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West London Dyke Master Repair Plan

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Wednesday, June 16, 2010 6-9PM

This Public Information Centre is the 1st of 2.

Its purpose is to inform the public and to receive input with regards to the West London Dyke Master Repair Plan.

The following panels describe the *history*, *recent work* and the *purposes* of this project.

Please feel free to take a handout, along with a comment sheet, which you can fill out at your convenience. Questions relating to a panel or in regards to the project in general can be answered by either City of London, Upper Thames River Conservation Authority or Stantec staff.

INTRODUCTION

The West London Dyke is 2374 m long, comprises of both a concrete and earthen revetment, and runs along the west bank of the North Branch of the Thames River from Oxford Street to the forks of the Thames River and then along the west bank of the main branch to the west side of the Wharncliffe Road Bridge. The City of London owns the dyke and through an agreement, the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (UTRCA) undertakes major maintenance activities.

PROBLEM OPPORTUNITY STATEMENT

The UTRCA and the City of London are undertaking a Master Repair Plan covering the next 20-year period to address aging infrastructure, flood protection, public use, and integration of other City initiatives. This study is being conducted in accordance with requirements of Phases 1 and 2 of the Municipal Class Environment Assessment (Class EA) which is an approved process under the Environmental Assessment Act.

The intent of the Master Repair Plan is to develop the required strategic plan to allow the UTRCA and the City to have a method for determining when a trigger point for repair and/or replacement of a portion of the dyke is required.

Historical Information

- When London was settled in the early 1800s, the Thames River offered water, a means of transportation and a power source for mills. Both natives and early settlers had used the low riverside land to the west of the Forks for farming.
- By the late 1800s, the small settlements of London West and Kensington were growing on the banks of the Thames River from their beginnings surrounding water-powered mills. The communities experienced several floods, such as the catastrophic July 1883 flood that killed 17 people. Rather than resettling away from the hazardous areas, the response was to build a formalized dyke system.
- Construction of the West London Dyke, the first of the City's seven dykes to be built, began in the late 1880s. By the early 1900s, the dyke had been reinforced, extended and raised at least twice. The flood of April 1937 overtopped the reinforcements, though, and flooded the communities behind the dyke. Additional raising of the dyke occurred after the 1937 flood on the main branch section and before the 1947 flood. In 1947 some overtopping of the dyke on the North Branch section required evacuations, although flooding was not as deep as in 1937.
- The UTRCA was formed following the 1947 Flood and resulted in a watershed management partnership between the Province of Ontario and watershed member municipalities (including the City of London) to carry out a comprehensive watershed flood control program. Besides the London Dyke system that had existed for some time, additional flood control dams, flood plain management, and land stewardship programs were implemented to further ease the flood pressure on the dykes.

West London Dyke, April 1947 Flood



Forks of the Thames, July 2000 Flood



Source: UTRCA



Forks of the Thames, July 2000 Flood

Previous Work/Rehabilitation

- 1980's Investigations & Repairs
 - Geotechnical Investigation undertaken in October 1982 revealed sections of revetment (dyke) in poor condition with noticeable shifting and tilting. Abrupt changes in slope of facing noted with cracking along concrete surface.
 - Based on investigations undertaken, repair of select sections of dyke including grouting behind panels and improvements to toe structure were completed between 1983 and 1985.
- 2004 Inspection
 - In 2004, the UTRCA undertook a condition assessment of the Thames River dykes within the City, including the West London Dyke. Approximately 350 m of the dyke north from the Queens Avenue Bridge were identified as being the highest priority for repair. This portion was originally built in the 19th century in order to minimize flooding in the West London area.
- 2005 Concrete Repair Program
 - In 2005, while undertaking the initial stages of a concrete repair program on the 350 m segment identified in the 2004 study, it was concluded that a significant portion of this section had come to the end of its useful life and needed to be replaced rather than repaired.
- 2007 Phase I Dyke Replacement
 - The first phase of the project (July to December, 2007) replaced a 300 metre section of the dyke north from Queens Avenue, adjacent to Labatt Park. The new dyke structure is located entirely within the footprint of the previous dyke and provided some improvement to flood height protection.
 - Phase 1 was funded by the MNR Water and Erosion Control Infrastructure Program and the City of London. The total cost of the Phase 1 construction project was \$3,600,000.



