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A-1 Master Contact List

Elected Officials

Interest	Organization	First Name	Last Name	Role
Federal	Government of Canada	Arif	Virani	MP, Parkdale High Park
Provincial	Province of Ontario	Bhutila	Karpoche	MPP, Parkdale-High Park (Community Office)
Provincial	Province of Ontario	Chris	Glover	MPP, Spadina-Fort York
Municipal	City of Toronto	Abra	Rissi	Chief of Staff, Office of Councillor Ausma Malik
Municipal	City of Toronto	Alejandra	Bravo	City Councillor
Municipal	City of Toronto	Amber	Morley	City Councillor
Municipal	City of Toronto	Anthony	Perruzza	City Councillor
Municipal	City of Toronto	Ausma	Malik	City Councillor
Municipal	City of Toronto	Brad	Bradford	City Councillor
Municipal	City of Toronto	Chris	Moise	City Councillor
Municipal	City of Toronto	Dianne	Saxe	City Councillor
Municipal	City of Toronto	Frances	Nunziata	City Councillor
Municipal	City of Toronto	Gary	Crawford	City Councillor
Municipal	City of Toronto	Gord	Perks	City Councillor
Municipal	City of Toronto	Jamaal	Myers	City Councillor
Municipal	City of Toronto	James	Pasternak	City Councillor
Municipal	City of Toronto	Jaye	Robinson	City Councillor
Municipal	City of Toronto	Jennifer	McKelvie	City Councillor / Deputy Mayor
Municipal	City of Toronto	Jon	Burnside	City Councillor
Municipal	City of Toronto	Josh	Matlow	City Councillor
Municipal	City of Toronto	Lily	Cheng	City Councillor
Municipal	City of Toronto	Michael	Thompson	City Councillor
Municipal	City of Toronto	Mike	Colle	City Councillor
Municipal	City of Toronto	Nick	Mantas	City Councillor
Municipal	City of Toronto	Paul	Ainslie	City Councillor

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Municipal	City of Toronto	Paula	Fletcher	City Councillor
Municipal	City of Toronto	Shelley	Carroll	City Councillor
Municipal	City of Toronto	Stephen	Holyday	City Councillor
Municipal	City of Toronto	Vincent	Crisanti	City Councillor

Government and Government Agencies

Interest	Organization	First Name	Last Name	Role
Federal, Government of Canada	Transport Canada	Courtney	Bice	Officer - Navigation Protection Program
Provincial, Government of Canada	Transport Canada	David	Zeit	Officer
Provincial, Government of Canada	Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism	Deborah	Hossak	Heritage Advisor
Provincial, Government of Canada	Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism	James	Hamilton	Manager
Provincial, Government of Canada	Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism	Karla	Barboza	Team Lead
Provincial, Government of Canada	Ministry of Energy	Marta	Polonski	Branch Administrative Coordinator (Bilingual), Fuels Policy and Liaison Branch
Provincial, Government of Canada	Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks	Andrew	Evers	Manager, Environmental Assessments Branch
Provincial, Government of Canada	Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks	Chunmei	Liu	Environmental Planner
Provincial, Government of Canada	Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks	Mohammad	Sajjad Khan	Senior Wastewater Engineer (Acting), Industrial Wastewater Approvals
Provincial, Government of Canada	Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks	N/A	N/A	EA Notices to C Region (MECP)
Provincial, Government of Canada	Ministry of Mines	Marg	Rutka	Geoscience Editor, Publication Services Unit

Interest	Organization	First Name	Last Name	Role
Provincial, Government of Canada	Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing	Domenico	Leone	Senior Policy Advisor, Urban Affairs Section
Provincial, Government of Canada	Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry	Kristen	Wagner	District Planner
Provincial, Government of Canada	Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery	Andrea	Tieman	Assistant Examiner of Surveys, Survey Services
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Provincial, Government of Canada	Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery	Heather	Pigat	Curator (A)
Provincial, Government of Canada	Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery	Mark	Epp	Senior Manager, Government of Ontario Archives
Provincial, Government of Canada	Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery	Melissa	Gordon	Senior Policy Lead, Realty Policy Branch
Provincial, Government of Canada	Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery	Sidra	Rizvi	Senior Policy Advisor, Realty Policy Branch
Provincial, Government of Canada	Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport	Alison	Smith	Team Lead, Communications Planner, Strategic Communications Planning and Events
Provincial, Government of Canada	Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport	Christy	Arnold	Senior Issues & Media Advisor, Issues, Media Relations and Editorial Services
Provincial, Government of Canada	Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport	Denelle	Balfour	Media Relations Officer, Issues, Media Relations and Editorial Services
Provincial, Government of Canada	Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport	Kerry	Delaney	Senior Strategic Communications Advisor, Strategic Communications Planning and Events
Provincial, Government of Canada	Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport	Laura	Ross	Regional Development Advisor - Bracebridge (RTO 12)

Interest	Organization	First Name	Last Name	Role
Provincial, Government of Canada	Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport	Leslie	Charlton	Manager, Community Programs Unit
Provincial, Government of Canada	Ministry of Transportation	Regan	Senthamilselvan	Senior Contract Innovations Analyst, Capital Planning & Program Development (Central)
Provincial, Government of Canada	Ontario Place Redevelopment Secretariat, Ministry of Infrastructure	Gina	Frabotta	Consultant
Provincial, Government of Canada	Ontario Place Redevelopment Secretariat, Ministry of Infrastructure	Kirti	Gandhi	Senior Policy Advisor
Provincial, Government of Quebec	Secrétariat du Québec aux relations canadiennes, Bureau du Québec à Toronto	Jouhara	Laroussi	Commercial Attaché
Municipal Government	City of Mississauga	Stefan	Szczepanski	Manager, Park Development
Municipal Government	City of Toronto	Alexandra	Vamos	Policy Development Officer
Municipal Government	City of Toronto	Anne	Fisher	Program Manager, Heritage Planning
Municipal Government	City of Toronto	Candice	Valente	Economic Development Officer
Municipal Government	City of Toronto	Colin	Wolfe	Senior Planner
Municipal Government	City of Toronto	David	O'Hara	Manager, Fort York National Historic Site
Municipal Government	City of Toronto	Jane	Welsh	A/Project Manager Environmental Planning
Municipal Government	City of Toronto	Kim	Statham	Acting Director, Urban Forestry
Municipal Government	City of Toronto	Laurel	Christie	Senior Project Coordinator, Landscape Architect
Municipal Government	City of Toronto	Lori	Ellis	Landscape Architect
Municipal Government	City of Toronto	Lynda	Macdonald	Director, Community Planning – Toronto & East York District

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Municipal Government	City of Toronto	Nasim	Adab	Senior Urban Designer
Municipal Government	City of Toronto	Ray	Kallio	Solicitor, Planning & Administrative Tribunal
Municipal Government	City of Toronto Waterfront Secretariat	Bryan	Bowen	Project Manager
Municipal Government	City of Toronto Waterfront Secretariat	David	Stonehouse	Director
Municipal Government	City of Toronto Waterfront Secretariat	Meg	St John	Project Manager
Municipal Government	City of Toronto Waterfront Secretariat	Meg	St John	Project Manager
Municipal Government	York Region	Tricia	Wretham	Program Manager, Departmental Communications
Provincial Agency	Infrastructure Ontario	Alan	Findlay	VP Communications
Provincial Agency	Infrastructure Ontario	Amita	Patkar	Vice President, Commercial Projects
Provincial Agency	Infrastructure Ontario	Bianca	Lankheit	Senior Advisor, Communications
Provincial Agency	Infrastructure Ontario	Eric	Pitre	Senior Advisor, Development
Provincial Agency	Infrastructure Ontario	Geoff	Woods	Senior Project Manager
Provincial Agency	Infrastructure Ontario	John	Taglieri	Director, Landmark Project
Provincial Agency	Infrastructure Ontario	Jordan	Erasmus	Director, Development (Landmark Projects)
Provincial Agency	Infrastructure Ontario	Joyce	Ho	Director, Landmark Project
Provincial Agency	Infrastructure Ontario	Miranda	Brunton	Heritage Specialist
Provincial Agency	Infrastructure Ontario	Ross	Burnett	Vice President, Development
Provincial Agency	Infrastructure Ontario	Sabrina	Samin	Senior Advisor, Landmark Projects
Provincial Agency	Infrastructure Ontario	Sherri	Hamilton-Houston	Senior Manager, Communications

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Provincial Agency	Infrastructure Ontario	Zeeshan	Maqsood	Senior Advisor - Commercial Advisory & Strategy
Provincial Agency	Ontario Creates	Karen	Thorne-Stone	CEO
Provincial Agency	Ontario Place Corporation	Alok	Sharma	Senior Manager, Product and Experience Development
Provincial Agency	Ontario Place Corporation	Eriks	Eglite	Director, Special Projects
Provincial Agency	Ontario Place Corporation	Janet	Gates	General Manager & CEO
Provincial Agency	Ontario Place Corporation	Jenny	Farrand	Marina Manager
Provincial Agency	Ontario Place Corporation	Tim	Hennigar	Project Manager, Production Services
Conservation Authority	Toronto and Region Conservation Authority	Johanna	Kyte	Planner, Government Relations
Conservation Authority	Toronto and Region Conservation Authority	Ralph	Toninger	Restoration and Resource Management
Conservation Authority	Toronto Region Conservation Authority	Sharon	Lingertat	Senior Manager, Infrastructure Planning and Permits
Conservation Authority	Toronto Region Conservation Authority	Steve	Heuchert	Associate Director, Development Planning and Permits
Conservation Authority	Toronto Transit Commission	Aaron	Shantz	Transit Planner
Municipal Agency	Exhibition Place	Gilles	Bouchard	Director of Event Management Services
Municipal Agency	Exhibition Place	Mark	Goss	General Manager, Operations
Municipal Agency	Exhibition Place	N/A	N/A	General Contact
Municipal Agency	Exhibition Place	Sarah	Fink	Corporate Secretary
Municipal Agency	Heritage Toronto	Allison	Bain	Executive Director
Municipal Agency	Heritage Toronto	Laura	Carlson	Mgr. Public Programs
Municipal Agency	Heritage Toronto	Lucy	Di Pietro	Manager, Marketing and Communications
Municipal Agency	Heritage Toronto	N/A	N/A	General Contact

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Municipal Agency	PortsToronto	Bojan	Drakul	Director - Infrastructure, Planning and Environment
Municipal Agency	PortsToronto	Geoffrey A.	Wilson	CEO
Municipal Agency	PortsToronto	Michael	Riehl	Manager of Harbour Operations
Municipal Agency	Toronto Hydro	Mohamed	Ahmed	Engineer
Municipal Agency	Toronto Public Library - Communications, Programming and Customer Engagement	Ana-Maria	Critchley	Manager, Communications & Stakeholder Relations
Municipal Agency	Toronto Public Library - Innovation, Learning & Service Planning	Nan	Davies	Manager, Learning & Community Engagement
Municipal Agency	Toronto Public Library (Bloor/Gladstone District)	Eva	Lew	Library Service Manager
Municipal Agency	Waterfront Toronto	Christopher	Glaisek	Chief Planning and Design Officer
Municipal Agency	Waterfront Toronto	Leon	Lai	Manager, Design Review Panel
Municipal Agency	Waterfront Toronto	N/A	N/A	General Contact
Municipal Agency	Waterfront Toronto	Pina	Mallozzi	Vice President, Design
Municipal Agency	Waterfront Toronto	Stephen	Diamond	Chair

Indigenous Communities and Organizations

Interest	Community/ Organization
First Nation Community	Alderville First Nation
First Nation Community	Curve Lake First Nation
First Nation Community	Haudenosaunee Confederacy Chiefs Council / Haudenosaunee Development Institute
First Nation Community	Hiawatha First Nation
First Nation Community	Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation
First Nation Community	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation

Interest	Community/ Organization
First Nation Community	Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation
First Nation Community	Six Nations of the Grand River
Indigenous Organization	Aboriginal Legal Services
Indigenous Organization	Anishnawbe Health Toronto (AHT)
Indigenous Organization	Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business
Indigenous Organization	Huron Wendat Nation / Nation Huronne-Wendat
Indigenous Organization	imagineNATIVE
Indigenous Organization	Indigenous Arts Centre
Indigenous Organization	Indigenous Centre for Innovation & Entrepreneurship (ICIE)
Indigenous Organization	Indigenous Curatorial Collective / Collectif des commissaires autochtones
Indigenous Organization	Indigenous Performing Arts Alliance
Indigenous Organization	Indigenous Sport and Wellness Ontario
Indigenous Organization	Indigenous Tourism Ontario (ITO)
Indigenous Organization	Métis Nation of Ontario
Indigenous Organization	Miziwe Biik Aboriginal Employment and Training
Indigenous Organization	Native Canadian Centre of Toronto
Indigenous Organization	Native Women's Resource Centre of Toronto
Indigenous Organization	Native Youth Resource Centre
Indigenous Organization	Ojibiikaan Indigenous Cultural Network
Indigenous Organization	Ontario Federation of Indigenous Friendship Centres (OFIFC)
Indigenous Organization	Toronto & York Region Métis Council
Indigenous Organization	Toronto Aboriginal Support Services Council (TASSC)
Indigenous Organization	Toronto Council Fire Native Cultural Centre (Council Fire)
Indigenous Organization	Toronto Inuit Association
Indigenous Organization	Toronto Urban Native Ministry
Indigenous Organization	Tungasuvvingat Inuit

