

SAVE THE LAKESHORE WATERFRONT PARKLAND

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Ask Mayor Miller to delay the construction of a gravel parking lot over waterfront parkland

Your Voice Counts! GO ONLINE and SIGN the Petition!

Toronto is covering precious green WATERFRONT PARKLAND on Lakeshore Blvd. West near the Humber River. This parkland will become a private gravel PARKING LOT during events at the Palais Royale for the duration of a 15 year licensing agreement. Help STOP the immediate destruction of waterfront parkland.

We NEED your help in presenting Mayor Miller with signatures no later than May 5, 2006.

Pegasus Group Inc. is doing a great job renovating the old Palais Royal with the intention of renting out the site for private functions and events. Unfortunately the Pegasus Group is pushing for prime waterfront parkland to be covered in gravel and turned into a 120 car parking lot.

Pegasus has already conceded that the 120 car parking lot is not enough for the high numbers it intends to draw and therefore will also be using designated city parking lots for parking with valet / shuttle service.

The city has an established parking lot to the west of the Palais Royal the Pegasus Group could use and Toronto citizens have requested the city research / enforce other parking options.

The following are some of the suggested alternative options. The City has not yet explored these ideas with the citizens:

- Use of the adjacent west public parking lot.
- Parking on the southern most lane of Lakeshore Blvd during non-commuter hours and weekends.
- Use of the medians to accommodate parking.
- Use of the St. Joseph Hospital Parking Garage which would provide proceeds to St. Joseph's.

All we ask is that the city looks at other viable options in an open forum before destroying parkland.

Unfortunately, Councilor Sylvia Watson has said that the city has already agreed that Pegasus Group Inc. is to get 120 parking spaces before their June grand opening. However the city has not yet signed a license agreement.

Please tell Mayor David Miller his waterfront revitalization projects need to protect the waterfront parklands to the west and the city should not lease out prime waterfront to private companies as gravel covered parking lots.

Mayor Miller needs to discuss the parking options with the public and openly research alternatives to destroying precious waterfront parkland.

Thank you for your help!

*More details can be found on the
Parkdale Residents Association website
www.parkdale.to*