1980's Repair Work



1980's Repair Work



2005 Concrete Repair Program

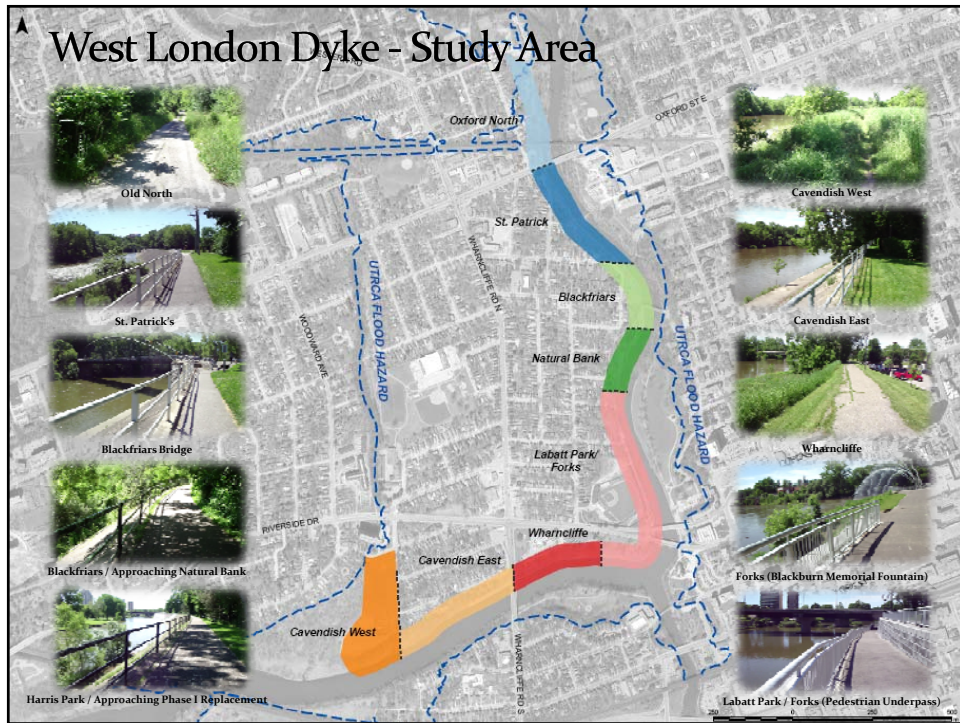
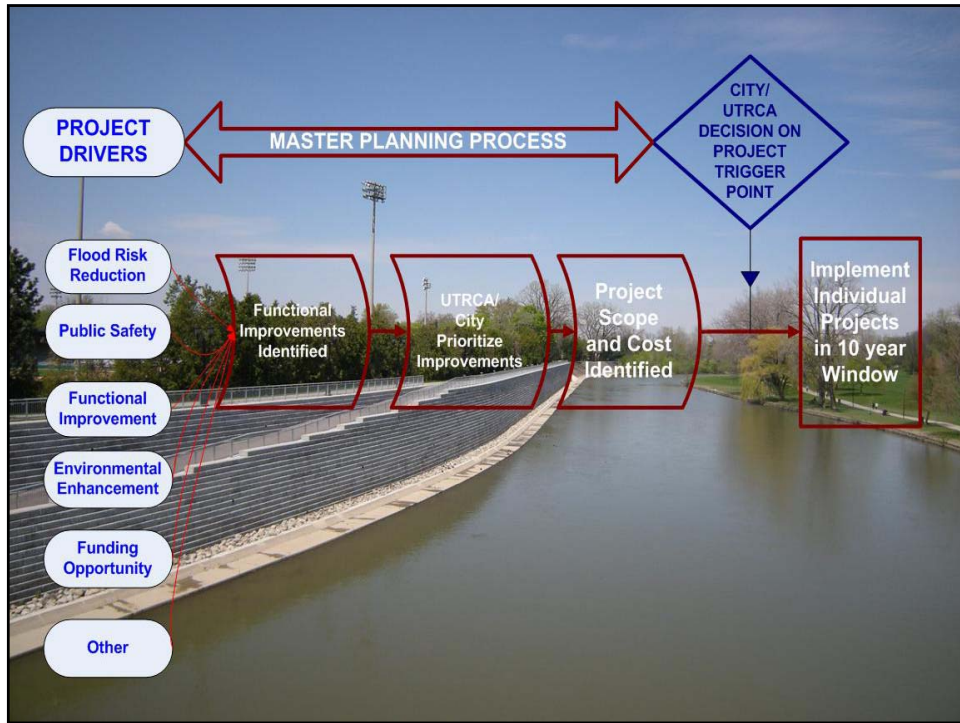


