



# Pam McConnell

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## BUILDING NEW PUBLIC SPACES IN OUR COMMUNITY

### Final Designs for St. Lawrence North Market Redevelopment

The design competition for the redevelopment of the St. Lawrence North Market is entering its final stages.

In February, I was joined by Mayor David Miller to announce the five short-listed competitors, selected from 30 submissions world-wide. Over the last three months, the architectural teams have been working on their designs for the new North Market building.

On May 7, we will unveil the competitors' design submissions in the St. Lawrence Hall. We are inviting the community to attend a reception that evening, to celebrate this milestone.

The designs will be displayed in the Great Hall, where the public is invited to view the submissions and complete comment cards. Design presentations will also be available online for comment. Input from the public will assist the competition jury in their decisions.

The jury will announce the winning design this June. Demolition and construction are scheduled to begin in 2011 with the new building opening in 2014. During construction, the Saturday Farmers' Market and the Sunday Antiques Market will be relocated to a temporary building on the parking lot at Jarvis and The Esplanade.

The architects in the design competition are following the guidelines set out in the Competition Brief, which is the result of the efforts of the St. Lawrence Market Precinct Working Group, consisting of neighbourhood and merchant stakeholders and City staff.

For more information on the competition, visit [http://www.toronto.ca/stlawrence\\_market/design](http://www.toronto.ca/stlawrence_market/design).

#### Public Viewing of the Designs

Friday, May 7	10 am to 8 pm (Reception at 6:30 pm)
Saturday, May 8	8 am to 4 pm
Sunday, May 9	9 am to 5 pm

St. Lawrence Hall  
(155 King Street East, at Jarvis Street)



Pam and Mayor David Miller pose with the short-listed design teams.

### New Underpass Park for Corktown and the West Don Lands

For years, the space beneath the Richmond/Adelaide and Eastern overpass has been barren and dark, filled with cars and storage. Construction will begin this spring to turn this unfriendly area into a new public park.

Waterfront Toronto has reimagined the region between Cherry Street and Bayview Avenue as a dynamic recreation space for the neighbouring residents. A series of distinct spaces will be created under the flyovers, providing activity areas for ball play, children's games, and seniors recreation. At the western end, the park will blend into a green space for open air seating.

New lighting, beautification of the pillars and underside of the flyover, a vending station for refreshments, and public art will transform this area into a wonderful destination. This park will also provide a safe and attractive connection between Corktown and the West Don Lands. Work should be completed in Spring 2011.



Artist concept of the new underpass park.

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## CREATING SUSTAINABLE NEIGHBOURHOODS

### Live Green Toronto turning ideas into action

Live Green Toronto is a City program to engage residents to green their neighbourhoods.

Community animators play an important role by assisting neighbourhood-based initiatives through free workshops, printed and online information, refining project ideas, connecting with expert advice, and finding funding.

Among the projects in our community, the animators held container and balcony gardening workshops with residents in Regent Park and are working with neighbourhood schools to create gardening plots. They are also assisting groups to identify orphaned spaces for flower gardens, training for front yard tree planting, and accessing grants for environmental projects in two of our co-ops.

For more information, visit [www.livegreentoronto.ca](http://www.livegreentoronto.ca)



Pam and community members at a tree planting ceremony in the St. Lawrence neighbourhood.

### Tower Renewal team at work in St. James Town

I have been working closely with the Mayor's Tower Renewal team in St. James Town, bringing energy efficiency initiatives to 200 Wellesley Street East and 275 Bleecker Street. Along with these environmental improvements, we are developing community building projects.

With funding through the Tower Renewal Office, work will begin this summer on neighbourhood beautification projects that will include streetscape enhancements, improved community spaces, and community gardens and food production.

Our community engagement process draws on the diversity, skills, and strengths of the St. James Town residents. The participation and input from residents assists in identifying additional opportunities and priorities to enhance the neighbourhood.



Pam at the St. James Town Festival

### Congratulations to Ward 28's Finalist for Green Toronto Awards

Regent Park's One Cole condominium is nominated for a Green Toronto Award in the Green Design category, recognizing sustainable development. In striving to meet the LEED Gold certification, Diamond and Schmitt Architects and The Daniels Corporation included storm water irrigation, roof-top landscaping to reduce the heat island effect, in-suite heat recovery and low-flow

water fixtures, and locally sourced and recycled building materials. Another important feature is the Living Wall Bio-Filter to filter air circulating through the building.

With all of the units in One Cole sold, this project demonstrates that a residential building may be successful while demonstrating high environmental standards.

### Automated Water Meters Coming to Our Community

The City of Toronto is beginning the first phase of a six-year project to install automated water meters across the city. Our ward is part of phase one and will be receiving new meters later this year. Under the Water Meter Program, approximately 465,000 customers across the city will either receive a meter or have an existing meter replaced. The new automated meters will be more efficient and will transmit meter readings, eliminating the need for City staff to enter homes to obtain readings.

Watch your mailbox for details. Installers will typically be in an area for two weeks, so it's important to schedule an appointment as soon as you receive an Appointment Notice Request. Once the new meter is installed, billings will be based on actual water use. Don't forget to make sure all of your plumbing and fixtures are in good working order before the meter is installed. For simple tips to conserve water and save money, visit [www.toronto.ca/watereff](http://www.toronto.ca/watereff).

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CREATING  
BEAUTIFUL  
PLACES

## Lower Sherbourne Street Promenade Plan Set to Begin

The latest plan to improve north-south connections to the waterfront focuses on Lower Sherbourne Street. With Sherbourne Park and Sugar Beach opening this summer and people beginning to enjoy these great new public spaces, it is even more important to make pedestrian and cycling access a priority.

