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# Lakeview Waterfront Connection to be named after late councillor Jim Tovey

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Mississauga will honour the late councillor Jim Tovey by naming the future Lakeview Waterfront Connection after him.

The visionary behind Mississauga's sustainable waterfront development, Tovey was the driving force behind the city's plans to reclaim its waterfront. Alongside members of the Lakeview community, Tovey pushed to transform the former Lakeview Generating Station site into a vibrant, mixed-use community.

"He really pushed us to become a greener, more sustainable city," said Mayor Bonnie Crombie.

Tovey passed away on Jan. 15 before his vision for the waterfront could be realized. He was 68-years-old.

"I miss him and I know we all do. He was a friend and a colleague to all of us, and really a visionary," noted Crombie.

After his death, council requested staff bring forward recommendations for future naming opportunities in Lakeview.

A report was presented to council today (April 25) recommending the Lakeview Waterfront Connection as well as the hilltop in Lakeview Promenade Park. The hilltop is where Tovey first envisioned a sustainable waterfront community while walking his dog, Jake.



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**Mississauga councillor Jim Tovey poses for pictures on the pier at the bottom of Hydro Rd with the proposed Lakeview Waterfront Connection/ Lakeview Legacy Project behind him.**

Council approved the naming of the hilltop to "Jake's Walk."

"We do want to give Jim's legacy a sense of place and how appropriate to have singled out Jake's

walk," said Coun. Nando Iannicca.

An advocate of sustainable transportation, Tovey also took part in a number of cycling rides throughout the city.

Coun. Chris Fonseca recommended a cycling ride along the waterfront be recognized as the "Jim Tovey Memorial Ride."

A former Citizen of the Year, Tovey was elected to Mississauga city council and Region of Peel council in 2010. Dedicating much of his time on council to redeveloping the waterfront, Tovey played a key role in successfully implementing a community-driven master plan for the Lakeview lands called Inspiration Lakeview.

The 177-acre site will be transformed into a sustainable, mixed-use residential community that will house 20,000 people and provide 8,000 jobs. The Lakeview Waterfront Connection is an element of the Inspiration Lakeview plan and includes the creation of a new park along the eastern Mississauga shoreline. The purpose of the project is to recreate the area's natural coastal habitats and encourage public access to the space.

As these projects are built out, Crombie said there would be future opportunities to memorialize Tovey.

Naming of the Lakeview Waterfront Connection will be official announced at an event at the Small Arms Building on June 2.