

Second, we must continue to ensure that Congress is fully apprised of the Canadian position. Full and accurate information will be crucial to congressional action on any eventual agreement we conclude with the administration. Members of Congress should have the benefit of our knowledge, research and experience. They should know where we stand and how important their efforts are on our air and rain.

Third, federal and provincial Governments and private individuals alike must work with interested Americans in an effort to broaden the understanding in the U.S. that acid rain is a serious international problem which must be addressed now. We know what we are demanding is not easy. We are conscious that it is not cheap. Delay will, however, not make it any less expensive for either of us. Indeed, in the end it will add to the expense.

We are asking the Americans to do no more than we are doing ourselves. When they act we will both be beneficiaries.

HARBOURFRONT—TORONTO PROJECT—FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Alan Redway (York East): Mr. Speaker, a week ago yesterday afternoon I was fortunate enough to attend the official opening of the Harbourside Co-op at Harbourfront in Toronto. From your earlier remarks I know you are a baseball fan and you will be interested to know that that co-op is built on the former site of Maple Leaf Stadium in Toronto. That stadium was demolished a number of years ago and is now part of the Harbourfront site.

I know you are well acquainted with the Harbourfront site because we have chatted about it previously. You will remember, of course, that it amounts to 100 acres on the waterfront. It is owned and operated by the federal Government through a board of directors appointed by us. They have been and are doing an outstanding job. You know as well that they turned the site, which in addition to the baseball stadium included old warehouses and other structures, into some marvellous housing, office and retail sales projects. Some 4,000 different activities are carried on there every year.

I am sure that you saw a recent advertisement in a number of newspapers placed by the Harbourfront board of directors indicating that they just won a very outstanding award. That award was made by the Waterfront Centre of Washington D.C. and is called the Honour Award for Excellence on the Waterfront. The federal Government's Harbourfront in Toronto was selected from over 100 waterfront developments across North America as the best. You can see what an outstanding job they have done.

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At the same time there are problems with the Harbourfront. Many people are concerned about what the future holds. They are concerned that there has been overdevelopment of the site. They believe that the waterfront is being closed off to view. Some people say that a ceramic wall is being built between the

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water and the people of Metropolitan Toronto by all the overdevelopment on the site.

As a result of this concern the City of Toronto placed a development freeze on the site at Harbourfront as did the federal Government through the Minister of Public Works, the Secretary of State and the President of the Treasury Board. They decided that they would step back from it and take a close look at the situation. When that freeze was put on, six buildings were under development or in the pipeline at the time. They are, therefore, called the pipeline properties. All six of the pipeline properties were frozen as well when that freeze was put on by the City of Toronto and the federal Government.

I had the opportunity to be at the opening of the Harbourside Co-op. That is a marvellous co-op which provides affordable housing for low and modest income people. We need a lot more of that in Metro Toronto and right across the country. At that time I spoke to many families and found that their main concern was what would happen with future development at Harbourfront and, in particular, the six pipeline properties. I found that the people either wanted the pipeline properties to be eliminated altogether, shifted to another site, or downsized. They were talking especially about the three properties which are right on the waterfront.

Interestingly enough, just prior to the official opening of the Harbourside Co-op the federal Government released a new report on the site which was done by an American town planner by the name of Garry Hack. Mr. Hack is a well-known waterfront planner who has planned over 12 different waterfronts in North America. He is a man of some reputation.

The things he recommended after studying the Harbourfront are very interesting. He recommended a slight reduction in the amount of housing planned, a slight reduction in the amount of office space, and a substantial reduction in the amount of commercial space. He recommended that nothing be built over 25 metres in height. He also recommended that Harbourfront maintain the same amount of open space as exists at the present time.

With regard to the pipeline properties he recommended that three of them go ahead; the Co-op on Bathurst Quay and the two rampart condominiums on Spadina Quay. He said that the two Konvey condominiums on Bathurst Quay should be redesigned altogether and that the Huang & Danczky building on Maple Leaf Quay should be eliminated altogether.

That is very interesting because it runs exactly contrary to what the City of Toronto council has now recommended. Not too long ago the City of Toronto council decided that all six pipeline buildings should be allowed to proceed as long as the federal Government agreed to transfer 6.5 acres of parkland to the city and to reduce future density of development on the site.