

# *The Fife and Drum*

The Newsletter of the Friends of Fort York and Garrison Common

October 11, 2001

## **SPECIAL EDITION**

### **We Need Help**

An application to build 4 condo towers (two 30-storey towers on the new Fort York Blvd. and two 38-storey towers on Fleet Street) immediately south of Fort York will be considered by the Toronto Downtown East York Community Council on Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> (see attached discussion and illustration). It is very important that Councillors see lots of faces in the chamber. It is the only way they can be sure that there is public concern. Citizen action has been the only thing to save Fort York several times in the last century. This is the first battle of the 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **JOIN US**

#### **Public Meeting**

**Toronto Downtown East York Community Council  
Committee Room 1, City Hall**

**Tuesday, October 23, 3:00 P.M.**

(confirm timing details on City of Toronto Web Site)  
<http://www.city.toronto.on.ca/legdocs/2001/agendas/to.htm>

### **CALL CITY COUNCILLORS**

**Call City Councillors to express your concern (see listing attached).**

### **HELP WITH LEGAL COSTS**

**of Appeal to Ontario Municipal Board (donations are deductible)**

Please send donations to:

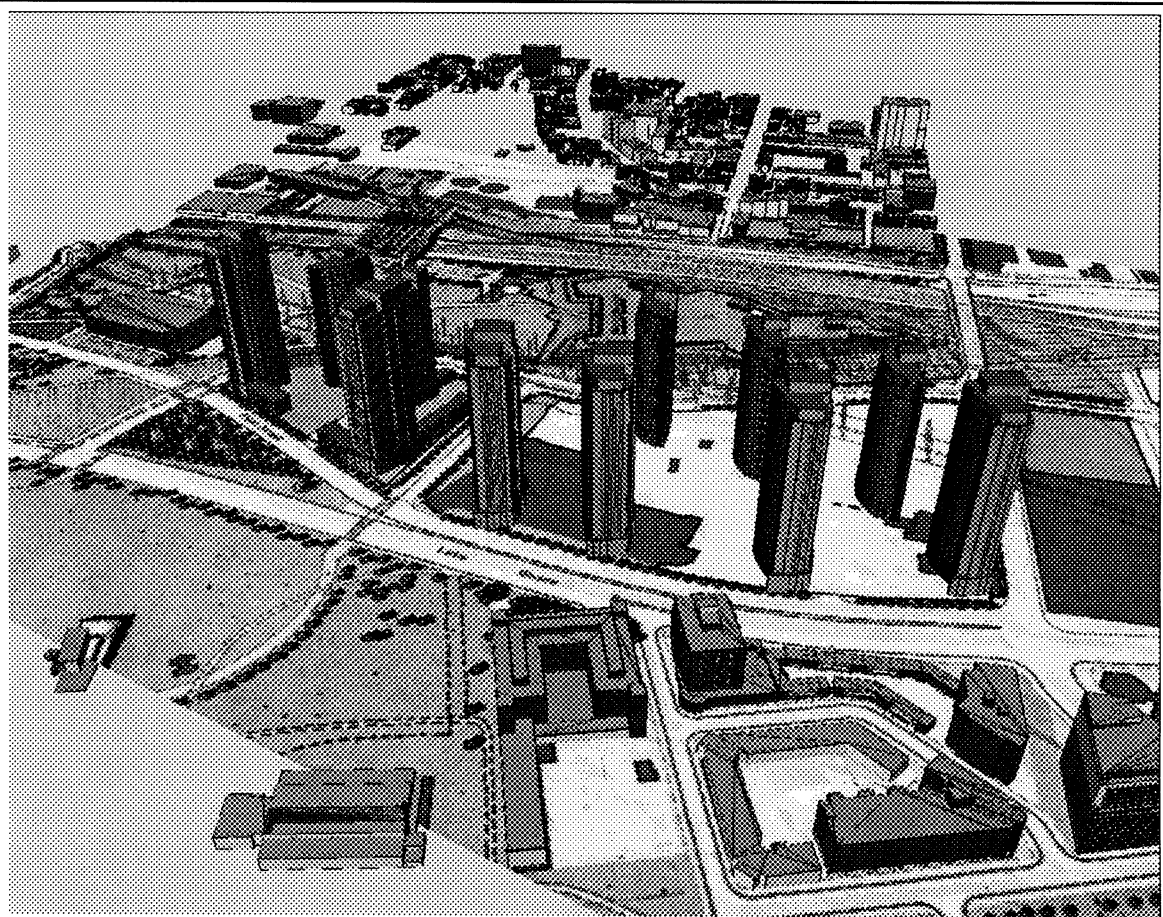
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See envelope enclosed