Stakeholders and Other Interest Groups

Interest	Organization
Academia	Ontario College of Art & Design University (OCADU)
Academia	Toronto Metropolitan University School of Interior Design
Academia	Université de l'Ontario français
Academia	University Canada West
Academia	University of Toronto
Academia	University of Toronto Mississauga
Academia	University of Waterloo
Academia	University of Windsor
Academia	York University
Academia	Harvard University Graduate School of Design
Academia	OCADU Inclusive Design Research Centre
Academia	Toronto Metropolitan University School of Urban & Regional Planning
Academia	University of Toronto School of Geography & Planning
Academia	York University Faculty of Pure and Applied Science, Department of Earth & Space Science & Engineering
Education	Alexander Muir Gladstone School
Education	City View Alternative School
Education	Dr. Rita Cox – Kina Minogok Public School
Education	Niagara Street Junior Public School
Education	Parkdale Junior and Senior Public School
Education	Shirley Elementary School
Education	The Grove Community School
Education	The Waterfront School
Arts & Culture	Akin Collective
Arts & Culture	Art Reach Toronto
Arts & Culture	Art Spin
Arts & Culture	Artscape
Arts & Culture	ArtWorksTO Tours (by ArtWorxTO and Driftscape)
Arts & Culture	Beyond Van Gogh

Interest	Organization
Arts & Culture	Bulger Gallery
Arts & Culture	Calleja Design Studio
Arts & Culture	Canadian Live Music Association
Arts & Culture	CARFAC Ontario
Arts & Culture	Centre for Social Innovation (CSI)
Arts & Culture	Cirque Du Soleil
Arts & Culture	FilmOntario
Arts & Culture	Fort York National Historic Site
Arts & Culture	Hot Docs
Arts & Culture	John H. Daniels Faculty of Architecture, Landscape, and Design
Arts & Culture	Luminato Festival Toronto
Arts & Culture	Mercer Union
Arts & Culture	MOCA Museum of Contemporary Art
Arts & Culture	Museum of Toronto
Arts & Culture	National Association of Japanese Canadians - Toronto Chapter
Arts & Culture	Oddside Arts (formerly Black Speculative Arts Movement)
Arts & Culture	Pendulum Entertainment
Arts & Culture	Story Planet
Arts & Culture	The Bentway
Arts & Culture	The Brain Project (art exhibit supported by Baycrest Foundation)
Arts & Culture	The Powerplant Gallery
Arts & Culture	The Queen Elizabeth Theatre
Arts & Culture	TOLive
Arts & Culture	Toronto Biennial
Arts & Culture	Toronto International Film Festival
Arts & Culture	Toronto Society of Architects
Arts & Culture	VIBE Arts for Children and Youth
Community/ Neighbourhood	Active 18
Community/ Neighbourhood	African Community Health Services
Community/ Neighbourhood	Bathurst Quay Neighbourhood Association (BQNA)

Interest	Organization
Community/ Neighbourhood	City Place Fort York BIA
Community/ Neighbourhood	Creating Together (family resource centre)
Community/ Neighbourhood	Dixon Hall Neighbourhood Services
Community/ Neighbourhood	East Waterfront Community Association
Community/ Neighbourhood	Federation of South Toronto Residents' Associations
Community/ Neighbourhood	Fort York Neighbourhood Association
Community/ Neighbourhood	Greater Toronto YMCA: Alexander Muir Gladstone YMCA / The Wagner Green (Formerly Vanauley Street) YMCA / West End YMCA / Toronto Dewson YMCA Centre
Community/ Neighbourhood	HousingNowTO
Community/ Neighbourhood	Humber Bay for All
Community/ Neighbourhood	Kehilia Residential Program
Community/ Neighbourhood	Liberty Village Residents' Association
Community/ Neighbourhood	Mainstay Housing
Community/ Neighbourhood	Ossington Community Association
Community/ Neighbourhood	Parkdale Activity Recreation Centre
Community/ Neighbourhood	Parkdale Neighbourhood Land Trust
Community/ Neighbourhood	Parkdale People's Economy
Community/ Neighbourhood	Parkdale Residents' Association
Community/ Neighbourhood	Parkdale Walking Group
Community/ Neighbourhood	ProgressTO
Community/ Neighbourhood	Social Planning Toronto
Community/ Neighbourhood	Sunnyside Community Association
Community/ Neighbourhood	The Wagner Green (Formerly Vanauley Street) YMCA
Community/ Neighbourhood	Toronto Community Benefits Network
Community/ Neighbourhood	Toronto Dewson YMCA Centre
Community/ Neighbourhood	Toronto Neighbourhood Centres
Community/ Neighbourhood	Trinity Bellwoods Community Association
Community/ Neighbourhood	West End Beaches Stakeholders Association
Community/ Neighbourhood	West Side Community Council
Community/ Neighbourhood	WoodGreen Rites of Passage

Interest	Organization
Community/ Neighbourhood	York Quay Neighbourhood Association
Environmental	Environmental Defence
Environmental	Friends of the Spit
Environmental	Great Lakes Institute for Environmental Research (UWindsor)
Environmental	Greenpeace Canada
Environmental	Lake Ontario Waterkeeper
Environmental	Ontario Nature
Environmental	Park People
Environmental	Sierra Club Canada Foundation (Ontario Chapter)
Environmental	Swim Drink Fish
Environmental	The Ravina Project
Environmental	Toronto Environmental Alliance
Environmental	Toronto Field Naturalists
Environmental	Toronto Ornithological Club
Environmental	Trillium Park Plant Identifier Project
Environmental	Waterfront Regeneration Trust
Heritage, Urbanists & Architects	Architectural Conservancy of Ontario
Heritage, Urbanists & Architects	Canadian Society of Landscape Architects
Heritage, Urbanists & Architects	CP Planning
Heritage, Urbanists & Architects	Cumulus Architects Inc.
Heritage, Urbanists & Architects	David T Fortin Architect
Heritage, Urbanists & Architects	Dept. of Words and Deeds
Heritage, Urbanists & Architects	Dillon Consulting
Heritage, Urbanists & Architects	DTAH
Heritage, Urbanists & Architects	fathom studio
Heritage, Urbanists & Architects	Future of Ontario Place
Heritage, Urbanists & Architects	Giannone Petricone Associates
Heritage, Urbanists & Architects	Greenberg Consultants
Heritage, Urbanists & Architects	Jane's Walk
Heritage, Urbanists & Architects	LEVEL Advisory

Interest	Organization
Heritage, Urbanists & Architects	MAKESHIFT
Heritage, Urbanists & Architects	Martindale Planning Services
Heritage, Urbanists & Architects	McMillan Associates Architects Inc.
Heritage, Urbanists & Architects	Mentorship Initiative for Indigenous & Planners of Colour (MIIPOC)
Heritage, Urbanists & Architects	NAK Design Strategies
Heritage, Urbanists & Architects	O2 Planning & Design
Heritage, Urbanists & Architects	Ontario Association of Landscape Architects
Heritage, Urbanists & Architects	Ontario Place for All
Heritage, Urbanists & Architects	Ontario Professional Planners Institute
Heritage, Urbanists & Architects	PLANT Architect
Heritage, Urbanists & Architects	Seferian Design Group
Heritage, Urbanists & Architects	The Keesmaat Group
Heritage, Urbanists & Architects	The Planning Partnership
Heritage, Urbanists & Architects	Urban Land Institute Toronto
Heritage, Urbanists & Architects	Urban Space Property Group
Heritage, Urbanists & Architects	Urban Strategies Inc.
Heritage, Urbanists & Architects	Waterfront for All
Heritage, Urbanists & Architects	West Don Lands Committee
Heritage, Urbanists & Architects	Whitman Emorson
Heritage, Urbanists & Architects	Williamson Williamson Inc.
Heritage, Urbanists & Architects	World Monuments Fund
Heritage, Urbanists & Architects	ZAS Architects + Interiors
Heritage, Urbanists & Architects	Zeidler Architecture
Media	3Bird Media
Media	CJRU 1280 AM
Media	Global News
Media	Hardlines Newsletter
Media	NRU Publishing
Media	Spacing Magazine
Media	The Globe and Mail

Interest	Organization
Political Organization	Green Party of Canada
Sports & Recreation	Argonaut Rowing Club
Sports & Recreation	Canadian Film Fest
Sports & Recreation	Drive Thru Fun Co
Sports & Recreation	GWN Dragon Boat
Sports & Recreation	Italian Contemporary Film Festival
Sports & Recreation	Ontario Place Summer Live Music Festival
Sports & Recreation	Parks and Recreation Ontario
Sports & Recreation	Royal Canadian Yacht Club
Sports & Recreation	SING!
Sports & Recreation	Sunnyside Paddling Club
Sports & Recreation	SwimOP
Sports & Recreation	Toronto Sailing & Canoe Club
Sports & Recreation	Toronto Undergrad Jazz Fest
Sports & Recreation	Trailhead Place
Sports & Recreation	WoW Power Walking
Private Sector	Act IV Productions
Private Sector	Atlas-Apex Roofing Inc.
Private Sector	BeneFACT Consulting Group
Private Sector	Bennett Jones Toronto
Private Sector	Bessant Pelech Associates Inc.
Private Sector	Bird Construction
Private Sector	City Place Fort York BIA
Private Sector	CJ Graphics
Private Sector	Crossey Engineering Ltd.
Private Sector	David Mouritsen
Private Sector	Desjardins General Insurance Group
Private Sector	Doblin
Private Sector	Efficiency Canada
Private Sector	EllisDon Industrial

Interest	Organization
Private Sector	EnVision Consultants Ltd.
Private Sector	Exhibition Place
Private Sector	Garland Canada
Private Sector	Incite Design
Private Sector	IRonside Investor Relations
Private Sector	Jackman Reinvents
Private Sector	Kate Zeidler Design
Private Sector	Kilmer Group
Private Sector	Liberty Entertainment Group
Private Sector	Liberty Village BIA
Private Sector	Live Nation Canada
Private Sector	LURA Consulting
Private Sector	Maglin Site Furniture
Private Sector	Mantecon Partners
Private Sector	Mark G. Anderson Consultants
Private Sector	Marketing Spark
Private Sector	Medieval Times
Private Sector	Menard Canada
Private Sector	Mulvey & Banani
Private Sector	National Marine Manufacturers Association Canada
Private Sector	Nav Canada
Private Sector	Ontario Chamber of Commerce
Private Sector	Origin Studios
Private Sector	Parkdale Village BIA
Private Sector	PCL Construction
Private Sector	PME Inc.
Private Sector	Pomerleau
Private Sector	Premier Landscaping Inc.
Private Sector	Queen West BIA
Private Sector	Savira Cultural and Capital Projects

Interest	Organization
Private Sector	SLR Consulting
Private Sector	Sound & Motion Productions
Private Sector	Spanier Group
Private Sector	Spark&Spur
Private Sector	Terrafix Geosynthetics Inc.
Private Sector	The HIDI Group
Private Sector	The Rowland Group
Private Sector	The Visual Department
Private Sector	Ticketmaster
Private Sector	Toronto Association of Business Improvement Areas
Private Sector	Toronto Fashion Incubator
Private Sector	Toronto Region Board of Trade
Private Sector	urbanMetrics inc
Private Sector	Van Valkenburg Communications
Private Sector	Vista Eatery
Private Sector	WSP Canada
Private Sector	Wt Partership
Private Sector	youRhere
Tourism & Hospitality	Attractions Ontario
Tourism & Hospitality	Campbell House Museum
Tourism & Hospitality	Canadian Language Museum
Tourism & Hospitality	Canadian National Exhibition Association
Tourism & Hospitality	Destination Toronto / Tourism Toronto
Tourism & Hospitality	Go Tours Canada
Tourism & Hospitality	Greater Toronto Hotel Association
Tourism & Hospitality	Harbourfront Centre
Tourism & Hospitality	Hotel X Toronto
Tourism & Hospitality	Niagara Bound Tours
Tourism & Hospitality	Ontario Restaurant Hotel and Motel Association
Tourism & Hospitality	The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair

Interest	Organization
Tourism & Hospitality	Toronto Caribbean Carnival
Tourism & Hospitality	Tourism Economic Recovery Task Force
Tourism & Hospitality	Tourism Industry Association of Canada
Tourism & Hospitality	Tourism Toronto / Destination Toronto

A-2 Notice of Commencement

Notice of Commencement and Consultation Event

Public Work Class Environmental Assessment

Ontario Place Redevelopment Project

955 Lakeshore Blvd. West, Toronto

About the Project

Over the next several years, Ontario Place will once again become a centerpiece of the province's recreation, tourism, and culture sectors. A redeveloped Ontario Place will provide an accessible and inclusive experience for all Ontarians that reflects the diversity of the province and celebrates the legacy of its waterfront location.

The redevelopment of Ontario Place will result in a mix of uses, including accessible programming and activities that will appeal to visitors of all ages. These experiences will be available across the site, united by a new public realm design and site improvements.

The government of Ontario's vision includes the integration of both public sector investment (government-led) and private-sector development (tenant-led) that will result in a renewed and modernized site. For more information about the Government of Ontario's vision and the development partners, please visit Ontario.ca/Ontarioplace.

Undertaking

The government of Ontario will be undertaking the following activities:

- 1) Site preparations
- 2) Site development

Site preparations will be occurring across the entirety of Ontario Place with the exception of Trillium Park and trail. Development work led by the private sector will occur on tenanted lands while the government-led development activities are limited to areas outside of those tenanted boundaries.

The key types of activities included in the government-led scope of work include:

- Planning approvals and realty activities
- Building decommissioning and removal
- Grading and landscaping
- Development of parks, trails and open spaces
- Shoreline repairs and flood mitigation
- Site access and parking
- Incorporation of science-based learning programs
- Construction of new buildings and supporting site infrastructure.



Class Environmental Assessment

The *Environmental Assessment Act* (EA Act) applies to the government-led activities on site. These will be assessed using the Ministry of Infrastructure Public Work Class Environmental Assessment (PW Class EA) as a Category C undertaking. Private sector led developments are not subject to the *EA Act*, but are subject to *Planning Act* requirements.

