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Dear Mr Davies:

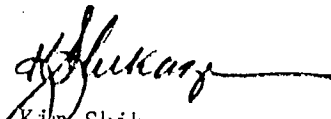
Mr. George Mierzynski of the Ministry of Environment's Central Region has asked that I provide you with information on the Toronto Harbour Commissioners' (THC) involvement in the Federal Environmental Assessment and Review Process (E.A.R.P.).

In 1985 the Toronto Harbour Commissioners asked Environment Canada to provide them with scientific and technical advice so as to assist them in ensuring that the proposal for a marina met with the requirements of the Federal Environmental Assessment and Review Process. Subsequently, the Commissioners were advised by Environment Canada that they should prepare an Initial Environmental Evaluation (a document which evaluates the environmental implications associated with a project). Environment Canada also informed the Commissioners that due to the strong public interest associated with the Spit, that they should pay special attention to public issues and concerns. In response, the Toronto Harbour Commissioners hired a consultant to prepare the Initial Environmental Evaluation and to specifically address the issue of public participation.

In March 1986, the Toronto Harbour Commissioners produced an Initial Environmental Evaluation, which was reviewed by Environment Canada together with other federal and provincial agencies, from a scientific and technical perspective. At the same time that government agencies were reviewing the report, public interest groups were advised of the availability of the document for their examination. The issues and concerns that you have described in your letter, such as crowding, were addressed in the Initial Environmental Evaluation. On the basis of the public consultation that had occurred and Environment Canada's agency review, THC was advised in September 1986 that Environment Canada had no outstanding scientific or technical concerns. The Harbour Commissioners subsequently declared its Initial Environmental Evaluation complete and commenced work on the project.

It is important to note that the Environmental Assessment and Review Process is an Order in Council which is applied to undertakings of the federal government. Crown corporations and other federal agencies (including Harbour Commissions) are invited to participate in the Environmental Assessment Process rather than being directed to do so. The Toronto Harbour Commissioners entered into E.A.R.P. and undertook to prepare an Initial Environmental Evaluation in consultation with Environment Canada on a voluntary basis. I have enclosed for your information a document describing the Environmental Assessment and Review Process. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact this office. Thank you for expressing your concerns about the Toronto Waterfront.

Yours Sincerely


Kim Shikaze
Regional Director