

New Boardwalk Construction started at Marie Curtis Park!

At the 2019 September Tree Fest in Marie Curtis Park, almost 200 of you signed our petition to support concerns with the location and condition of the boardwalk and shrubbery.

There was general agreement on the following:

High water levels had led to sand erosion and reduction of beach size.

The boardwalk was now too close to water edge and constantly requiring repair.

The shrubbery initially installed to reduce geese populations, is now overgrown with weeds.

The summer season demand for an urban "beach" experience has grown dramatically. Marie Curtis is the only supervised swimming beach in Etobicoke and has become a destination for many groups and families.

We were able to get an onsite meeting with our City councilor, Mark Grimes, who brought together Parks and TRCA managers to review the situation.

The great news is that the project has started as of today.

The old and new boardwalk areas have been fenced off for the duration of the construction period. The new boardwalk will be on the other side of the tree line, which will allow for the sandy beach to expand into the space where the old boardwalk was located.

One thing Covid has shown us, is the urgent need for access to outdoor recreational spaces.

Hopefully this project will be completed in time for the summer beach season.

Many thanks to all of you that lent your support!

Steering Committee, Friends of Marie Curtis Park (FOMAC)