A Class Environmental Assessment (EA) is a study that examines the potential environmental effects (positive and negative) of a proposed project and identifies ways to manage negative environmental effects before project implementation. A key component of the Class EA process includes consultation, which provides opportunities for members of the public to contribute to and influence decisions relating to the project.

Notice of Commencement and Consultation Event

Public Work Class Environmental Assessment

The Class EA is expected to take two years and consultation events will be held at key points in the process to provide opportunities for Indigenous communities, stakeholders and the public to review information and discuss the project with project representatives.

Public Consultation Opportunities

A dedicated project website (EngageOntarioPlace.ca) has been launched to provide regular updates and information on consultation opportunities that will be offered over the course of the project.

The first opportunity for public input is through a virtual public engagement room, which will be launched on EngageOntarioPlace.ca in early April 2022. This virtual room will provide the public with access to information about the project, the EA process and the existing conditions on site. Opportunities for comment and feedback will be provided.

Additionally, a live, online public realm visioning workshop is planned for April 12, 2022 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., during which the design team will facilitate a discussion around public realm design at Ontario Place. You can go to EngageOntarioPlace.ca to register.

For Further Information

If you have any questions or comments regarding this Class EA, are seeking further information, or would like to be added to the project contact list, please notify the following project contact:

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Junior Environmental Planner
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Notice of Collection:

The personal information that you provide to us will be used for the purpose of communicating and consulting with you about the Category “C” Class Environmental Assessment for the public realm at Ontario Place. It will also be used to create a public record as required by the *Environmental Assessment Act*, and as permitted by s. 37 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. The public record, including your personal information, will be available to the general public unless you request that your personal information remain confidential. It will also be analyzed, on an anonymized basis, to ensure that our consultations are reaching an inclusive and diverse audience.

This information will be collected, maintained and disclosed by the Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries (the “Ministry”) and the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. It will be shared with the Ministry’s third party advisors who have a need to know the information in order to assist the Ministry in fulfilling its obligations under the *Environmental Assessment Act*. These advisors are Ontario Infrastructure and Lands Corporation (“Infrastructure Ontario”), Bespoke Cultural Collective, Land Design Incorporated (“LandInc.”), Martha Schwartz Partners (“MSP”) and CH2M HILL Canada Limited (“Jacobs”).

Your personal information is collected under the authority of sections 4 and 5 of the Ministry of Tourism and Recreation Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.35 and the *Environmental Assessment Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.E.18, respectively. For more information, please contact Dan Delaquis, Manager, Transformation Delivery, Transformation & Delivery Office, Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries, Dan.Delaquis@ontario.ca.

Notes:

- Cet avis est disponible en français sur demande.
- If this information is required in an accessible format, please notify the project contact identified above.

Notice issued on March 16, 2022.

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Évaluation environnementale de la catégorie d'ouvrage public

Projet de réaménagement de la Place de l'Ontario 955, boulevard Lakeshore Ouest, Toronto

À propos du projet

Au cours des prochaines années, la Place de l'Ontario deviendra une fois de plus une pièce maîtresse des secteurs du tourisme, des loisirs et de la culture de la province. Une fois la Place de l'Ontario réaménagée, elle offrira à tous les Ontariens une expérience accessible et inclusive qui reflète la diversité de la province et célèbre l'héritage de son emplacement au bord de l'eau.



Le réaménagement de la Place de l'Ontario offrira une variété d'usages, y compris des activités et programmes accessibles qui attireront les visiteurs de tous âges. Ces expériences seront offertes dans l'ensemble du site et seront reliées grâce à une nouvelle conception du domaine public et aux améliorations apportées au site.

La vision du gouvernement de l'Ontario comprend l'intégration de l'investissement du secteur public (gouvernement) et de l'aménagement du secteur privé (locataires) qui permettront de créer un site moderne, avec une allure renouvelée. Pour de plus amples renseignements sur la vision du gouvernement de l'Ontario et les partenaires liés à l'aménagement, veuillez visiter le site ontario.ca/fr/page/place-de-lontario.

Entreprise

Le gouvernement de l'Ontario s'engage à exécuter les activités suivantes :

- 1) Travaux de préparation du site
- 2) Travaux d'aménagement du site

Les travaux de préparation du site auront lieu sur l'ensemble du site de la Place de l'Ontario, sauf dans le sentier et le parc Trillium. Les travaux d'aménagement effectués par le secteur privé se dérouleront sur les terrains loués tandis que les travaux d'aménagement réalisés par le gouvernement se feront dans les aires se trouvant à l'extérieur des limites de ces terrains loués.

Les principaux types d'activités dans la portée des travaux menés par le gouvernement comprennent :

- Approbations concernant la planification et activités de nature immobilière
- Travaux d'enlèvement et mise hors service des édifices
- Nivellement et aménagement paysager

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- Aménagement des parcs, des sentiers et des espaces ouverts
- Réparation du rivage et atténuation des inondations
- Accès au site et stationnement
- Intégration des programmes éducatifs liés aux sciences
- Construction de nouveaux édifices et soutien des infrastructures du site.

Évaluation environnementale de portée générale

La *Loi sur les évaluations environnementales* s'applique aux travaux exécutés par le gouvernement sur le site. Ceux-ci feront l'objet d'une évaluation environnementale de la catégorie d'ouvrage public par le ministère de l'Infrastructure à titre de projet de catégorie C. Les aménagements proposés par le secteur privé ne sont pas assujettis à la *Loi sur les évaluations environnementales*, mais ils doivent respecter les exigences de la *Loi sur l'aménagement du territoire*.

Une évaluation environnementale de portée générale est composée d'une étude qui examine les effets environnementaux possibles (positifs et négatifs) du projet proposé et qui identifie des façons de gérer les effets environnementaux négatifs avant la mise en œuvre du projet. Un élément important du processus d'évaluation environnementale de portée générale comprend la consultation qui donne la chance au public de participer à la prise de décisions concernant le projet et d'exercer une certaine influence.

Il est prévu que l'évaluation environnementale de portée générale dure deux ans et des activités de consultation auront lieu à des étapes clés du processus pour permettre aux communautés autochtones, aux intervenants et au public d'examiner les renseignements et de discuter avec des représentants du projet.

Consultations publiques

Un site Web consacré au projet (EngageOntarioPlace.ca) a été lancé afin d'offrir des mises à jour régulières et de donner des renseignements au sujet des activités de consultation qui auront lieu au cours du déroulement du projet.

Le public aura la première occasion de participer lors d'une pièce virtuelle qui sera lancée sur le site EngageOntarioPlace.ca au début d'avril 2022. Cette pièce virtuelle donnera au public l'accès à des renseignements au sujet du projet, au processus d'évaluation environnementale et aux conditions qui existent sur le site. Les participants pourront formuler des commentaires et donner leurs avis.

De plus, un atelier sur la vision du domaine public en direct et en ligne est prévu le 12 avril 2022, de 16 h 30 à 18 h 30, durant lequel l'équipe de conception facilitera la discussion au sujet de la conception du domaine public à la Place de l'Ontario. Vous pouvez vous inscrire à cet atelier sur le site EngageOntarioPlace.ca.

Pour de plus amples renseignements

Si vous avez des questions ou désirez faire des commentaires concernant cette évaluation environnementale de portée générale, vous voulez d'autres renseignements ou vous souhaitez que votre nom soit ajouté à la liste des contacts, veuillez aviser la personne-ressource pour le projet suivante :

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Avis de collecte :

Les renseignements personnels que vous nous donnez seront utilisés pour communiquer avec vous et vous consulter au sujet de l'évaluation environnementale de portée générale de catégorie C visant le domaine public à la Place de l'Ontario. Ces renseignements seront aussi utilisés dans le but de constituer un document public, selon les exigences de la *Loi sur les évaluations environnementales* et l'autorisation en vertu de l'article 37 de la *Loi sur l'accès à l'information et la protection de la vie privée*. Ce document public, et vos renseignements personnels, seront accessibles au grand public, à moins que vous demandiez que vos renseignements personnels restent confidentiels. Ceux-ci seront aussi analysés en respectant l'anonymat pour nous assurer que les activités de consultation organisées favorisent une participation inclusive et diversifiée.

Ces renseignements seront recueillis, conservés et divulgués par le ministère des Industries du patrimoine, du sport, du tourisme et de la culture (le « Ministère ») et le ministère de l'Environnement, de la Protection de la nature et des Parcs. Ils seront transmis aux conseillers indépendants du Ministère qui ont besoin de connaître ces renseignements afin de pouvoir aider le Ministère à remplir ses obligations en vertu de la *Loi sur les évaluations environnementales*. Ces conseillers sont la Société ontarienne des infrastructures et de l'immobilier (« Infrastructure Ontario »), Bespoke Cultural Collective, LandInc, MSP et CH2M Hill Canada Inc. (« Jacobs »).

Vos renseignements personnels sont recueillis en vertu des articles 4 et 5 de la *Loi sur le ministère du Tourisme et des Loisirs*, L.R.O. 1990, chap. M.35 et de la *Loi sur les évaluations environnementales*, L.R.O. 1990, chap. E.18 respectivement. Pour de plus amples renseignements, veuillez communiquer avec Dan Delaquis, Chef, Mise en œuvre des mesures de renouvellement, Bureau du renouvellement et de la mise en œuvre, Ministère des Industries du patrimoine, du sport, du tourisme et de la culture, Dan.Delaquis@ontario.ca.

Notes :

- Cet avis est disponible en français sur demande.
- Si vous désirez obtenir ces renseignements en format accessible, veuillez aviser la personne-ressource pour le projet susmentionnée.

Avis publié le 16 mars 2022.

A-3 Consultation and Engagement Events

- a) April 2022 Engagement Event 1 (Visioning Workshop) Presentation
- b) Visioning Workshop Summary Report
- c) VPER 1.0
- d) VPER 1.0 Summary Report
- e) Notice of Engagement event 2 (EN & FR)
- f) October 2022 Engagement Event 2 Presentation
- g) Engagement Event 2 Summary Report
- h) VPER 2.0
- i) VPER 2.0 Summary Report
- j) Notice of Engagement Event 3 (EN & FR)
- k) April 2023 Engagement Event 3 Presentation
- l) Engagement Event 3 Summary Report
- m) VPER 3.0
- n) VPER 3.0 Summary Report
- o) Engagement 4



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Visioning Workshop

Land acknowledgement



Housekeeping

- The presentation portion of this workshop is being recorded. The recording will stop when we break out into smaller groups later.
- For technical support, email info@bespokecollective.ca or let us know in the chat.
- To turn on Closed Captions select the 'CC' tab
- We will be using interactive tools (Mentimeter and Miro) and will provide instructions on how to participate
- Please maintain a respectful space

Why are we here?

- Ontario Place is being redeveloped and we have the opportunity to design its public spaces!
- We want your ideas for the vision and future of Ontario Place's public realm



Agenda

1. Setup
2. Pop Quiz
3. Background and Intros (20 min.)
4. Breakout rooms (60 min.)
5. Shareback (20 min.)
6. Wrap up + next steps (5 min.)

Goals for today

- Share information about the project and future of public spaces at Ontario Place
- Engage with you on the Category C Class Environmental Assessment and design of the public realm
- Facilitate conversations about what is most valued at Ontario Place and share ideas for its public realm
- Capture public feedback in breakout sessions to guide the design

Pop Quiz



Mentimeter how-to

- Go to www.menti.com on your desktop or smartphone browser
- Enter the numeric code
- Submit your response
- Wait for next prompt or refresh as needed

Answer

The answer is **B. 1971.**

When Ontario Place opened, it was meant to reflect all that the people of Ontario embodied: our heritage, our diversity, our creativity and our future potential.

Designed by Eberhard Zeidler, and landscape architect Michael Hough, it originally included a concert venue and numerous amenities for kids.



Answer

The answer is
E. All of the above.

Echo Beach, Budweiser Stage, Cinesphere and Trillium Park are all venues and facilities that are located in Ontario Place. In addition, Ontario Place offers two marinas with over 240 slips that are open between May and October, and various amenities such as fire pits and basketball courts.



Answer

The answer is
E. All of the above.

Some of the first performers at the 5000-person outdoor concert venue include Robyn, Sloan, Sam Roberts, Counting Crows and Our Lady Peace. The venue was designed to help recreate the popular ambience of the original Ontario Place Forum.



Project Background



Project Background

- Public engagement process (Bespoke)
- Project context and EA process (Jacobs)
- Public realm design process (LANDinc)

Public engagement values

- Accountability & transparency
- Clear & consistent communications
- Meaningful and welcoming outreach
- Supporting many voices to be heard

Consultation overview



Early 2022

EA Launch & Public
Realm Visioning



Fall 2022

Conceptual Design
Options



Spring 2023

Evaluation Process &
Recommended
Conceptual Design



Fall 2023

Feedback and
Confirmation of
Preferred Design

Jacobs

The government's vision for Ontario Place

“A world-class year-round destination with global appeal that would attract millions of local, provincial, national and international visitors to its landmark entertainment, sports, commercial, recreational and/or leisure attractions. These landmarks would be complemented by public space and parks and would include the existing amphitheater.”

The redevelopment concept

To achieve this vision, the redevelopment will include:

1. Government-led repairs and updates to existing infrastructure.
 - flood mitigation and shoreline repair
 - soil remediation
 - strategic conservation plan
2. Three private sector tenants for recreation and entertainment-based attractions.
3. Government-led planning, design and redevelopment of the public realm:
 - parks and open spaces
 - trails
 - hard and soft landscaping, plantings
 - public art
 - lighting, benches and other furniture
 - signage
4. Integration of publicly accessible areas on tenanted and non-tenanted lands.



