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LITTLE LAKE MASTER PLAN

The City of Peterborough held several community meetings for the Little Lake Master Plan project on Tuesday, May 26, 2009. Meetings were scheduled throughout the day and culminated with a Community Workshop in the evening. The intent was to seek public input into the process to develop a vision and plan for Peterborough's greatest natural asset. Over 200 residents participated and shared their ideas on the development of a Master Plan for Little Lake.

A team, led by The Planning Partnership, facilitated the Community Workshop held in the evening. Donna Hinde, Project Lead, was enthusiastic about the meeting turnout. "The residents of Peterborough are passionate about Little Lake. The attendance at the first community workshop is a great reflection of the interest the community has for this project."

Little Lake is recognized as a distinctive resource found in the heart of the City. It supports a wide variety of uses in the water, parks and open spaces at the water's edge. The last Master Plan for Little Lake was produced in 1986. The City of Peterborough has been three years planning for the development of a new Master Plan. Sufficient resources were approved by City Council in the 2009 budget to start the plan. The Master Plan will create a forward-looking strategy to guide the use of the lake and its adjacent lands. It will also address environmental and shoreline management and consider land acquisition for future parkland.

"As with most urban lakes and rivers, there will be competing demands for use of the water and its shoreline lands. The appropriate balance of use and protection will come out of an open and collaborative process where all those interested are encouraged to take part" said Ms. Hinde. "Our team intends to develop solutions to often competing demands for resources on Little Lake."

There are three phases in the Master Plan project. The first phase, which the plan is currently in, is the Content Phase. It reviews opportunities and issues. The second phase is the Options Phase. It will start to develop design options for Little Lake through a series of public meetings and design charette. The final phase is the development and presentation of the Master Plan. Altogether, the process should take approximately 10 months and conclude by early 2010.

The City Master Plan process is an independent, broader-based study and not affiliated with the site-specific development proposal and survey that was circulated by MP Dean Del Mastro for the potential development of the Trent Severn Waterway headquarters site.

The next community workshop for the Little Lake Master Plan is scheduled for Tuesday, July 7 and Wednesday, July 8, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. The location will be announced within the next week. Everyone is welcome to attend to share their ideas. Information is available on the City of Peterborough website at www.peterborough.ca/masterplanning.

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