2007 Phase I Dyke Replacement

EA Process / Public & Agency Input*

- The purpose of the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act (EA Act) is "the betterment of the people of the whole or any part of Ontario by providing for the protection, conservation and wise management in Ontario of the environment". Environment is applied broadly and includes the natural, social, cultural, built and economic components.
- Environmental Assessment (EA) is a decision making process to promote good environmental assessment planning. The key features are:
 - Early consultation
 - Consideration of reasonable range of alternatives
 - Assessment of environmental effects
 - Systematic evaluation of alternatives
 - Clear documentation and traceable decision making
- Public Involvement
 - The role of those members of the public with an interest in a study is to provide background information to advise the proponent (City of London / UTRCA) of their support and concerns, and to review and provide comments and input about the study findings (as the project progresses – Public Information Centre (PIC) 1 and PIC 2).
 - Members of the public with an interest in the study can ask to be placed on the mailing list to receive notification of the consultation opportunities for the project.
- Municipal Class EA
 - This study is being conducted in accordance with the requirements of Phases 1 and 2 of the Municipal Class EA which is an approved process under the EA Act.
 - It is anticipated to be a Schedule B Class EA.

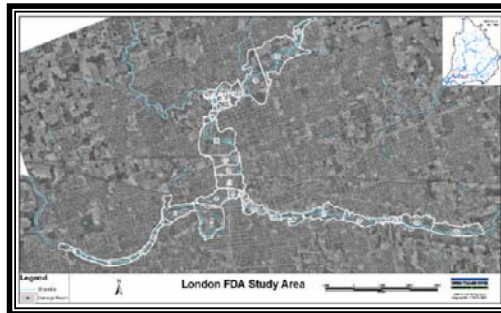
* As referenced in the Municipal Class EA Document



Flood Risk Reduction & Public Safety

Project Driver 1 & 2

- Flood Risk Reduction
 - Master Plan will review entire structure as a whole.
 - Flood Damage Estimation in the Upper Thames River Watershed was published in August 2005. Master Plan will provide update to damage cost estimates.
 - Based upon 100 and 250 year design flows and the study area shown in the figure below, the following dollar amounts associated with total estimated flood damages are described below:
 - 100 Year Design Storm ~ \$23,000,000 (2005 \$'s)
 - 250 Year Design Storm ~ \$42,000,000 (2005 \$'s)
- **Work completed in 2007 raised the level of the dyke and may have mitigated/lessened damage amounts*
- In addition to assessing damage costs, existing dyke elevations will be reviewed in comparison to flood levels to determine areas that may need to be raised.