LEGEND



Government led Public
Realm &
Redevelopment Lands

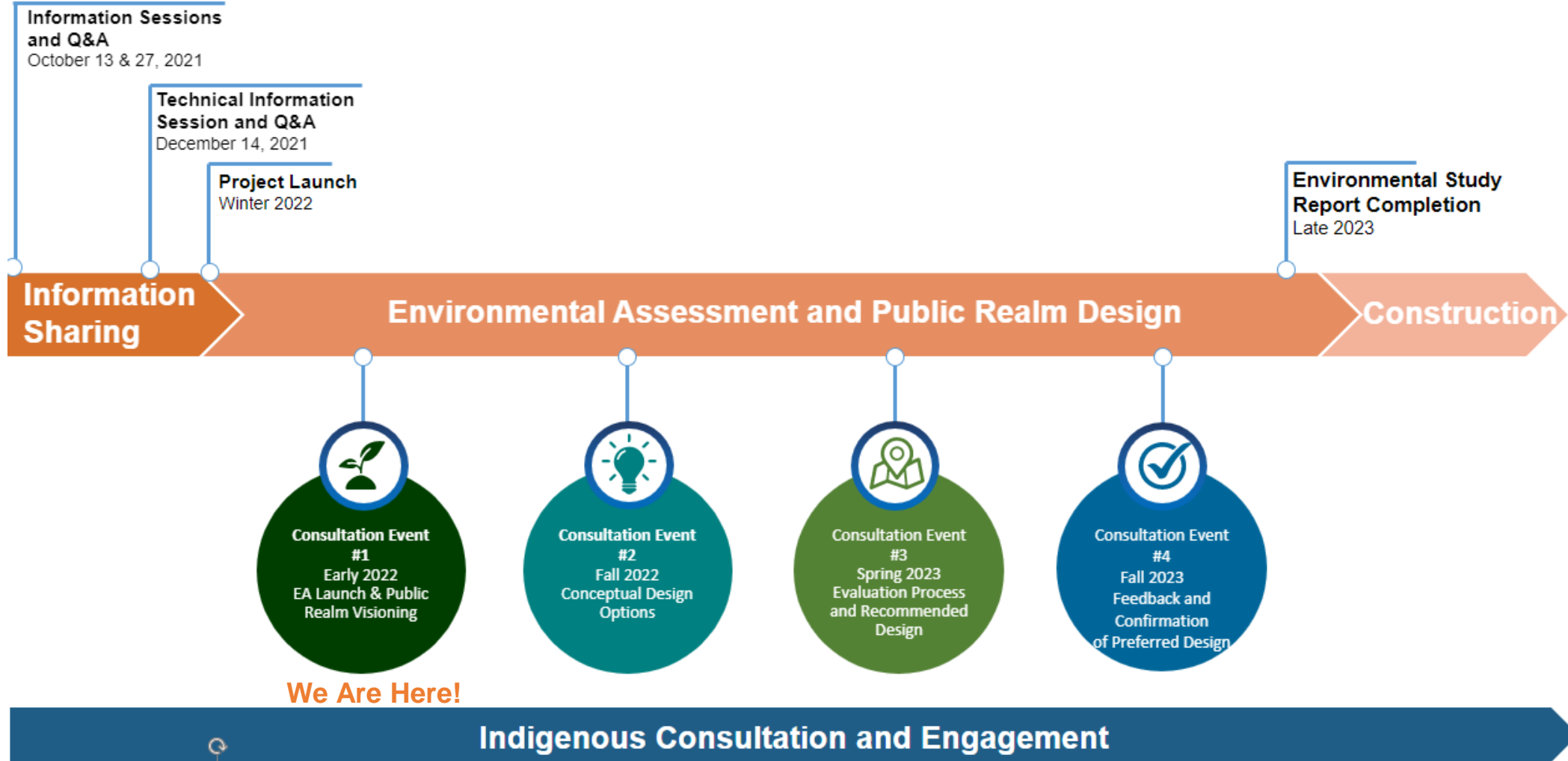


Tenanted Lands
proposed to remain
publicly accessible

The environmental assessment process

- Planning process for public infrastructure in Ontario.
- Framework for assessing the impacts of a project on the natural, socio-economic and cultural environments.
- Public Work Class EA is a standardized and streamlined approach for assessing infrastructure projects.
- Category C is a comprehensive Class EA process that includes: Consideration and assessment of alternatives designs, mandatory consultation at key milestones, evaluation and selection of a preferred design, development of mitigation and monitoring measures, and documentation in a comprehensive Environmental Study Report.

Study Milestones



Note: Timelines are indicative and subject to change

LANDinc

Breakout rooms



Breakout overview

1. Context (10 min)
2. What experience do you most want to have within the public spaces at Ontario Place? (30 min)
3. Common Ground Conversations (10 min)
4. Wrap Up (10 min)

Wrap up + next steps



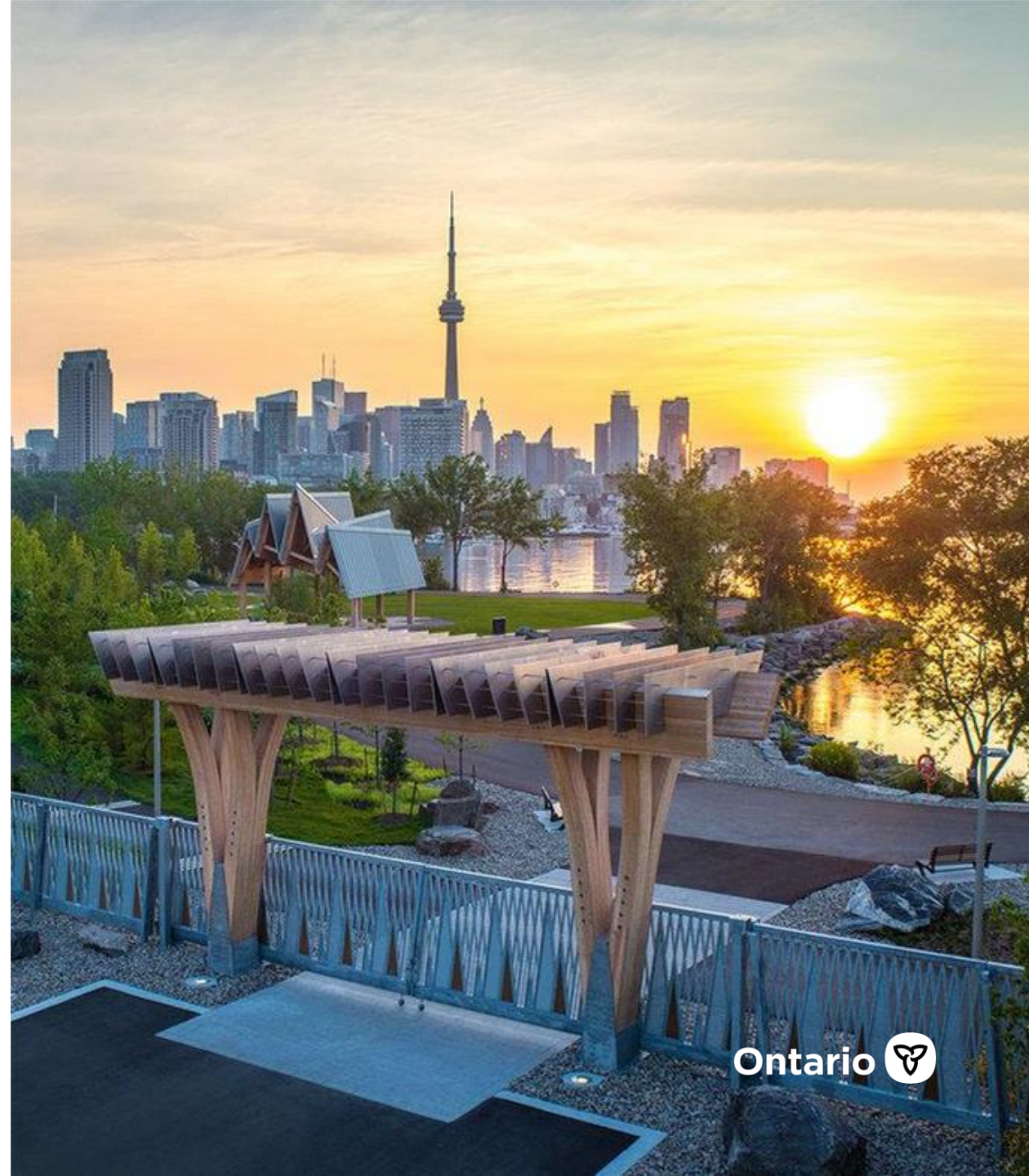
Thanks & next steps

- Please visit our virtual public engagement room for more details about the project and opportunities to provide feedback:
English: www.engageontarioplace.ca/virtual
French: www.engageontarioplace.ca/fr/virtuelle
- Stay up to date and learn about future engagement opportunities by visiting our website www.EngageOntarioPlace.ca

Stay in touch

Let us know what you thought about this workshop by visiting:

www.surveymonkey.com/r/op-apr12



April 12th 2022: Visioning Workshop Summary Report



Background

The Ontario government is bringing Ontario Place back to life, making it a remarkable world-class, year-round destination that will include family-friendly entertainment, public and event spaces, parkland, and waterfront access.

The government's vision for Ontario Place will provide people of all ages with something to enjoy, including enhanced public spaces that will make up approximately two-thirds of the 155-acre site, as well as increased access to the waterfront, beach, pools, health and wellness services, as well as an indoor-outdoor live music and performance venue.

It's been an entire decade since Ontario Place closed its water and amusement parks. This resulted in the site going from a bustling, vibrant attraction to more than half of it being unused and in need of repair.

The Environmental Assessment Act (EA Act) applies to the government-led site repair activities. These will be assessed using the Ministry of Infrastructure Public Work Class Environmental Assessment (PW Class EA) as a Category C undertaking. On March 16, 2022, a Category C Environmental Assessment was launched with a Notice of Commencement posted on the Environmental Registry of Ontario and the Ontario Place project website ([EngageOntarioPlace.ca](https://engageontarioplace.ca)).

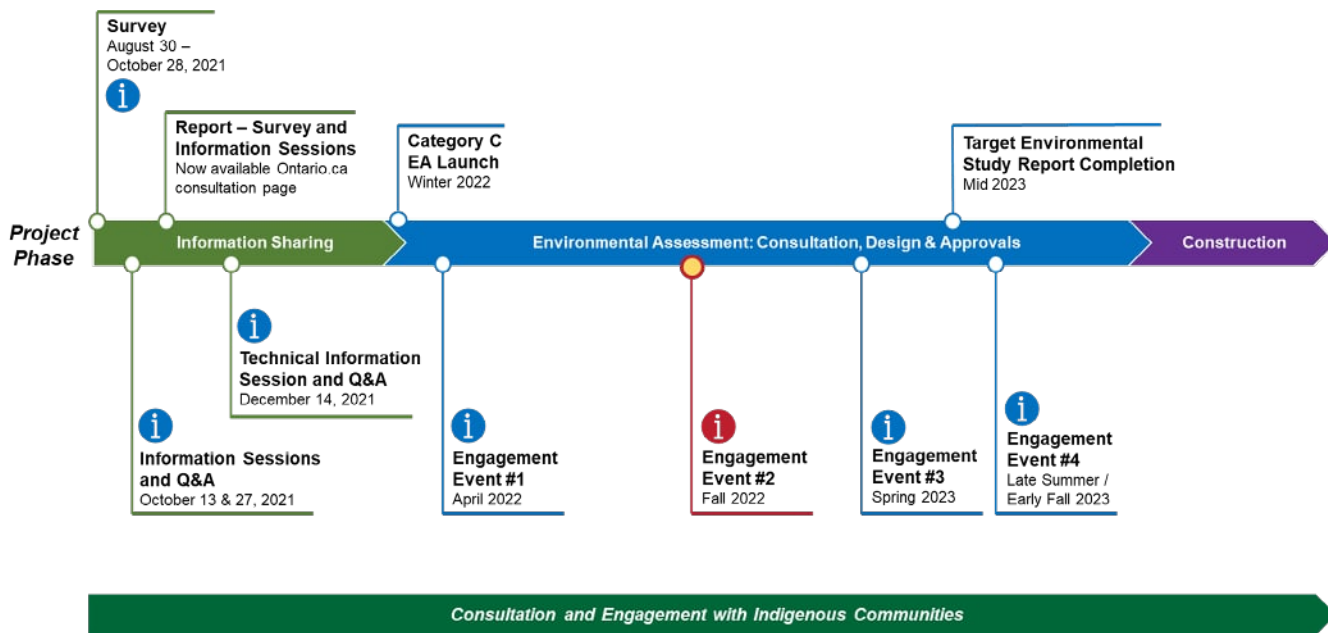
The PW Class EA defines public consultation as "the process by which interested and/or affected individuals and organizations both receive information on the proposed undertaking and provide input into the decision-making process" and states the purpose is "to provide opportunities for members of the public to contribute to and influence decisions".

As the redevelopment project moves forward, the government will engage with the public and stakeholders to ensure perspectives from across the province are recognized and considered. The government will continue to seek input from Indigenous communities, the public and stakeholders and work with the City of Toronto to bring this site back to life.

The first of four public consultation events as part of the Environmental Assessment and public realm design process for Ontario Place was held on April 12, 2022.

Overview

Between April 2022 and fall 2023, a series of public consultation events will be held where the public can learn more about and provide input on design of the public spaces and the Environmental Assessment process for Ontario Place. Feedback received at each public consultation event will inform the next steps in the Environmental Assessment process:



On April 12, 2022, at the first public engagement event of the EA process, 140 participants participated in a two-hour virtual visioning workshop focused on Ontario Place’s public realm, including public space and parkland. The goal of the event was to give participants an opportunity to learn about the Ontario Place redevelopment project, including the Class Environmental Assessment process, and to share the experiences they want to have within Ontario Place’s public spaces to help inform the design of the public realm.

