

# Fifth Stop – Long Branch Park

## Gazebo

As we know, forms of entertainment have changed over the years.

Before television appeared on the scene, for example, people in Long Branch and elsewhere spent a lot of time talking with neighbours on the street, or at their porches.

Once everybody had a TV, there was less socializing on the streets, according to old-time residents.

In the 1990s, not so long ago, the Gazebo at the current version of Long Branch Park, which was developed as a result of the addition of infill into Lake Ontario, in the years after the Long Branch Hotel burned down, was a popular venue for live music during the warm summer months.

That was another form of socializing that has come and gone.

Bands and entertainers, from Etobicoke and elsewhere, performed year after year at the Gazebo, entertaining sizeable crowds of music lovers.

There has been talk, which is encouraging, that this tradition, of live music at the Gazebo, in the summertime, can be revived, in the years ahead.

When we stand at Long Branch Park, at the shoreline, we can also view on ongoing project, which will be in process for many years to come, in Lakeview along the Mississauga waterfront.

# Lakeview Waterfront Connection

From this new version of Long Branch Park, looking toward the west we can see the Lakeview Waterfront Connection Project in Mississauga, to be renamed the Jim Tovey Waterfront Connection project.

The latter project involves use of landfill to extend the Lakeview waterfront some ways into Lake Ontario, with rebuilding of area wetlands proceeding at the same time. Once completed, the entire Lakeview shoreline will be open to the public.

Extensive information about the project is available online.

## History of the current version of Long Branch Park

We have heard a report, from a usually reliable source, that a proposal had been made, at the time that the infill occurred, to make the resulting land available to a developer, to put up some housing at the site.

However, the municipal authorities, who were involved with planning decisions of this nature at that time, chose instead to make the space into a public park – that is, the park that we now know as Long Branch Park: A

park with an old name, applied to a newly created, small parcel of land on the waterfront.

We have recently been able to get collaboration – through newspaper reports - for this story, which many people have found of interest:

## Update regarding outcrop of land created by infill, where Gazebo now stands

We am pleased to say that a list of articles has been forwarded to us, from the Advertiser newspaper; below is the index of interesting items related to this story:

Feb 27, 1958 Long Branch Moves to Hold Hotel Land - expropriate land - use 9 acres of the land owned by Anthony Chuback for a baseball diamond, picnic area and beach - village placing fill on shoreline

Sept 25, 1958 LB Planners Reject 500 Apartments Plan - former LB Hotel site - town expropriation plan withdrawn

Sept 24, 1959 Will Put Apartments on LB Hotel Grounds - Mrs. Anthony Chubak sold property for \$421,000

Oct 15, 1959 LB Hotel Site Apartment Plan is Rejected -

June 13, 1961 Photo of LB Hotel Property - trees - Apts for Long Branch Hotel Site - Plan \$7 million Development - Must Change Zoning If Project Approved

August 3, 1961 Model of LB Hotel Apartment Development

March 22, 1962 Spring Start for \$7 Million Hotel Project - LB Hotel site

Oct 29, 1964 Waterlot Tower Complex Turned Down By Village - LB Hotel Site - two multi-storey apartments on filled waterlot

Feb 4, 1965 New \$5 Million Plan For Waterlot Site - LB Hotel Site

Feb 11, 1965 500 Suites In 18-Storey Twin Towers Millgate's New Proposal for Waterlots - LB Hotel Site

Feb 18, 1965 Plan of 18 Storey Twin Towers on LB Hotel Site

March 11, 1965 Phone Call Brings Results - Govt Halts Millgate Fill - Halt Order Ignored For Over A month - photo of filling - LB Hotel Site - federal govt stopped filling -

March 18, 1965 Purchased from Crown in 1889 - New Status For Waterlot?  
- Millgate Fill Dumping Legal Says Dept of Lands and Forests -

March 25, 1965 Millgate Ignores Fill Order Fill Obstructing Storm Sewer  
Could Cause Serious Flooding

April 8, 1965 Correct The Errors - Facts Prime Consideration In Planning  
Decision - LB Hotel Site

April 15, 1965 Millgate Has Its Foot in The Door - Photos of fill at LB Hotel  
Site

April 22, 1965 Nearing Dangerous Precedent On Millgate Council Told

April 29, 1965 Approved By Committee of the Whole - Millgate Wins  
Round Two in Apt Battle

May 13, 1965 Planners Approval Millgate Proposal - Twin Towers Would  
Exceed Zoning by 11 Storeys

May 20, 1965 Berry Squelches Green's Move - Halt Millgate Bid Block -  
Council Going Down Blind Alley Ask Wait For Waterlot Ruling

May 27, 1965 Green's Millgate Resolutions Blocked by Reeve Tom Berry

June 10, 1965 May Be Mosquito Breeding Ground - Anser Says of Millgate  
Sewer - Another Notch on Berry's Gun Green Fails To Slow Millgate -  
Parliamentary Secretary Contradicts Legal Chief Gov't's Refuse To Clarify  
Millgate Waterlot Status

July 15, 1965 No Stop Dumping Orders From Ottawa On Lake Fill -  
Millgate development

July 29, 1965 Ottawa Will Approved Project Within 14 Days Boasts  
Millgate

Aug 5, 1965 Delays Millgate Project Indefinitely

Aug 12, 1965 Goldenberg Stopper On Millgate Development

April 7, 1966 Wants Millgate Waterlot Nationalized And What About The  
Lawyers? - Cowan Won't Let Up On Lakefill, And Now He's Getting  
Support

May 5, 1966 Will Fill Despite Notice - Defy Gov't To Save Park - Len Ford  
Park being washed away