Flood Damage Estimate Map

Functional Improvements

Project Driver 3

- Master Repair Plan will involve Integration of Other City Initiatives:
 - Bicycle Master Plan
 - Future Pedestrian Pathways (i.e. future Wharncliffe Bridge Underpass)
 - Thames Valley Corridor Study
 - Previous 2007 Master Plan
 - Panel with tabs for provision of future panel displays
- Consideration will need to be given to the following when determining replacement or rehabilitation work in the future:
 - Amenity
 - Function
 - Durability
 - Constructability
 - Capital Cost & Future Maintenance



Provision of Tabs Along Railing



Panel with Tabs for Future Display Panels



Top of Dyke Pathway Access



Top of Dyke Look-Out



Pedestrian Walkway

Environmental Enhancements

Project Driver 4

- Vegetation Management Plan (Dougan & Associates, 2006):
 - Carried out to identify and prioritize vegetation that currently poses a threat to the structural integrity of the dykes
 - Suggest appropriate removal and remediation methods for the hazard vegetation
 - Develop a plan for the future management of vegetation along the dyke
- Planning must also consider potential implementation of environmental features along and within the areas surrounding the dyke structure, such as:
 - Tree & Shrub Planting
 - Maintenance of existing vegetated areas
 - Aquatic Plantings
- Implement concepts from other planning projects and initiatives (i.e. 2007 Master Plan Document)



Top of Dyke Vegetation

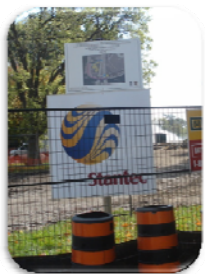


Vegetation at Toe of Dyke

Funding Opportunities

Project Driver 5

- Availability of Capital Funding
 - Provincial / Federal Funding Opportunities & Grants
 - Municipal Funding
- May be replacement, rehabilitation, or extension
- Trigger point to implement future project may be reached sooner on availability of funding (i.e. stimulus funding programs)



Project Sign Boards

Next Steps

- Public Consultation
 - Review of public and agency comments
- Comments from the public are welcomed. Please take a few minutes to complete the 'Comment Sheet' that accompanies the handout you received.
- Technical Review
 - Planning / Environment Review
 - Hydraulic Review
 - Engineering Review of each section of dyke
 - Determination of potential future works (repair or replacement)
 - Costing (Planning, Design, Implementation, Maintenance) of each works
 - Trigger Point Determination
- Next PIC (tentatively set for late October 2010) to present recommendations

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****For additional information throughout the duration of this project, please visit****
http://www.london.ca/d.aspx?s=/Sewer_and_Wastewater/default.htm

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COMMENT SHEET

Name:					
Mailing Address:					
Interest (i.e. property owner, agency):					
1. Do you live within the proposed study area? Yes / No					
2. Along with protection of life and property, what other features of the dyke are important to you? (Please <u>circle</u> on a scale of 1 – 5, with 1 being least important and 5 being most important.)					
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Architecture	1	2	3	4	5
Heritage/History	1	2	3	4	5
Lighting/Security	1	2	3	4	5
Other _____	1	2	3	4	5
3. What is your opinion on the works completed to date? <i>Phase 1 Dyke Replacement (2007), Blackburn Memorial Fountain (2008), Dundas/Queens Pedestrian Underpass (2009), etc.</i>					
4. Other comments or concerns.					

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Attendance Sheet

<u>Name</u> (please print)	<u>Mailing Address</u> (please print)	<u>Interest in Project</u> (i.e. property owner, business owner, agency)	Would like to receive further information about this project (yes/no)
Christine Kelsey	6 Saint Patrick St London	property owner	yes
Jan Delone	7 Carrothers Ave	property owner	
Jason Jordan	60 Blackfriers St	Renter	
Dwight Bender	112-25 Becher St London	owner	
Angela Goulet	13 Leslie St London	owner	YES
Joey McElroy	13 Leslie St London	OWNER	NO
Richard Dwyer	9 Cummer Ave London	owner	yes
Shirley + John Clement	2 Carrothers Ave	owners	yes
Willy Bynt	City Council		yes
Barb + Marcel	116 Wilson Ave. Goulet	owners	Yes
Steve Walters	13 Empress Ave. London	owner	Yes
J. Roberts	10 Carrothers	owner	yes
John Dupuy	105 Forward Ave	Owner	NO
Chuck Grawburg	80 Cavendish Cr	Owner	Yes