Throughout the workshop, participants provided feedback verbally and via interactive tools, such as Mentimeter and Miro. Participants also joined smaller group discussions where they had the opportunity to provide more in-depth and focused feedback.

The virtual workshop was facilitated by Bespoke Collective to inform the work of the technical consultants, Jacobs, who is leading the Class Environmental Assessment, and the design of the public realm, LANDinc and Martha Schwartz Partners, on behalf of Infrastructure Ontario (IO) and the then Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Cultural Industries (MHSTCI).

Facilitation Approach

As part of the event, participants were divided into 12 smaller groups for a 60-minute breakout room session. In each group, a facilitator guided participants through three activities, facilitating conversations about what is most valued at Ontario Place and discussing ideas and concerns for the future public space. The primary aim of the smaller group discussions was to seek feedback from participants to help inform the design of the future public spaces at Ontario Place.

At a previous consultation event, when asked about how they’d like to be engaged, attendees said that they wanted to participate virtually in small groups. Additionally, this approach was informed by the City of Toronto’s COVID-19 measures, which at the time prohibited large in-person public gatherings.

Key Findings

1. When participants were asked what single word describes Ontario Place, the top responses were:
 - b. Park, green or nature (14.1%)
 - c. Swimming (12.5%)
 - d. Lake or water (12.5%)
 - e. Entertainment or events (6.3%)
 - f. Family (4.7%)
 - g. Fun (4.7%)

In general, participants had positive associations to Ontario Place, using words such as historic, adventure, recreation, pride and destination. However, some participants commented on the current challenges of Ontario Place being old and isolated.

2. When participants were asked about their greatest hope for the future of Ontario Place's public realm, the top three themes present within their comments were:
 - a. **Nature** (29.2%): Participants used words such as nature, trees, environment, flowers, forest, green space, rewilding, wildlife, and habitat restoration.
 - b. **Public access** (27.1%): Many participants expressed a desire to maintain public access to nature and the lake. Some participants also submitted the words inclusive, barrier-free and accessible..
 - c. **Swimming** (8.3%): Some participants expressed that they want to be able to swim at Ontario Place.
3. From a set of 40 images, participants were asked to select four images that best reflected the experience they want to have within the public spaces at Ontario Place. The following is a list of the top four images selected by participants across all breakout groups:
 - a. **Rest and relaxation:** The top image depicted a woman enjoying relaxation next to water and under the shade of a tree. Some of those who selected this image identified a need for areas to have space for quiet reflection, solitude, meditation, peace, tranquility, rest, relaxation, and connection to nature and the water.
 - b. **Water activities:** The second image showed two kayakers in a narrow, overgrown channel. Participants emphasized the importance of maintaining public access to the water for recreational activities, such as swimming, paddle-boating, kayaking and rowing.
 - c. **Walking, running and cycling:** This image showed cyclists, joggers and people walking using a paved park path on a bright, sunny day. Participants stated a need for connected paths and trails that enable walking, running, and cycling.
 - d. **Entertainment and events:** This image showed a band performing on a raft in a wetland as the audience watched from the shore. Participants referenced wanting to experience outdoor entertainment and events, such as performances, concerts, screenings, public art, festivals and drive-in movies..

4. When participants were asked what they envision for the future of Ontario Place's public realm, the following are the experiences and attributes that participants most wanted to have or see within the public spaces at Ontario Place:
 - a. Amenities for swimming such as showers and changing rooms
 - b. Maintain natural landscape (i.e., more trees and green spaces, rewilding, preservation, biodiversity, minimal intervention, well-integrated public space design, Trillium Park as an example)
 - c. Spaces for gathering (i.e., picnics, yoga, informal gatherings, spaces for friends and families)
 - d. Year-round activities or programming (i.e., cross-country skiing)
 - e. Affordable, inclusive and accessible public space¹
 - f. Cost- and barrier-free public access

1. In addition to being accessible to the public, the term "accessible" or "accessibility" was also discussed in relation to the quality of being easily reached, entered, or used by people who have a disability, which includes wheelchair accessibility.

When participants were asked if there is anything else they would like to see at Ontario Place, they recommended:

- a. Swimming
 - b. Public amenities such as washrooms and seating
 - c. More food, dining or snack options (i.e., street food, pop-ups, food trucks)
 - d. Flexible public spaces
 - e. Year-round programming and entertainment (i.e., outdoor screenings, jazz performances, festivals)
 - f. Birdwatching
 - g. Community gardens
 - h. Botanical garden
 - i. Japanese garden
 - j. LEED-certified landscaping
 - k. Intergenerational activities
 - l. Ski hills
 - m. Environmental education and engagement (i.e., environmental research center or laboratory on climate change)
 - n. Cultural centre dedicated to arts, Indigenous cultures, the environment or diverse local communities
 - o. Fire pits
 - p. Parking (i.e., underground parking, removal or greening of surface parking lots)
 - q. Integration with public transportation
 - r. Signage
 - s. Lighting
 - t. Native plants that attract Monarch butterflies
 - u. Preservation of historic architecture and landscape
 - v. Opportunities for local businesses
 - w. Preservation of Japanese Temple Bell
 - x. Consideration to natural heritage
 - y. More focus on community
5. During the breakout room session, participants shared feedback on the following:
 - a. **Private development:** Some participants expressed their concerns about the development by Therme, particularly regarding the spa, and the use of glass and palm trees on the site. Some expressed their distrust with private developers; some called for their removal from the project. Some participants anticipated that private developers would inhibit free and public access to the site, create physical barriers and security measures, and "destroy what is most loved about Ontario Place." One participant noted the choice of non-Ontario-based developers for the project.

- b. **Climate change and sustainability:** Some participants called for climate change to be recognized and incorporated into the development. Some considerations included LEED certification, and an understanding of the environmental impact on wildlife and migrating bird populations.
 - c. **Indigenous consultation:** Some participants stated the importance of consultation and collaboration with Indigenous communities, which should be integrated into the current public consultation process and not held separately.
 - d. **Project costs and budget:** One participant requested more information on the costs and budget of the project.
 - e. **Project communications:** Some participants noted that project communications could be improved to better engage members of the public.
6. When asked what Ontario Place means to them, many participants stated its significance as a place for all of Ontario, and to celebrate the province's achievements. Others mentioned its importance as a place to reconnect with nature and as a respite or escape from the city.
7. The following are key themes for what participants envision for the future of Ontario Place's public realm:
 - a. Public access (i.e., cost-free, removal of physical barriers)
 - b. Recreational activities (i.e., swimming, camping)
 - c. Nature (i.e., wetlands, fish and aquatic life, views to the city and lake, botanical garden)
 - d. Environmental sustainability
 - e. History and heritage
 - f. Diversity (i.e., honour Indigenous cultures)
 - g. Inclusion and accessibility (i.e., neuro-divergent, physical abilities, underserved communities, wheelchair access)
 - h. Cultural attraction (e.g., public art, programming)
 - i. Retain pedestrian bridge access to West Island
 - j. Integrated with the Marine Strategy by Waterfront Toronto
8. Upon the conclusion of the breakout rooms, each facilitator shared key themes that emerged from the group discussions, which were visually represented through an illustration drawn by a visual interpreter. The outcome of that exercise is shown here:



Virtual Public Engagement Room (VPER) 1.0

1: A bold new vision



The Ontario Place opportunity

Ontario Place has long been an important place to the people of Ontario. The redevelopment vision reflects the diversity of the Province and celebrates the legacy of its waterfront location.



The vision for Ontario Place is a new world-class, year-round destination. Three exciting new recreation and entertainment uses are anchored around the central Pods and Cinesphere complex, while an upgraded public realm and park network extends across the site. Recreation is a key focus of the new Ontario Place, supported by a fully retained Trillium Park and William G. Davis trail, an expanded waterfront trail system, new water activities and upgraded green spaces.

Once redeveloped, Ontario Place will once again be a centerpiece of the Province's tourism, recreation and culture sectors.

The vision

“A world-class year-round destination with global appeal that would attract millions of local, provincial, national and international visitors to its landmark entertainment, sports, commercial, recreational and/or leisure attractions. These landmarks would be complemented by public space and parks and would include the existing amphitheater.”

As the Government of Ontario considered potential redevelopment opportunities, a vision emerged that was guided by the following principles:

- An emphasis on recreational and cultural programming across the entire site
- No land sale – site to remain in public ownership
- No casino uses
- No condominium or residential uses
- Restoration and adaptive re-use of the Pod complex and Cinesphere
- Preservation of Trillium Park
- Upgraded public realm, with a focus on accessibility and sustainability
- Site-wide public access
- Enhanced waterfront access and activities (swimming, boating, dining, recreation, etc.)
- Target of LEED Platinum facilities for anchor partners





The redevelopment concept

Building on the success of Trillium Park and updates made to the William G. Davis trail, the Ontario Place redevelopment project aims to create a beautiful and cohesive landscape that seamlessly integrates the tenants' developments with public spaces across the site.

To achieve the vision for a remarkable waterfront recreational destination at Ontario Place, the redevelopment work will include:

1. Three private sector anchor tenants providing recreation and entertainment-based attractions.
2. Government-led repairs and updates to existing infrastructure.
3. Government-led planning, design and redevelopment of the public realm and redevelopment lands.
4. Integration of publicly accessible areas on government-led and tenant-led developments.

5. A beautiful and cohesive landscape that seamlessly integrates the tenants' developments and landscapes with the public spaces across the site.



Disclaimer: This map is an approximate depiction of the land areas and may be subject to change.

Indigenous engagement

Toronto was the traditional gathering place for the Anishinabeg, the Haudenosaunee, and the Wendat peoples. We acknowledge our responsibility to recognize the rights of Indigenous Nations and Peoples to the land.

We are committed to engaging with Indigenous communities and Indigenous organizations throughout the E.A. and design process. We want to learn about Indigenous history and perspectives with a goal of ensuring the revitalized Ontario Place celebrates Indigenous culture and can be a place to share Indigenous knowledge and traditions.

The private tenants

Through the Call for Development process, three private-sector partners were identified as preferred anchor tenants for the redevelopment of Ontario Place:

Therme Group

Therme Canada is proposing a family-friendly, all-season water and wellness facility that will include activities for all, such as: waterslides, pools, spas, botanical gardens, restaurants, outdoor activities, arts and cultural programming.

ÉcoRécréo Group

ÉcoRécréo Group is proposing an all-season adventure park with aerial obstacle courses, net play, ziplines, climbing walls and event spaces.

Live Nation

Live Nation is redeveloping the existing amphitheatre into a modern, year-round indoor-outdoor live music performance venue that will attract world-class artists and events.

The planning and design of anchor tenant developments is subject to a parallel municipal planning approvals process with additional opportunities for public engagement.

Read more information [about the anchor tenants](#).

Read more information [on the municipal approvals process](#).



Trillium Park and Three Tenants at Ontario Place
 Disclaimer: This map is an approximate depiction of the land areas and may be subject to change.

Government-led work

To realize the Ontario Place redevelopment vision for the non-tenanted lands, the Province of Ontario will lead:



Repairs and stabilization of existing infrastructure – notably the Cinesphere and Pods (see Station 7 for details)



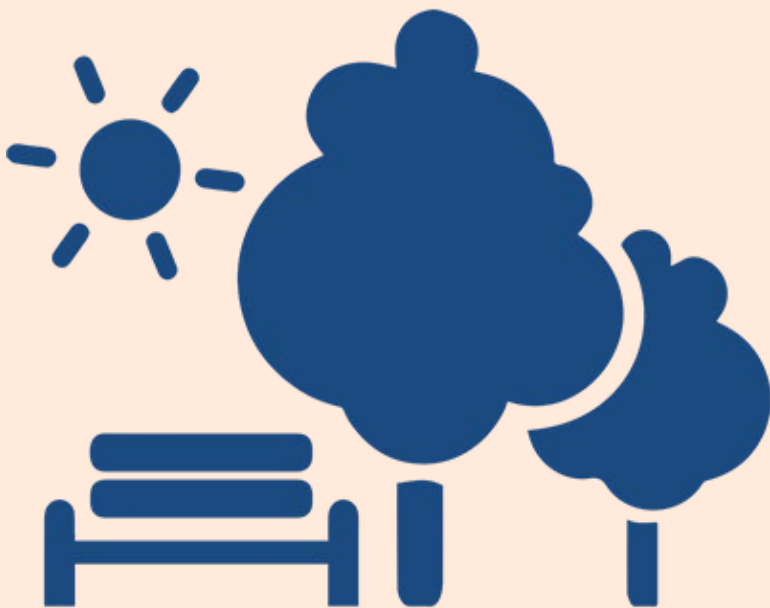
Upgrading site servicing to maintain existing operations and prepare the site for development (see Station 7 for details)



