

The Fife and Drum

The Newsletter of the Friends of Fort York and Garrison Common

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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 23rd (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 21st.

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:

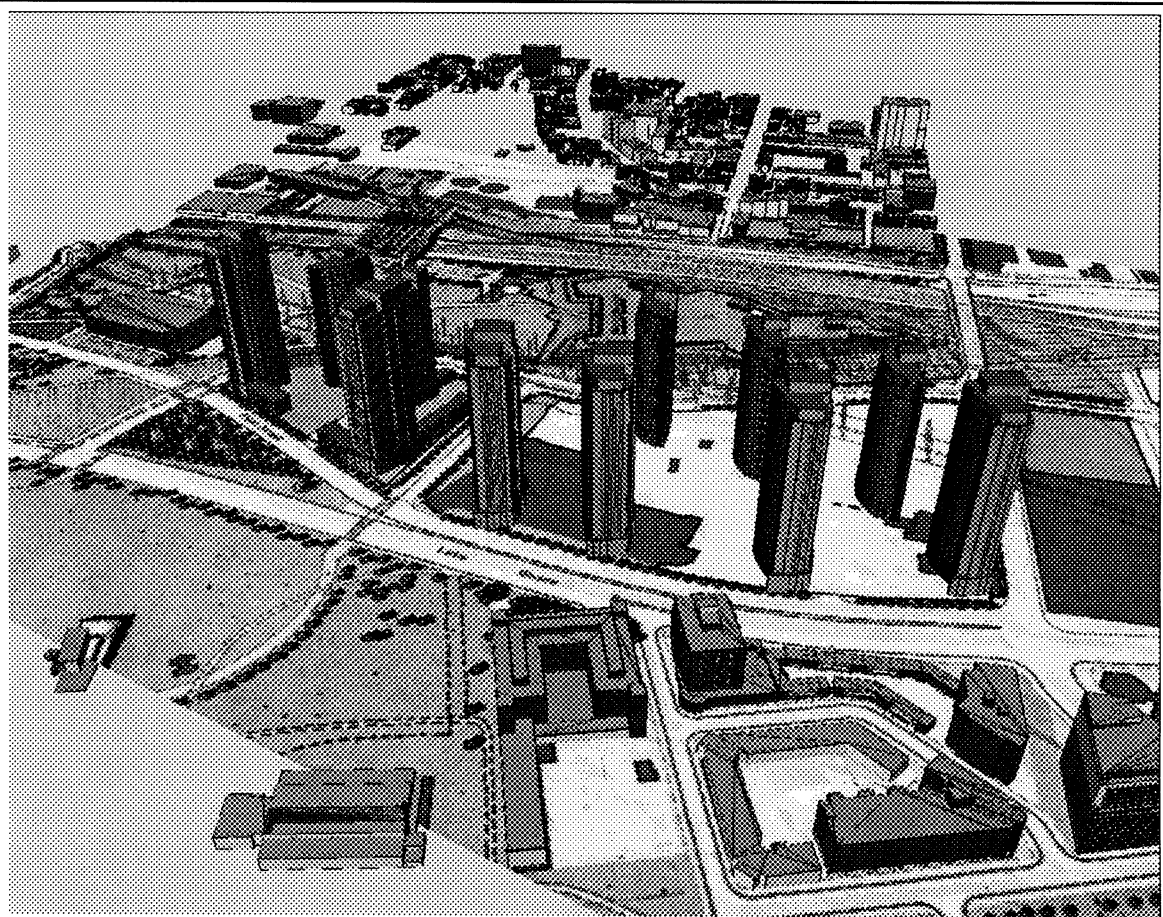
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(Questions – call Joe Gill: 416-864-1300)

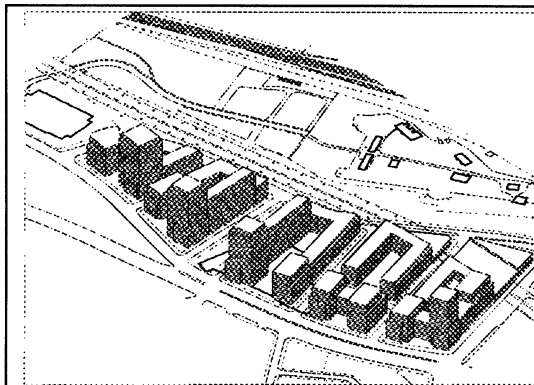
High Stakes Game affects Fort York

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.

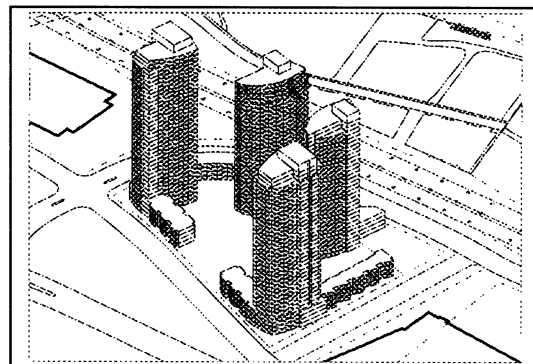


Birdseye view from the south shows H & R's proposal for four towers (left) and the potential for seven more towers of like size if other landowners follow suit.

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

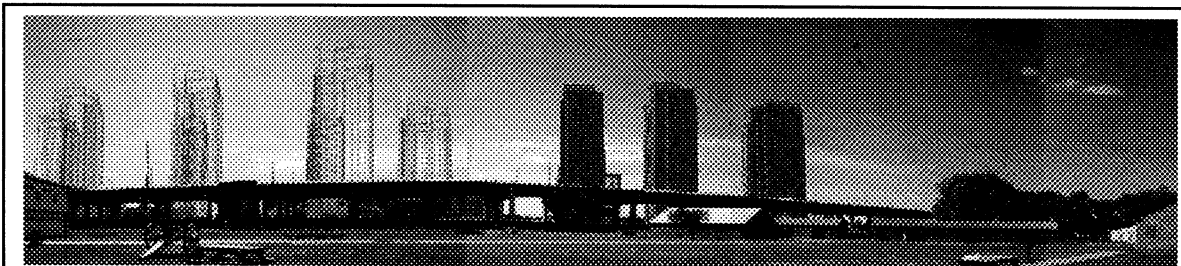
H + R Proposal

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

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Lorenzo Berardinetti	416 397 9274	416 397 9280	Pam McConnell	416 392 7916	416 392 7296
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Raymond Cho	416 392 1959	416 696 4159	David Miller	416 392 4072	416 696 3667
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Rob Ford	416 397 9255	416 397 9235	Jane Pitfield	416 392 0215	416 392 7427
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			Michael Walker	416 392 7906	416 392 0124

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