

# Seventh Stop – Marinos’ redevelopment at Thirty Third St & Lake Shore Blvd. West

As we arrive back at Lake Shore Blvd. West, we look to the north of Lake Shore Blvd. West, where development is proceeding at the large Marino's auto dealership, which has been at this location for many years.

Marino's is relocating to near the QEW and Kipling Ave. north of The Queensway. If you drive north on Kipling past the QEW, you will see extensive building now underway, at Marino's new location.

As we walk back toward the corner of Long Branch Ave. and Lake Shore Blvd. West, we notice the Starbucks store, a relatively new addition to the neighbourhood, and an indication of the changes that are underway, along the northern limits of what used to be the original Long Branch Park.

## Evolution of Long Branch Park

I would like to close off with a few additional words, regarding the evolution of Long Branch Park.

An excellent resource, regarding the history of Long Branch Park, is a 1992 Metropolitan Toronto report, by Wayne Reeves, available at the Toronto Public Library, entitled: "Regional Heritage Features on the Metropolitan Toronto Waterfront," by Wayne Reeves.

The report notes (p. 20) that:

"Permanent residential development in Long Branch began about 1910, though cottaging persisted until the 1930s.

“Some of the stock [that is, housing stock] was winterized and remains today, but many of the old homes have been demolished.

“As a year-round community evolved, areas flanking the Park [that is, Long Branch Park] were opened up for housing.”