Official Plan and zoning amendments to align with the proposed development



Site preparations across the entire site to prepare for the development



Design and development of the public realm



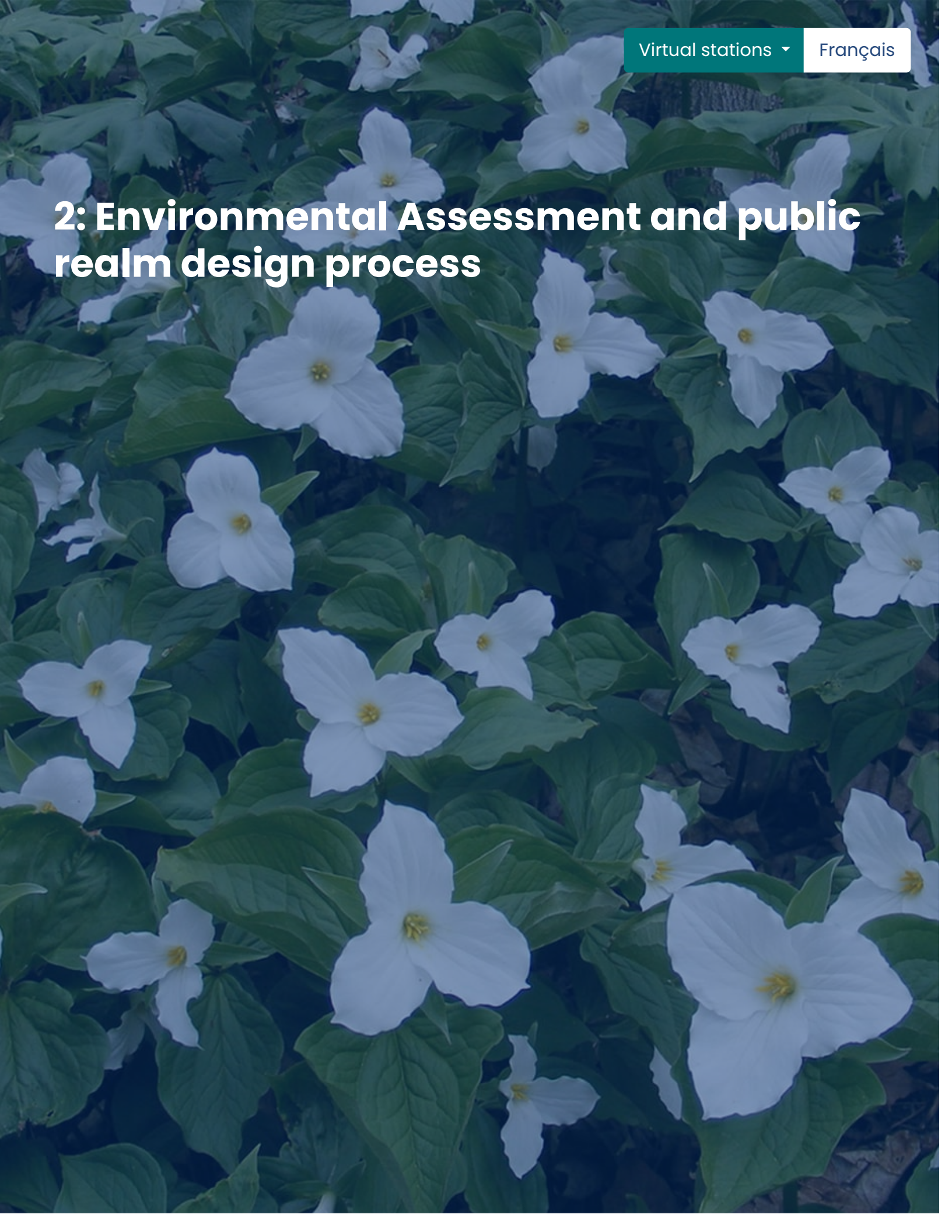
Development and execution of science-related programming in collaboration with the Ontario Science Centre

This virtual space is dedicated to the Environmental Assessment for the government-led site preparations and the public realm development outlined in the box above.

Next virtual station

2: Environmental Assessment and public realm design process

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What is an Environmental Assessment?

An Environmental Assessment (EA) is the provincial planning process for public infrastructure projects in Ontario. EAs are governed by the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act*.

EAs provide a framework for assessing the impacts of a project on the natural, socio-economic and cultural environments. Decision making and project outcomes are influenced by feedback provided by the public, stakeholders and Indigenous communities.

What is a Class EA?

Class EAs set out a standardized and streamlined planning process for activities that are carried out routinely and have predictable environmental effects that can be readily managed.



What EA process applies to the Ontario Place redevelopment?

The Public Work Class EA is the Class EA that will be followed for the Ontario Place redevelopment project. It focuses on provincial government realty and infrastructure projects.

Who is the proponent?

The Ministry of Heritage, Sports, Tourism, and Culture Industries (MHSTCI).

What is the project area?

The Class EA project area is defined as the area where government-led activities will occur as shown on the map.

- Site preparations will take place across the entire Ontario Place site.
- Public realm design will address areas outside of the lands that will be tenanted such as open space, parks, trails, and landscaping. The design will also consider the transition between these areas and the publicly accessible lands being developed by the tenants.

What activities are included in the Class EA?

- Planning approvals and realty activities
- Building decommissioning and removal
- Grading and landscaping
- Design and development of parks, trails, and open spaces (public realm)
- Shoreline repairs and flood mitigation
- Site access and parking
- Construction of new buildings and supporting site infrastructure



This map is an approximate depiction of the land areas and is subject to change.

Public Work Class EA project

Under the Public Work Class EA, there are different categories of undertakings, depending on the environmental impacts expected. The Ontario Place redevelopment project falls under the **Category C** process, which is the most rigorous assessment process under the Public Work Class EA.

The Category C Public Work Class EA process includes:

- Identifying the opportunity
- Identifying 'Alternatives to' the undertaking
- Describing the undertaking, study area and existing conditions
- Publishing project notices for major events such as: project commencement, consultation events, and project completion
- Hosting consultation events to seek input on design and design alternatives
- Identifying and evaluating 'Alternative Methodologies' (alternative design options)

- Completing Management Plans and Monitoring Programs for the selected alternative design option, as required
- Publishing an Environmental Study Report to document the process for public review

EA as a planning and design framework

By providing opportunities for public engagement and through the assessment of impacts to the natural, cultural and socio-economic environments, the Class EA process provides a framework for the planning and design of public infrastructure.

For the Ontario Place redevelopment project, this process will guide development of the public realm, including establishing the vision, exploring design options, and developing a recommended design.

The flowchart below depicts the EA tasks to be completed at each stage of the design development. Click on a row to learn more about the design phase or EA task.

Design phase 1:

► Information gathering and design inspiration

EA tasks:

► 1. Identify the opportunity

► 2. Develop the consultation plan

► 3. Launch the EA

► 4. Describe the existing conditions

Design phase 2:

► Design alternatives

EA tasks:

- ▶ 1. Identify the alternative methods of carrying out the undertaking (design options)

Design phase 3:

▶ Evaluation and selection of preferred design

EA tasks:

- ▶ 1. Evaluate alternatives
- ▶ 2. Identify preferred alternative

Design phase 4:

▶ Design development

EA tasks:

- ▶ 1. Identify impacts and develop mitigation and monitoring plans
- ▶ 2. Develop the Environmental Study Report (ESR)
- ▶ 3. Release the ESR for public review
- ▶ 4. Refine the ESR as required

► Detailed design

EA tasks:

- 1. Project implementation

Study milestones

Indigenous consultation and engagement will continue through the EA process

Information sharing

Fall 2022 online information sessions

Environmental Assessment and public realm design



Consultation event #1

We are here!
EA launch & public realm
visioning



Consultation event #2

Fall 2022
Conceptual design options



Consultation event #3

Spring 2023
Evaluation process and
recommended design



Consultation event #4

Fall 2023
Feedback and confirmation of
preferred design



ESR completion and release

Late 2023

How to get engaged?

There will be many opportunities for you to get involved.

Your input will be used to inform the work being undertaken, including helping to shape the design of the public realm.

What can you do today?

- Please provide any new or different information about existing site conditions and key features at Ontario Place by filling in the comment forms at the end of **Stations 3, 4, and 5** (Site Conditions).
- We are looking for insight into the future of the public realm. Please share your memories at Ontario Place and your vision for the public realm at the end of **Station 6: The future of the public realm**.
- Please provide any other comments in the general comment form provided in **Station 8: Next steps**.

What to expect in the future?

Public events are planned for key milestones throughout the project. Please visit the [Updates](#) section of the project website regularly for details.



Next virtual station

3: Site conditions: cultural environment

Previous virtual station

1: A bold new vision

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3: Site conditions: cultural environment



History



Pre-1960s

Aerial view of the site, pre-construction. At the time, the vision was to create a showplace for the province's identity, culture and economic growth.



1969

Ontario Place was constructed in the late 1960s using urban fill from other construction projects in Toronto.

The site consists of three artificially made islands linked to the waterfront via a networks of plazas, bridges and pathways.



1971

Ontario Place opened in 1971 with the Cinesphere and Pods, a forum, as well as three 'village' clusters set within a naturalized landscape of canals, lagoons and a marina. The child's village was a well-loved addition in 1972.

Archaeological Assessments

- The Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment (background review) indicated that most of the property was artificially created and therefore has no potential for the discovery of intact archaeological resources on most of the site.
- Based on the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment, there was potential that the New Garrison wharf (constructed in 1841, see images) may have extended into Lake Ontario in an area situated beneath the eastern parking of Ontario Place.
- A Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment (investigation via trenching) was undertaken to further investigate this area but concluded the footprint of the historic wharf was considered of low archaeological concern.
- A Stage 1 Marine Archaeological Assessments is currently underway to identify the potential for underwater archaeological features. Additional work may be required based on the findings.

(Horizontal Line)

Birds Eye View of the New Fort at Toronto, Upper Canada.

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Built heritage and architecture

- Ontario Place is celebrated as an example of modernist design and architecture.
- It is recognized as a Provincial Heritage Property of Provincial Significance (PHPPS) and is listed on the City of Toronto's Municipal Heritage Register.
- Examples of features identified in the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value:
 - Cinesphere and Pavilion (Pod complex)
 - 'Village' clusters
 - Water features including the marina, pavilion bay and the inner channel
 - The relationship between land and water
 - Pathways, trail and bridges
 - Views within Ontario Place
- The province is developing a Strategic Conservation Plan for Ontario Place that will provide guidance on how to maintain and conserve its heritage attributes (see Station 7 for more info).



Cultural heritage landscape

The cultural heritage landscape at Ontario Place remains a modernist expression of integrated architecture, engineering and landscape that honours and incorporates the natural setting of Lake Ontario. The map below shows the existing distribution of hard and soft landscapes within the project areas. Photographs show examples of how these areas are used.



Nadia Molinari

Softscape sitting area within the site.



Hardscape (pavement) being used as a basketball court.



Arts and culture

Ontario Place has a long history as a venue to promote and celebrate arts and culture. There are permanent art installations such as those from the Provincial Art Collection and the Coh Ohn Pavilion (Japanese Temple Bell), but also temporary or seasonal installations such as the recent seasonal light installation. Cultural events such as concerts, festivals, movies and theatrical events have also featured prominently at Ontario Place. A few examples are highlighted below.



Budweiser Stage



Drive-in movie screening



Maracatu Mar Aberto performing as part of Music in Trillium Park



Maracatu Mar Aberto performing as part of Music in Trillium Park



Yoga class



Winter light exhibition



The Coh Ohn Pavilion (Japanese Temple Bell) by Raymond Moriyama



The Passage by Kossou Eloul (part of the Provincial Art Collection)



Dialogue by Akio Murasawa (part of the Provincial Art Collection)

Station 3 feedback

This section is now closed.

Next virtual station

4: Site conditions: natural environment

Previous virtual station

2: Environmental Assessment and public realm design process

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4: Site conditions: natural environment



Natural environment: terrestrial

- The overall vegetation composition is largely non-native and ornamental but still provides habitat. There are some known invasive species.
- The site is an island of urban greenspace providing a unique habitat for terrestrial species because of its varied vegetation and proximity to the lake.
- The site provides habitat for mammals that are adapted to urban environments and shorelines (e.g. gray squirrels, raccoons and American mink).
- Birds are attracted to the vegetation on site and the proximity to the lake for foraging and nesting, and to the buildings for nesting habitat. See Protected Species panel for more details.
- The site also supports a high abundance of insects.



The map provided shows the existing tree coverage and naturalized areas (softscape) of Ontario Place that provide habitat to terrestrial species of wildlife and vegetation.



Monarch butterfly



American robin nest

Natural environment: aquatic

- There are a variety of aquatic habitats on site including open water, and more sheltered areas such as the lagoons and channels.
- The site provides waterfowl staging areas for numerous species such as geese, ducks and swans.
- This near shore area of Lake Ontario supports a variety of warm and cool water fish species throughout their life stages. Examples include brook stickleback, largemouth bass and northern pike.
- The shoreline provides habitat for reptiles such as northern map turtle and snapping turtle.
- Through the redevelopment process, there are opportunities for enhancement of fish habitat around the site through habitat structure placement, shoreline enhancements and other approaches.



The map provided shows the types of aquatic habitat associated with the Ontario Place islands' shoreline and internal waterway system, including a Toronto Region Conservation Authority-constructed wetland habitat (see pink area of map).



Northern map turtle and snapping turtle. Photo by Morrison Hershfield

Natural environment: protected species



Barn swallow

Endangered Species Act

- Barn swallows (threatened) are protected under the *Endangered Species Act* and are found nesting on buildings on site.
- Chimney swifts (threatened) were identified foraging at the site, but the survey work identified no suitable roosting or nesting habitat.
- Along the site's shoreline there is coarse rock, suitable for cover and refuge habitat for the American eel (endangered).
- No Species at Risk bats have been observed to date.
- No Species at Risk trees have been identified to date.

Migratory Birds Convention Act

- Ontario Place is a known migratory flyover area, provides nesting areas for Cliff Swallows and may offer suitable nesting habitat for other migratory bird species.