The area from Front Street East to the railway will have the old asphalt replaced with new sidewalks and blend the streetscape with the new Hydro One transfer station landscaping. Improved pedestrian crossings at Lakeshore Boulevard will be installed with the unsafe right hand turning channels removed. South of Lakeshore, the Plan will integrate with the new developments on the waterfront including Sherbourne Park and the George Brown Health Sciences campus.

This Plan follows successful projects on Yonge, Bay, and York Streets. Most recently,

the Lower Jarvis Promenade has begun with the rehabilitation of the underpass, installation of a new traffic signal south of the railway, and streetscape improvements to be completed with the development of 18 Lower Jarvis.

The Lower Sherbourne Plan will go before City Council for approval this spring with work beginning when Lower Sherbourne is reconstructed in 2011.



Pam at the official opening of the Yonge Street Promenade in September.

## Rejuvenating Parliament Street Intersections

Two of our Parliament Street intersections are set to receive a makeover this summer.

At Winchester Street, plans are underway to rejuvenate the northeast corner with new tree pits, plantings, and decorative railings.

At Prospect Street, the Prospect Gardeners are working with the City to install a garden on the southwest corner, complementing the existing garden on the north side.

With the assistance of the Public Realm Office, I am working closely with Cabbagetown residents and businesses on

initiatives to help make Parliament Street an attractive place for locals and visitors, while providing new gardening opportunities for the community.



Pam celebrating spring in Cabbagetown at the Forsythia Festival

## VISIT MY WEBSITE

Keep up to date on news, events, and meetings from City Hall and our community and sign up for my e-newsletter at [www.pammccconnell.ca](http://www.pammccconnell.ca).

## LET'S CELEBRATE! Don't miss these great community events

### May 1

Environment Day  
See back page for details

### May 2

Forsythia Festival  
*Parade starts at 10 am at Riverdale Farm*

### May 29 & 30

Doors Open Toronto  
*For information: [www.toronto.ca/doorsopen](http://www.toronto.ca/doorsopen)*

### June 5

St. James Town Festival  
Wellesley Community Centre

### June 11 to 30

Luminato  
*For information: [www.luminato.ca](http://www.luminato.ca)*

### June 12 & 13

Woofstock  
A festival for dogs  
*St. Lawrence Market Neighbourhood*

### July 1

Canada Day in St. Lawrence

### July 5

Moss Park Festival  
*Moss Park Apartments,  
275-285 Queen St. E.*

### July 11

Sunday in the Park  
*Regent Park*

### August 5 to 15

BuskerFest  
*St. Lawrence Market Neighbourhood*

### September 11 & 12

Cabbagetown Festival  
*Street entertainment, wine tasting, and more  
Parliament and Carlton Streets*

### September 10 to 12

Cabbagetown Arts & Crafts  
*Riverdale Park*

### September 11 & 12

Riverdale Farm, Fall Festival

### October 2

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# COUNCILLOR PAM MCCONNELL'S



## COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT DAY

**Saturday, May 1, 2010**

**Lower Sherbourne Community Park**

**10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

**171 The Esplanade (at Lower Sherbourne)**

**I will also be providing compost at the Forsythia Festival on Sunday, May 2nd at Wellesley Park.**

### **Purchase**

- Backyard Composter (\$15)
- Green Bin (\$18)
- Kitchen Container (\$5)
- Indoor Water Efficiency Kit (\$10)
- Rain Barrel (\$85)

### **Pick up for FREE**

- Green Bin and Kitchen Container (with proof of new residency in the last 90 days or in exchange for a damaged bin)
- Leaf Compost (limit of one cubic metre per household)

### **Drop off for recycling or proper disposal**

- Computer Equipment & Peripherals (e.g., desktops, laptops, hand-held portables, monitors, printing devices, etc.)
- Audio/Visual Equipment & Peripherals (e.g., telephones, cell phones, pda's and pagers, cameras, small TVs, radios, receivers, speakers, tuners, equalizers, turntables, projectors, recorders, DVD players and VCRs, etc.)
- Household Hazardous Waste (e.g., cleaning supplies and solvents, motor oil, paint, batteries, old/unused medication, mercury thermometers/thermostats, pesticides, fluorescent and compact fluorescent bulbs, propane tanks, etc.)
- Gas-powered lawn and garden equipment (mowers, leaf blowers, trimmers and chainsaws)

*\*Note: You can recycle plastic shopping bags, foam polystyrene, empty paint and empty aerosol cans in your blue bin.*

### **Items donated to local schools for reuse\***

- Art supplies (e.g. pencils, markers, crayons, etc.)
- Buttons, keys, and collectors' coins and stamps
- Clipboards, corks and cork boards
- CDs and cases
- Children's books
- Costume jewelry including broken/old watches and clocks with hands
- Dress-up clothing (e.g. costumes, prom dresses, uniforms, etc.)
- Fabric pieces and yarn

### **Other Items donated for reuse \***

*(Please keep separate from others)*

- Sporting goods (e.g. skates and jerseys, etc.)
- Books
- Medical equipment in good condition (e.g. eyeglasses, walking aids, hearing aids, etc.)
- Small household items (e.g. dishes, ornaments, etc.)
- Textiles in good condition (e.g. clothing, linens, etc.)
- Non-perishable foods will be donated to a food bank

*\*All donated items must be in very good condition*

**Learn more about the City of Toronto's new mandatory Water Meter program coming to your home.**

**Visit the Toronto Water information tent to learn about money-saving programs!**



**Please do not bring: Construction waste, gasoline, garbage, wood, cassette and video tapes, commercial/ industrial hazardous waste and scrap metal.**



Call **3 1 1**

Visit [toronto.ca/environment\\_days](http://toronto.ca/environment_days)