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Wendy Dench	21 Blackfriars St.	property owner	yes
Jim Nolan	56 Argyle St	property owner	yes
David Heap	85 Forward Ave	property owner	YES.
LES PETERSON	8 WYATT	P.O.	YES
Rebyn Harvey	21 Riverview Ave	property	yes
John Tyrrell	66 Pond Lane Oss	Citizen of London	NO
Laurie Burch	37 RIVERVIEW Ave	London	yes
Sharon Lowery	105 Forward Ave London		yes
Linda McLeod	906-110 Cherryhill Cnd London		yes

Oxlade, Michele

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Sent: Thursday, June 24, 2010 8:15 AM
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FYI.

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Dear Mr. Nelson Oliveira:

Thank you so much for taking the time to discuss with me the status of the current Master Plan for the Western Dyke along the Thames River in London. I appreciated your comments regarding the status of the master plan and Stantec's role in soliciting public views at this early stage of the design process.

As I am unable to attend the first of the two public meetings, I wanted to comment that when the design work is undertaken, it might be better to reduce the strength of the overhead lighting in the area overlooking the flood plane. Of course, security concerns of pedestrians at night should be an important concern but as there will be no underpass under the Blackfriar's Bridge, it may not be necessary to install floodlights beaming into the river and nearby Blackfriar's Park. I have noticed over the last 12 years (while living at 10 Cummings Avenue) that

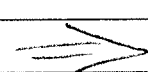
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Name: <i>Steve Walters</i>					
Mailing Address: <i>13 Empress Ave. NEH 1M6</i>					
Interest (i.e. property owner, agency): <i>owner</i>					
<p>1. Do you live within the proposed study area? Yes / No</p>					
<p>2. Along with protection of life and property, what other features of the dyke are important to you? (Please <u>circle</u> on a scale of 1 – 5, with 1 being least important and 5 being most important.)</p>					
Accessibility	1	2	3	4	5
Amenity	1	2	3	4	5
Architecture	1	2	3	4	5
Heritage/History	1	2	3	4	5
Lighting/Security	1	2	3	4	5
Other _____	1	2	3	4	5
<p>3. What is your opinion on the works completed to date? <i>Phase 1 Dyke Replacement (2007), Blackburn Memorial Fountain (2008), Dundas/Queens Pedestrian Underpass (2009), etc.</i></p>					
<p><i>I like what has been done so far. A wide path to accommodate pedestrians & cyclists, new railings, attractive vista from Harris Park.</i></p>					
<p><i>On the negative side, the fountain is useless & unappealing, there is not enough garbage pick-up done along the entire pathway system, and the new lighting is too excessive.</i></p>					
<p>4. Other comments or concerns.</p>					
<p><i>Living directly adjacent to the pathway north of Blackburns Bridge, my main concerns are as follows:</i></p>					
					

the flood plane is the home for a huge diversity of birds and animals. Accordingly, I hope that the final plans to replace the dilapidated concrete consider the lighting when (if ever) the old dyke is replaced.

I would also like to congratulate you and your company on the reconstruction that has been undertaken thus far. The new dyke wall is aesthetically pleasing. The sidewalk beside the river itself is safe and pleasant to stroll upon. The new railings increase safety and are also a visible asset to the City of London.

Congratulations on your good work so far!

Sincerely,

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1. What is the plan for the mature trees, along the section of path at the end of Empress Ave. (they are close to the path)? Will they be replaced in some fashion?
2. IF the lighting is as abundant as the newest section, it will be like trying to sleep in a stadium... and a waste of electricity.
3. How will the removal of old materials be handled?
4. Will there be compensation for those of us who are likely to be directly impacted during the excavation/construction phase?

Please place comments in the box provided or submit comments to the following:

Thank You.

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Name: Wendy Dench

Mailing Address: 21 Blackfriars St.

Interest (i.e. property owner, agency): property owner

1. Do you live within the proposed study area? Yes / No

2. Along with protection of life and property, what other features of the dyke are important to you? (Please circle on a scale of 1 – 5, with 1 being least important and 5 being most important.)