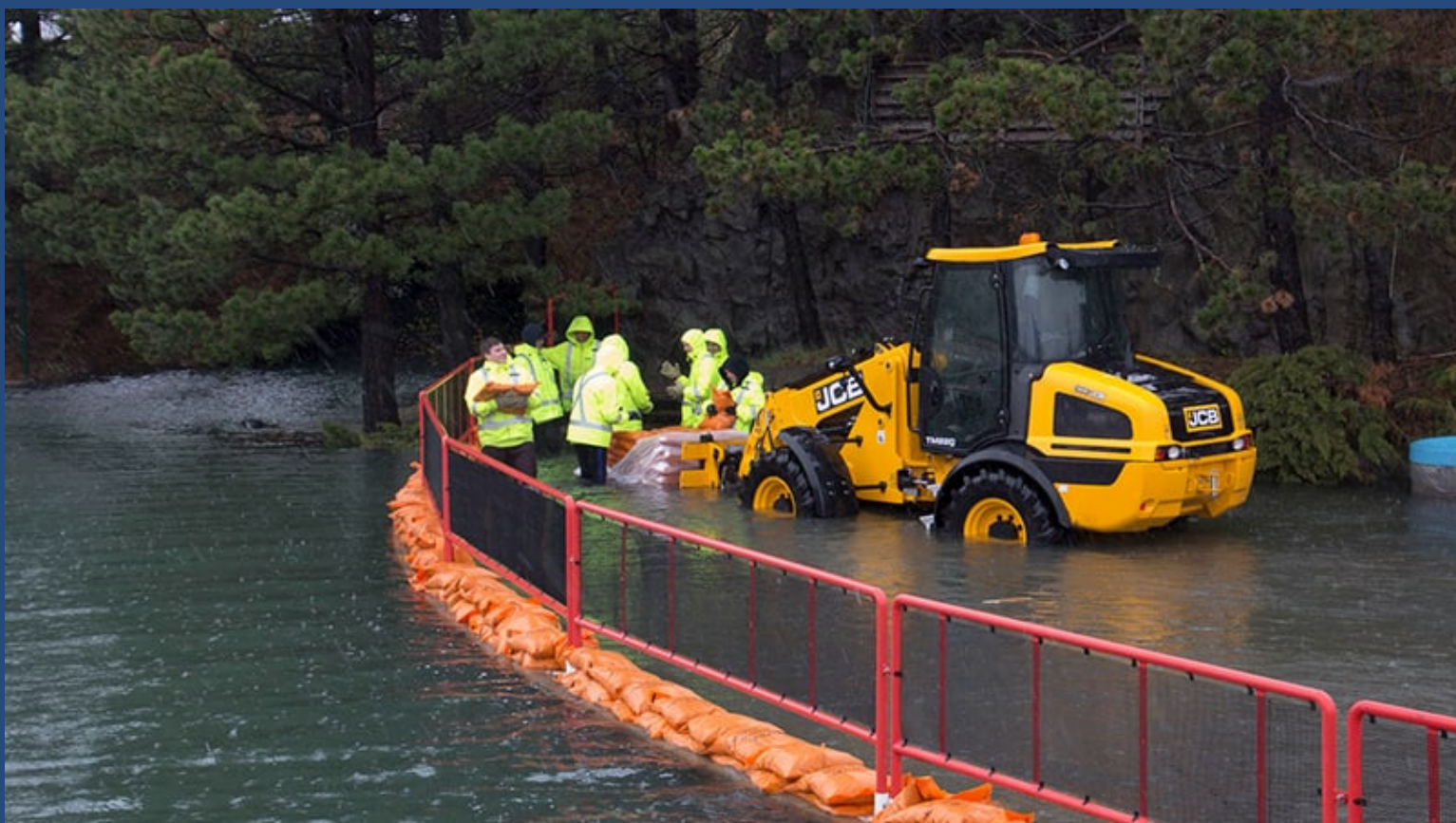
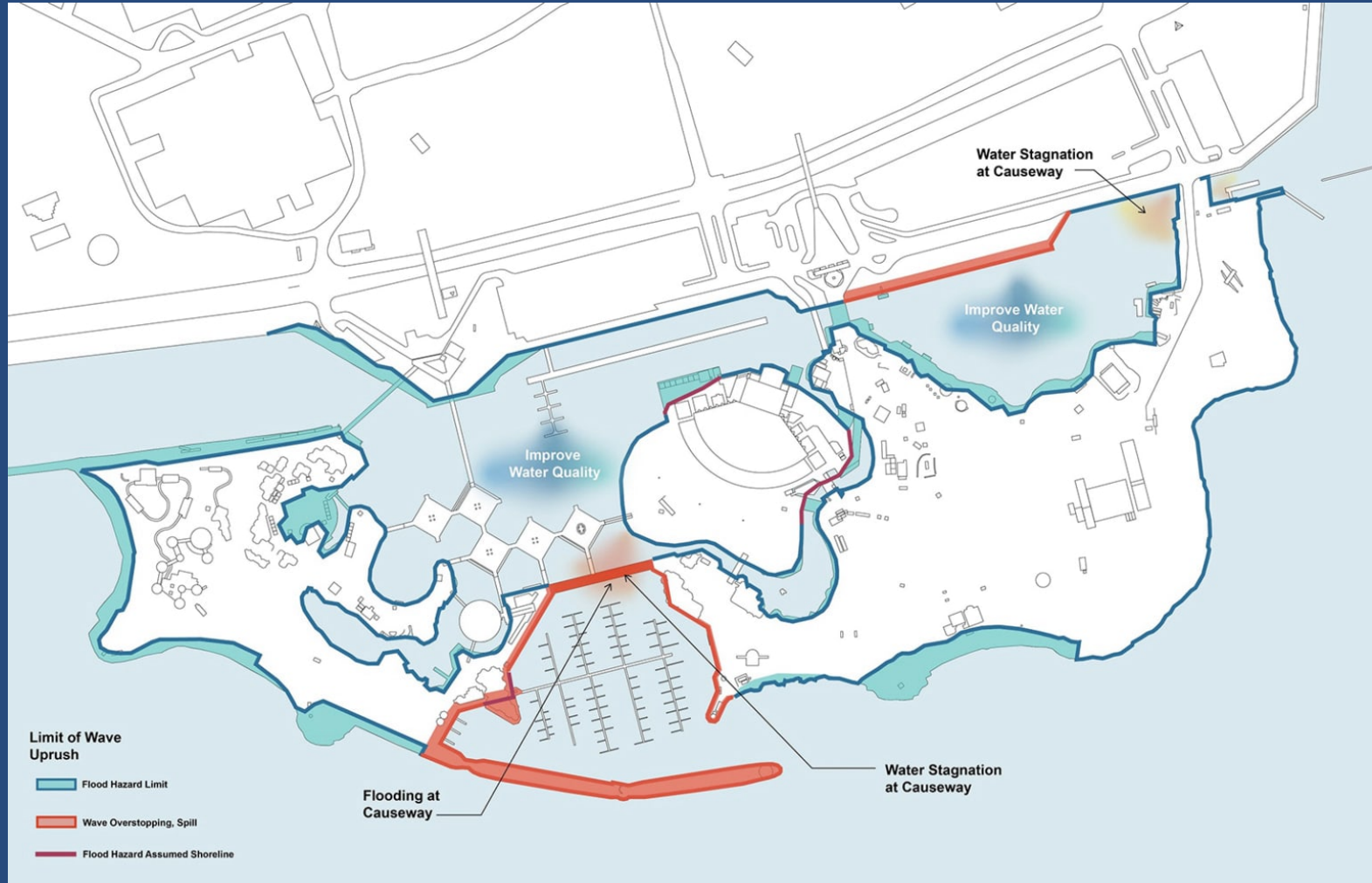
Natural environment: soil and groundwater conditions

- Ontario Place is a constructed island situated on Lake Ontario. The fill used to create the island was taken from other projects within Toronto. It is of poor quality with some potential low-level contamination.
- The site has a shallow groundwater table. Groundwater flows towards the shoreline of the island. It is protected under the Credit Valley – Toronto & Region – Central Lake Ontario (CTC) Source Protection Plan.
- Environmental investigations have been undertaken to better understand the subsurface conditions. They found that the fill generally consisted of approximately 10 to 25% construction debris content. No underground storage tanks or other metallic items, or remnants of previously demolished infrastructure were identified.
- The government will apply best practices to address any contamination on site and work with the Ministry of Environment, Conservation & Parks to meet statutory requirements consistent with the science and intent of the Record of Site Condition process.



Natural environment: floodplains

The below map shows the lands at Ontario Place that have been subject to recent flooding (wave overtopping and spilling). Shoreline repairs and flood mitigation are a major component of the site upgrades to be implemented that will help to prevent future flooding and water damage to the property.



Recent flood repairs



Recent flooding on site



Recent flooding on site

Station 4 feedback

Next virtual station

5: Site conditions: socio-economic environment

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3: Site conditions: cultural environment

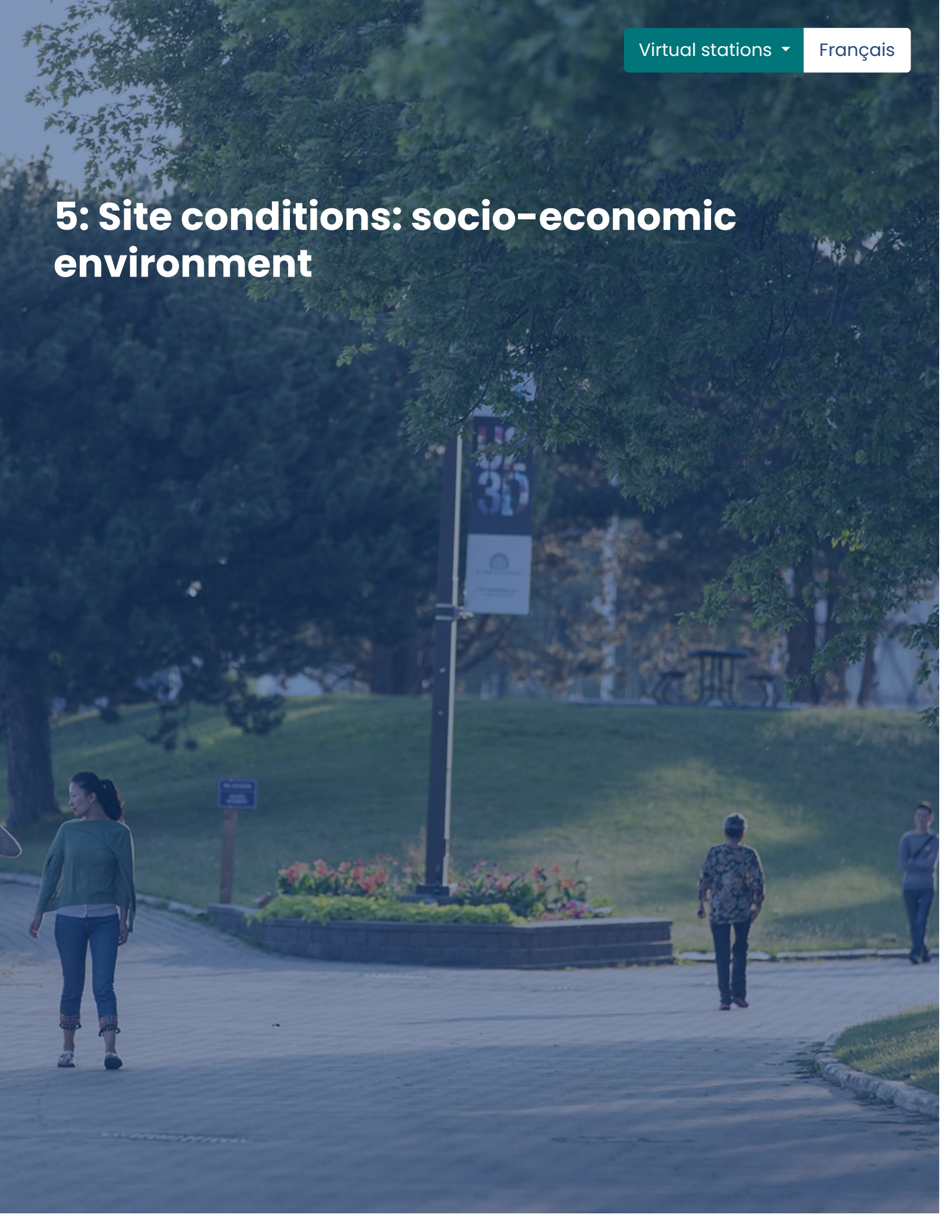
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5: Site conditions: socio-economic environment



Land uses

Although Ontario Place has historically operated as a commercial amusement park and currently hosts many different type of commercial and cultural activities, the site is designated as an Open Space Area in the Toronto Official Plan. The plan provided is taken from the City of Toronto Official Plan. It shows the land use designations within Ontario Place and also for the surrounding areas. Directly adjacent to Ontario Place are many parks, open spaces and areas subject to regeneration. Further afar, neighbourhoods and mixed-use areas are encountered.



