Plans for Fort York bridge gue 19,2015 project hitting home stretch



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What's hot

The community praised the simple and elegant design and liked the idea of lookout points

What's not

"Awkward" flow of traffic on paths. A mesh screen over the rail tracks could attract love locks, they said.

Pedestrians and cyclists will

soon be able to zip over the

west-end rail corridor be-

tween Stanley Park and Gar-

rison Common that closes a

missing link in the city's trail

A highly anticipated plan to

build a grand, sweeping bridge

between the two green spaces

is entering its final stages, and

the public is providing feed-

back on three possible designs.

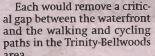
network.

What's hot

The weathered design reflects the area's history and provides a community space between the two spans.

What's not

The structure looks "heavy" and offers an "intrusive"

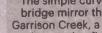


The Fort York Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge project was supposed to have been completed by July 2012, but the idea was shelved in 2011 after councillors under then Mayor Rob Ford balked at the cost.

The idea was revived a few

months later when the cost was reduced from \$26 million and capped at \$19.7 million.

The S-shaped bridge will link a southern extension of Stanley Park to a new green space tucked between the two branches of the rail corridor, in an area known as the Ordnance Triangle. A second span will allow pedestrians and cyclists to hop over the tracks into Garrison Common



The simple curves of the bridge mirror the flow of Garrison Creek, a buried river that used to flow nearby.

What's hot

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What's not

The community disliked the use of glass and worried the design was too ordinary.

*All feedback came from a community consultation meeting this month.

Landmark Bridge Builders

at Fort York.

From there, users will be able to connect with the waterfront Martin Goodman Trail and routes that head downtown.

"It's going to create a connection to a lot of links that will really and dramatically improve cycling access," says Don Logie, senior vicepresident of development with Build Toronto, the city-

owned development corporation tasked with delivering the project.

A contract will be awarded to the winning entry later this year, with construction slated to start in the fall or next spring.

The bridge is expected to be open by spring 2017.





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