDCO will immediately start addressing the issues directly on the Safety Kleen site, using similar technologies. The entire process is likely to take from five to 10 years to complete.

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