(Questions – call Joe Gill: 416-864-1300)

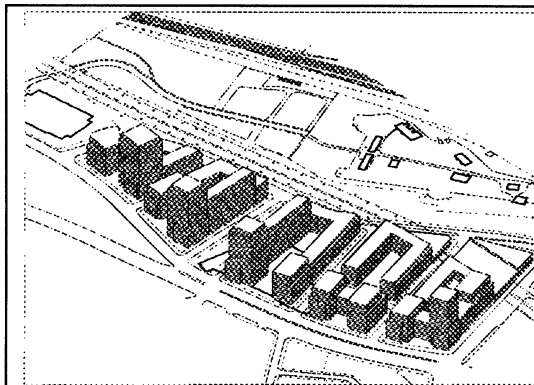
## High Stakes Game affects Fort York

H & R Developments expect that the Toronto East York Community Council, at its next meeting on October 23, 2001 will recommend that City Council amend the Bathurst Strachan Part II Official Plan to permit construction of the four 30- and 38- storey condominium towers pictured below. Should H & R be successful other property owners in the area are expected to follow this precedent. In fact, a neighbouring property owner has already developed plans for five more towers to be built near H & R's proposed four.

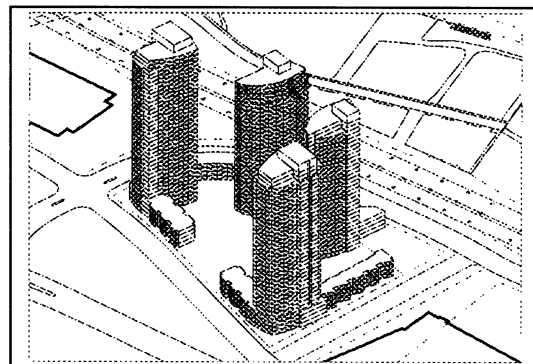


*Birdseye view from the south shows H & R's proposal for four towers (left) and the potential for seven more towers of like size if other landowners follow suit.*

The Friends of Fort York and many others hope City Council will uphold its Part II Official Plan, approved in 1996 after a two year process that involved various landowners, public interest groups and two levels of government. Council should maintain the height controls set out in the Part II plan that are intended to show respect for Fort York. The plan requires the very high density approved to fit within buildings no more than 8 storeys high along Fort York Boulevard (a new road to be constructed south of the fort and linking Bathurst Street with Lakeshore Boulevard), while along Fleet Street ten towers of 12, 22 and 24 stories are permitted.



*Massing required by the Part II Official Plan, medium height on Fort York Boulevard stepping up to 12, 22, and 24 stories on Fleet Street*



Block 1 & 2

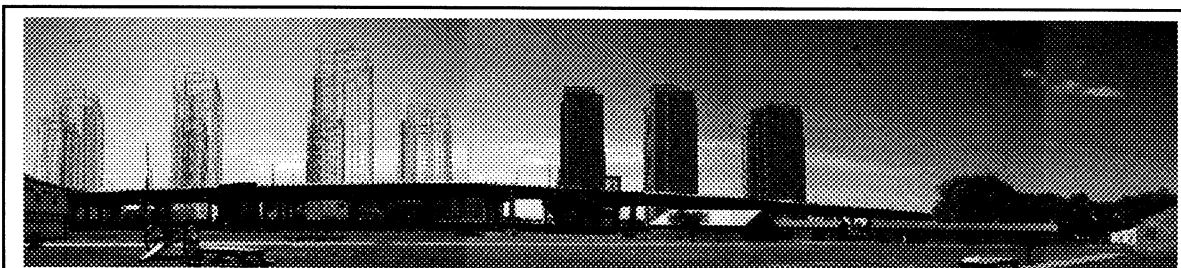
H + R Proposal

*Four towers and townhouse development proposed by H&R Developments*

After studying the H&R proposal, the Friends of Fort York have determined that the H & R proposal can be massed differently, still fit on the site and, best of all, meet the requirements of H & R and the Part II plan. We hope H & R will change their plans, not only to avoid overwhelming what the new waterfront plan calls, "Toronto's most significant heritage resource," but also to accommodate the concerns of other parties. For instance, one of the proposed 38 storey towers intrudes into a portion of the flight path for a runway at the Island Airport.