Accessibility	1	2	3	4	<u>5</u>
Amenity	1	2	3	4	5
Architecture	1	2	3	<u>4</u>	5
Heritage/History	1	2	3	4	<u>5</u>
Lighting/Security	1	2	3	<u>4</u>	5
Other _____	1	2	3	4	5

3. What is your opinion on the works completed to date?
Phase 1 Dyke Replacement (2007), Blackburn Memorial Fountain (2008), Dundas/Queens Pedestrian Underpass (2009), etc.

love it! I walk my dog all along the river from Oxford, past Blackfriars to Dundas & back along the other side I have only lived in this area for 2 years & I want to keep my house & my basement safe & dry.

4. Other comments or concerns.

I am sure you will, but please keep a bike path/lane included in plans. Closing of Blackfriars Bridge to vehicles would be fantastic!

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Name: David Heap					
Mailing Address: 85 Forward Ave.					
Interest (i.e. property owner, agency): property owner					
1. Do you live within the proposed study area? Yes/No (5) just outside (across the street)					
2. Along with protection of life and property, what other features of the dyke are important to you? (Please circle on a scale of 1 – 5, with 1 being least important and 5 being most important.)					
Accessibility	1	2	3	4	(5)
Amenity	1	2	3	(4)	5
Architecture	1	2	(3)	4	5
Heritage/History	1	2	3	(4)	5
Lighting/Security	1	2	3	4	(5)
Other _____	1	2	3	4	5
3. What is your opinion on the works completed to date? Phase 1 Dyke Replacement (2007), Blackburn Memorial Fountain (2008), Dundas/Queens Pedestrian Underpass (2009), etc.					
Underpass - outstanding!					
Fountain - no comment.					
Phase 1 replacement - very overall good but attention needs to be paid to the direction of lighting so as not to "flood" residential areas with <u>public</u> (and homes!) with public lighting.					
4. Other comments or concerns.					
the historical info is important - much appreciated.					

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Name: Christine Kelsey
Mailing Address: 6 Saint Patrick St.
Interest (i.e. property owner, agency): Property Owner

1. Do you live within the proposed study area? Yes / No Yes
2. Along with protection of life and property, what other features of the dyke are important to you? (Please circle on a scale of 1 – 5, with 1 being least important and 5 being most important.)

Accessibility <u>to river</u>	1	2	3	4	<u>5</u>
Amenity	1	2	3	4	<u>5</u>
Architecture	1	2	<u>3</u>	4	5
Heritage/History	1	<u>2</u>	3	<u>4</u>	5
Lighting/Security	1	<u>2</u>	3	4	5
Other _____	1	2	3	4	5

3. What is your opinion on the works completed to date?
Phase 1 Dyke Replacement (2007), Blackburn Memorial Fountain (2008), Dundas/Queens Pedestrian Underpass (2009), etc.

Great to have the sidewalk under the bridge - it makes biking along the path much safer!

Lighting is good for an area next to Labbatt Park, but would be too bright for the more residential areas

4. Other comments or concerns.

* Access to the river on the west side at St. Patrick St is very important - Many people scramble down the slope to fish + to sit at the edge, + even to boat down the river.

