



Announcement to Fishermans Pier Stakeholders

November 25, 2005

Dear Fishermans Pier Stakeholder:

RE: Hamilton Port Authority Board Decision on Fishermans Pier EA

At its meeting on Thursday, November 24th, 2005, the Board of the Hamilton Port Authority considered the evaluation of the Framework Alternatives identified during Phase 2 of the coordinated Environmental Assessment for Fishermans Pier.

The Board decided:

- to narrow the scope of the Fishermans Pier EA. Specifically, the Board voted to screen out all of the marina options (Framework Alternatives 1A, 1B and 2) from further consideration;
- to screen out the relocation of Eastport Drive from further consideration at this time; and
- to continue with reconnaissance related to the viability of identifying Framework Alternative 3B as the draft Preferred Development Alternative.

These decisions took into account all of the feedback received from government agencies, community stakeholders, and the technical information prepared by the project consultant team. In particular, they considered the feedback received from members of the public and government agencies on the Potential Preferred Alternatives that the Board identified at its meeting in September 2005.

Phase 2 of the coordinated EA process is not over. More information is required before the full Preferred Alternative can be selected, allowing Phase 2 of the EA process to be completed. In particular, the Hamilton Port Authority intends to do more work to understand the potential for public sector funding partnerships and the interest of the private sector in development opportunities at the Fishermans Pier site.

Once a realistic site improvement and development program for Fishermans Pier is better understood it will be possible to select preferred servicing alternatives for water, waste water and storm water management at the Fishermans Pier site. Then it will be possible to confirm the environmental assessment and approval requirements that remain.

The Hamilton Port Authority remains committed to the improvement of the Fishermans Pier site as an asset and an amenity for the communities of Hamilton and Burlington. The Port Authority also intends to continue working with the community, government agencies and neighbouring property owners as the Fishermans Pier planning process continues.