We need your help in persuading Community Council and Toronto City Council, in particular the local councillors Joe Pantalone and Olivia Chow, to support the objectives of the existing Official Plan and say **NO** to high rise towers looming over the City's birthplace, which is a National Historic Site. And if we succeed in convincing Council to deny H & R's application, we will need still your help to challenge this project at the Ontario Municipal Board, which has the power to overturn Council's decision.

The matter will be going to Toronto City Council on November 6-8, and will be before the OMB from November 13 to November 23. If the Friends of Fort York do not have City Council on our side at the OMB, the costs of defending the City's Official Plan and the public interest could be \$35,000-45,000. We would rather raise this money to put into programs and exhibits at the Fort.



*View from inside Fort York if H & R's proposal is approved(right) and others copy the approach (left)*

## What You Can Do to Help

### Call or Write your Councillor

Councillors Names, phone numbers and fax numbers

| Councillor           | Phone        | Fax          | Councillor             | Phone         | Fax          |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Mayor Mel Lastman    | 416 395 6464 | 416 395 6440 | Chris Korwin Kuczynski | 416 392 7919  | 416 392 0398 |
| Gerry Altobello      | 416 392 0213 | 416 392 7394 | Jack Layton            | 416392 4060   | 416 397 5200 |
| Brian Ashton         | 416 392 4052 | 416 696 3658 | Gloria Lindsay Luby    | 416 392 1369  | 416 696 4138 |
| Maria Augimeri       | 416 392 4021 | 416 392 4120 | Peter Li Preti         | 416 39 2 0201 | 416 696 4144 |
| Bas Balkisoon        | 416 392 1375 | 416 392 1050 | George Mammoliti       | 416 395 6401  | 416 392 4121 |
| Lorenzo Berardinetti | 416 397 9274 | 416 397 9280 | Pam McConnell          | 416 392 7916  | 416 392 7296 |
| Sandra Bussin        | 416 392 1376 | 416 392 7444 | Joe Mihevic            | 416 392 0208  | 416 392 7466 |
| Raymond Cho          | 416 392 1959 | 416 696 4159 | David Miller           | 416 392 4072  | 416 696 3667 |
| Olivia Chow          | 416 392 4044 | 416 392 4130 | Denzil Minnan-wong     | 416 397 9256  | 416 397 4100 |
| Frank Di Georgio     | 416 395 6437 | 416 696 3677 | Peter Milczyn          | 416 392 4040  | 416 696 3600 |
| Betty Disero         | 416 392 7011 | 416 392 0212 | Ron Moeser             | 416 392 1373  | 416 392 7429 |
| Brad Duguid          | 416 392 0204 | 416 392 7428 | Howard Moscoe          | 416 392 4027  | 416 392 4191 |
| Mike Feldman         | 416 395 6407 | 416 392 7299 | Frances Nunziata       | 416 392 4091  | 416 392 4118 |
| John Filion          | 416 395 6411 | 416 392 7388 | Case Ootes             | 416 392 4032  | 416 392 4123 |
| Joanne Flint         | 416 395 6408 | 416 395 6439 | Joe Pantalone          | 416 392 4009  | 416 392 4100 |
| Rob Ford             | 416 397 9255 | 416 397 9235 | Jane Pitfield          | 416 392 0215  | 416 392 7427 |
| Mario Giansante      | 416 397 9279 | 416 696 3678 | Kyle Rae               | 416 392 7903  | 416 696 4300 |
| Suzen Hall           | 416 392 0205 | 416392 4120  | Sherene Shaw           | 416 392 1374  | 416 392 7431 |
| Doug Holyday         | 416 392 4002 | 416 392 4121 | David Shiner           | 416 395 6413  | 416 397 9290 |
| Anne Johnston        | 416 392 4090 | 416 392 4129 | Mario Silva            | 416 392 7012  | 416 392 7957 |
| Irene Jones          | 416 397 9273 | 416 392 4120 | David Soknacki         | 416 392 4008  | 416 392 4006 |
| Norman Kelly         | 416 392 4047 | 416 696 4172 | Paul Sutherland        | 416 392 4038  | 416 392 4101 |
|                      |              |              | Michael Walker         | 416 392 7906  | 416 392 0124 |

### Email your councillor

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Eg. Olivia Chow is [councillor\\_chow@city.toronto.on.ca](mailto:councillor_chow@city.toronto.on.ca)