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Name: <u>JAMES MOLAN</u>					
Mailing Address: <u>56 ARGYLE ST</u>					
Interest (i.e. property owner, agency): <u>PROPERTY OWNER</u>					
1. Do you live within the proposed study area? <u>Yes</u> , No					
2. Along with protection of life and property, what other features of the dyke are important to you? (Please <u>circle</u> on a scale of 1 – 5, with 1 being least important and 5 being most important.)					
Accessibility	<u>(1)</u>	2	3	4	5
Amenity	<u>(1)</u>	2	3	4	5
Architecture	<u>(1)</u>	2	3	4	5
Heritage/History	<u>(1)</u>	2	3	4	5
Lighting/Security	<u>(1)</u>	2	3	4	5
Other <u>MAINTAINABILITY</u>	<u>(1)</u>	2	3	4	5
3. What is your opinion on the works completed to date? Phase 1 Dyke Replacement (2007), Blackburn Memorial Fountain (2008), Dundas/Queens Pedestrian Underpass (2009), etc.					
<u>THE DYKE REPLACEMENT SEEMS TO BE A GOOD AESTHETIC MODEL FOR FUTURE WORK & RAILINGS MUCH BETTER THAN THE EASILY VANDALISED ALUMINUM RAILS NORTH OF BLACKFRIARS. THE PEDESTRIAN UNDERPASS IS GREAT VERY FUNCTIONAL BUT COMFORTABLE TO USE AS WELL. FOUNTAIN LOOK NICE - BUT UPKEEP COSTS...?</u>					
4. Other comments or concerns.					
<u>MY WIFE & I HAVE BEEN VERY CONCERNED WITH THE STATE OF THE RAILINGS & DYKES NORTH OF BLACKFRIARS (W. SIDE). VANDALISM TO RAILS SEEMS ALMOST CONSTANT & IS ^{HAS} BEEN QUITE DANGEROUS AT TIMES.</u>					

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Name: SHIRLEY + JOHN CLEMENT
 Mailing Address: 2 CARROTHERS AVE. LONDON N6H1J5
 Interest (i.e. property owner, agency): PROPERTY OWNER

1. Do you live within the proposed study area? Yes / No
2. Along with protection of life and property, what other features of the dyke are important to you? (Please circle on a scale of 1 - 5, with 1 being least important and 5 being most important.)

*I don't know what you mean by this
a balance between safety concerns & light pollution*

Accessibility	1	<u>2</u>	3	4	5
Amenity	1	2	3	4	5
Architecture	1	2	<u>3</u>	4	5
Heritage/History	1	<u>2</u>	3	4	5
Lighting/Security	1	2	3	4	<u>5</u>
Other <u>TREES + WILDLIFE</u>	1	2	3	4	<u>5</u>

We do support to put these on our list each category

3. What is your opinion on the works completed to date?
 Phase 1 Dyke Replacement (2007), Blackburn Memorial Fountain (2008), Dundas/Queens Pedestrian Underpass (2009), etc.

We like the plantings that have been done & are glad that the cedar hedge around Sakett's Park was preserved. We do not support the increased width of the walkway. We wish that an integrated plan had been developed first that took current scientific info. about climate change into account.

4. Other comments or concerns.

We are very concerned about the trees along the walkway and would hope that any construction will do everything possible to save the existing trees - esp. the huge Cottonwoods and the trees we have planted adjacent to the walkway at the edge of our property. We do not support the walkway being any wider than it currently is; this is no need for the city to be a slave to uniformity everywhere in the city.

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We would hope that thoughtful native species can be planted between the dyke & the river on the wide flood plane area between Cherry & the Blackfriars Bridge. This vegetation now provides a screen that we value highly & we suspect it helps to mitigate the excessive noise from Harris Park during "Rock the Park".

We are also very concerned about the issue of light pollution. At present there is a light standard on the walkway at the back of our garage which produces more light at night than we like. We do understand the need for light @ night for safety - esp. for women walking alone - but there is no need for the lights to be so high. We hope something can be designed that is perhaps shorter, less bright - and with baffles on the back to direct the light onto the path rather than into our private backyards & verandas.

Please place comments in the box provided or submit comments to the following:

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This comment sheet will be included as part of the Municipal Class EA process and handled in accordance with MFIPPA requirements.

Perhaps most importantly we hope that no further construction will proceed until the whole river corridor study is completed. We want a thoughtful integrated plan that takes into account the issue of climate change along the whole river rather than a series of isolated band-aids.

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Name: <u>Ian DELANEY</u>					
Mailing Address: <u>7 CARROTHERS AVE</u>					
Interest (i.e. property owner, agency): <u>PROPERTY OWNER</u>					
1. Do you live within the proposed study area? <u>Yes</u> / No					
2. Along with protection of life and property, what other features of the dyke are important to you? (Please <u>circle</u> on a scale of 1 – 5, with 1 being least important and 5 being most important.)					
Accessibility	1	2	3	4	<u>5</u>
Amenity	1	2	<u>3</u>	4	5
Architecture	1	2	3	4	<u>5</u>
Heritage/History	1	2	3	4	<u>5</u>
Lighting/Security	1	2	3	4	<u>5</u>
Other _____	1	2	3	4	5
3. What is your opinion on the works completed to date? <i>Phase 1 Dyke Replacement (2007), Blackburn Memorial Fountain (2008), Dundas/Queens Pedestrian Underpass (2009), etc.</i>					
<u>DYKE - IS GOOD, IF A BIT UGLY, BUT THE PLANTINGS WHICH WERE GREAT WHEN NEW ARE NOT BEING MAINTAINED.</u>					
<u>FOUNTAIN - VERY NICE. WHY IS THE LARGE ONE TURNED OFF SO OFTEN?</u>					
<u>UNDERPASS - GREAT ADDITION</u>					
4. Other comments or concerns.					

From: Jason Jordan [jason.jordan.id@gmail.com]
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Hello,

Here is my comment sheet for the West London Dyke Master Repair Plan

Name: Jason Jordan
Address: 60 Blackfriars St
Interest: Tenant

1. Do you live within the proposed study area? yes
- 2...

Accessibility:	5
Amenity:	4
Architecture:	5
Heritage / History:	3
Lighting / Security:	5

3. What is your opinion on the works completed to date?

Dyke Replacement

- I do like the Great Wall, and it does add afternoon shade to a part of the river. Might be too much if the whole dyke to be the same style.

- For the lights, I do not like. It can look like a black wall and at

night it is very bright. The light should meet, when can the Dark Sky Association standards. Also, the Victorian style of the lights does not match any of the architecture of West London which is mostly Gothic and

Art & Crafts. I would like to see the same style of new lights, being used in

Harris Park and the Fork of the Thames, to be used. The light put lights downward and dose not bleed upwards to hide the stars. To be using the same

styles lights, and other amenities along the river between Oxford, Wharncliffe

and King, it would unified the parks, into one big loop. Also, only 1/3 or at

least a 1/2 of the lights are needed. In Harris Park the lights are spread

much farther apart and still very much light the path. The problem with the

old lights on the path, many of them are in trees and the branches are blocking the light.

Blackburn Memorial Fountain.

I do like it after it was built, just for a few minor issues.

- The control/electrical boxes at the top the dyke, blocks the view of

the Wharncliffe Bridge when on the trail, coming from Dundas St. And Blocks

the view of the Fountain when walking the other way. If it was place on the

other side of the trail, away for the river, it would hardly me notice.

- The asphalt had many dips, and water to pools open along the edges, in front of the fountain, making it more icy in winter.

- It looks like the nooses needs to be adjusted abit to me the pattern that is wanted.

Underpass.

- I really like the raise and landing patterns for the north side access, and hope that would be added to trails with large hills which there is a land to place it.

- I would like there still be access to the Dyke's Toe. I enjoy running along it, other people like to fish; the only spot you can walk a long distance so close to the river.

4. Other Comments

- I want to have Underpasses under Wharncliffe and Oxford Bridges and under the CP Bridge if possible.

- Where possible, have the dyke natural instead of case by concrete, these places could be Wharncliffe and Natural Back.

- Have the Labatts Parks/Forks dyke style extend to the Natural bank, I believe would be fine.

- If the Multi-use pathway is extend to Gibson Footbridge or/and Springbank Footbridge; the use the dyke pathway would really increase, and the

wants the users the get to and from Downtown would increase too. The Dundas

bridge does not work well for a high use trail connection. I believe a new

footbridge would need to be built south of the Dundas Bridge. (Something like

the old Streetcar Bridge). I vision it, on the dyke side, about 10 metres south of the Bridge, to the Ivey Park side at the 4-way intersection

where can

go either under or on Dundas, or near or away from the river. I feel a support for the bridge should be built when the dyke is replace to save money.