City of Toronto Official Plan Map 18

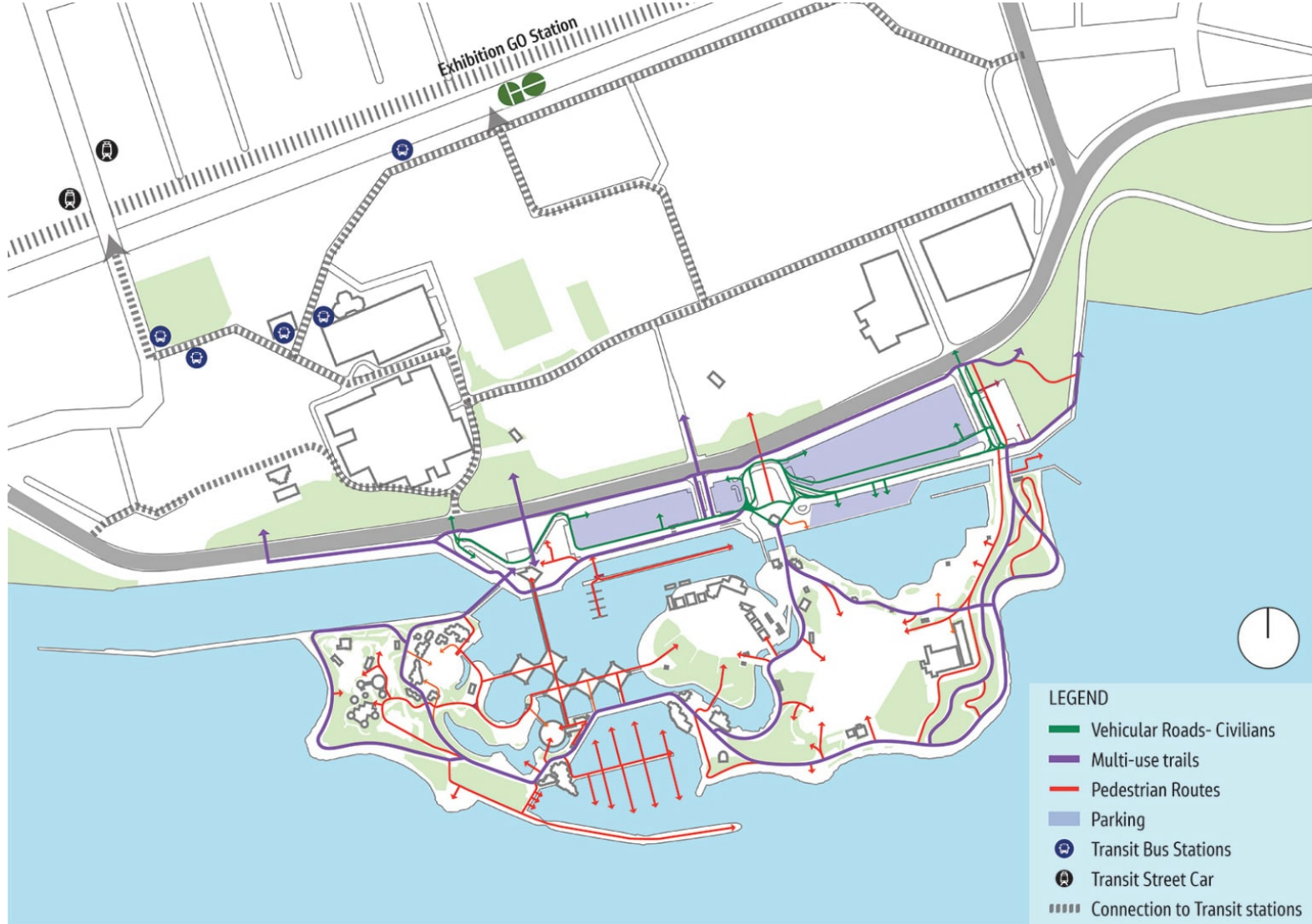
Community context

The plan provided shows the surrounding neighbourhoods of Ontario Place. It is situated in the southwest of Toronto, near Exhibition Place, Fort York, Liberty Village, Parkdale and Niagara communities. Over the last two decades, the waterfront has undergone substantial change with projects like Sugar Beach, the WaveDeck, and Queen's Quay creating a world-class destination. This area is expected to receive 7 million visitors annually.



Site features: circulation

Ontario Place is situated in the southwest of Toronto, amid various land uses and neighbourhoods. There are many ways to access the site from within the city and beyond. The map shows how Ontario Place is connected to the rest of the City and the type and location on-site circulation at Ontario Place. Also included below are photographs showing examples of the pathways at Ontario Place.



Site features: past and current activities



Movie screening at the Cinesphere



Fire pit surrounded by seating



Water activities outside the pavilion

Ontario Place continues to be a unique location in the City of Toronto where people have access to a variety of indoor and outdoor activities including recreation, education and entertainment. The photographs show some of the many activities that people enjoy at Ontario Place



Outdoor movie screening at Ontario Place



The site is popular with birdwatchers.
Image by Albrecht Fietz from Pixabay



Active transportation pathway

Station 5 feedback

This section is now closed.

Next virtual station

6: Future of the public realm

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4: Site conditions: natural environment

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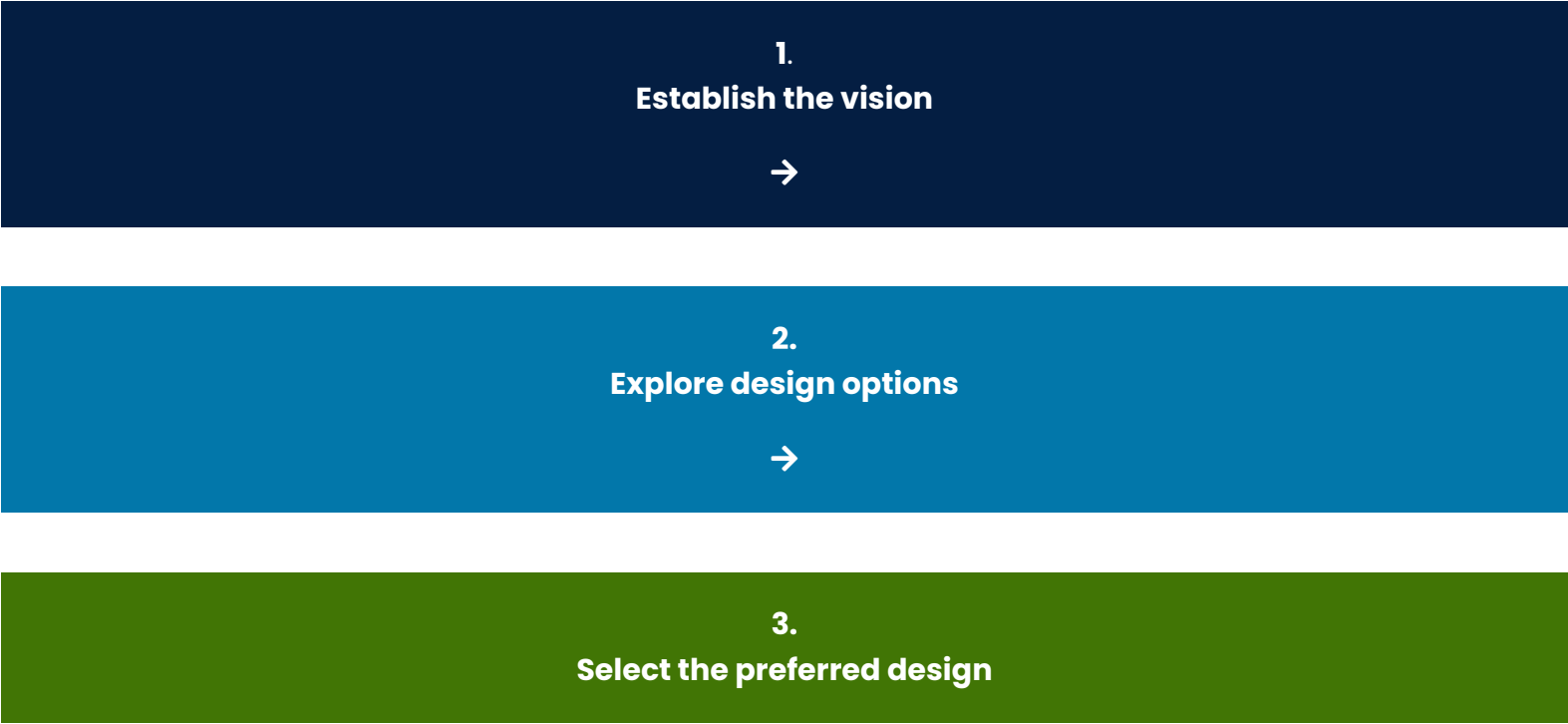
6: Future of the public realm

Public realm design

Building on a legacy of innovation, culture and recreation, the latest reimagination of Ontario Place presents exciting new opportunities for generations of visitors to relax, explore, and create lasting memories in this iconic destination.

The three anchor tenants will provide a variety of family friendly uses and activities – from a water and wellness facility to live music to an outdoor adventure park – all connected by a high-quality public realm including Trillium Park and expanded with new waterfront parks, trails and open spaces that are open to all and free to use.

The design of the public realm will be completed in three phases – each corresponding to a milestone in the Class EA process and informed by input gathered through consultation.





The map shows where publicly accessible lands are proposed to be located on the tenant lands, and how they relate to and integrate with the government-led public realm and redevelopment lands. This map is an approximate depiction of the land areas and is subject to change

We are at the beginning of the design process and we want your input!

We want your ideas for the design of the public realm



What...

... do you want to see?

... do you want to feel?

... are your aspirations?

... do you want to experience?

... do you hope for Ontario Place in a hundred years from now?

Your input...

... is important!

... is inspirational!

... shapes design!

... provides design!

Share your ideas

This section is now closed.

How your ideas will be used

Your submissions will serve as inspiration to the design team and help guide the exploration of design options for the public spaces at Ontario Place.

Your ideas may be selected for display at future consultation events. No personal information will be shared without consent.



Ontario Place: the future feedback form

This section is now closed.

Next virtual station

7: Project updates

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5: Site conditions: socio-economic environment

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7: Project updates



Heritage process

Ontario Place is a Provincial Heritage Property of Provincial Significance. The government is in the process of creating a Strategic Conservation Plan (SCP). The SCP is a critical step in protecting the site.

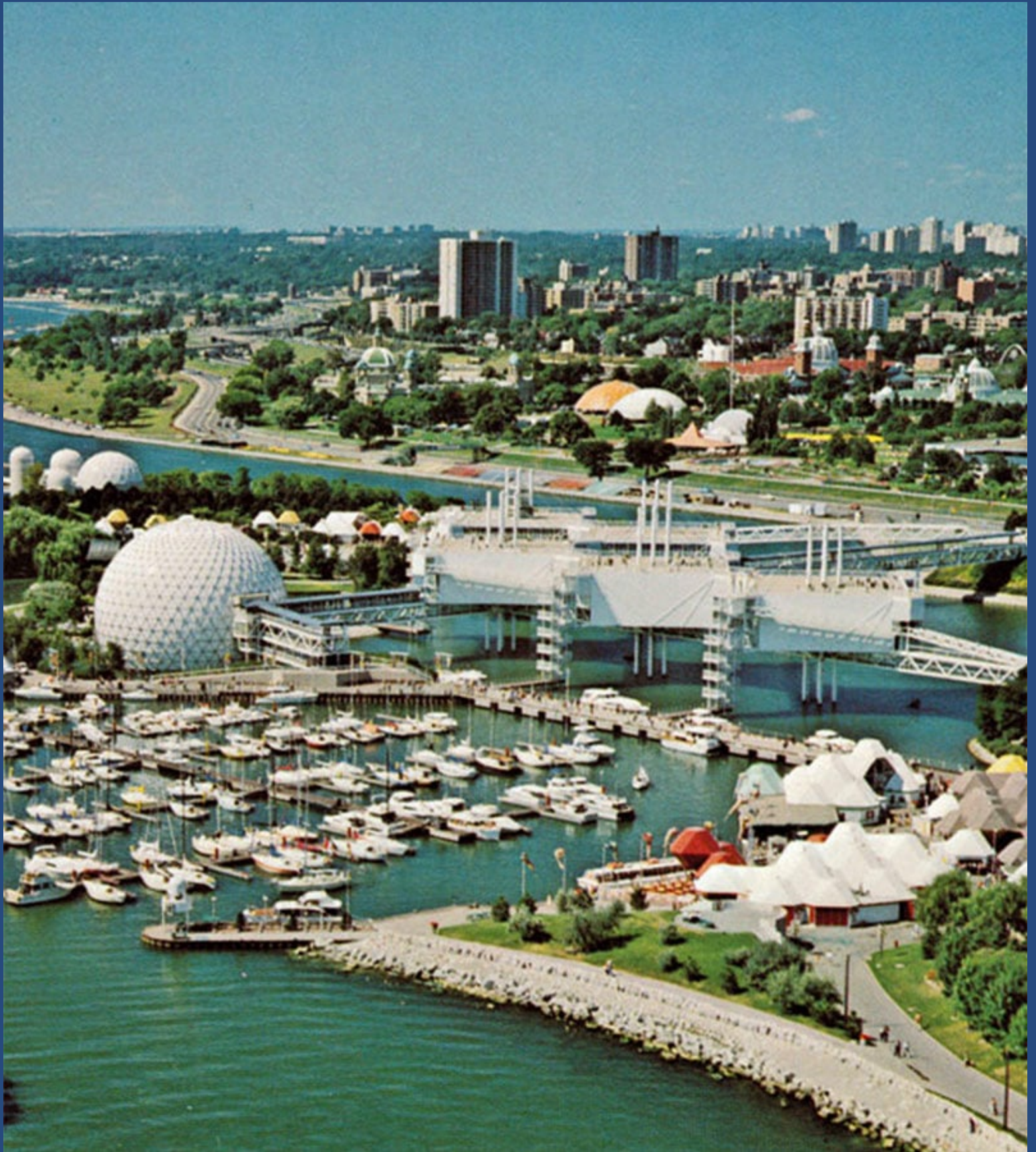
The purpose of the SCP is to provide guidance on how to maintain and conserve the heritage attributes of Ontario Place. It will establish conservation principles to guide the design of the tenant- and government-led redevelopment.

The SCP will provide the framework for considering heritage in future designs through the development Heritage Impact Assessments (HIAs). An HIA is a study that identifies impacts of proposed activities on a site's heritage attributes and recommends options or ways to avoid or mitigate those impacts.

Updates

- Draft SCP currently underway
- Engagement of Indigenous communities and consultation with key cultural heritage stakeholders planned for spring 2022.
- Final SCP anticipated early summer 2022
- [Read more about heritage.](#)





Site servicing at Ontario Place

The site services at Ontario Place were installed over 40 years ago. They are at their end of life and no longer meet current standards. Services in need of replacement include water, sewer, gas, and

electrical systems.

The project includes a comprehensive program to renew all services at Ontario Place to ensure continued operation of existing attractions and prepare it for redevelopment.

A Category B Public Work Class Environmental Assessment was chosen for this project because environmental effects are well understood and easily mitigated.

Updates

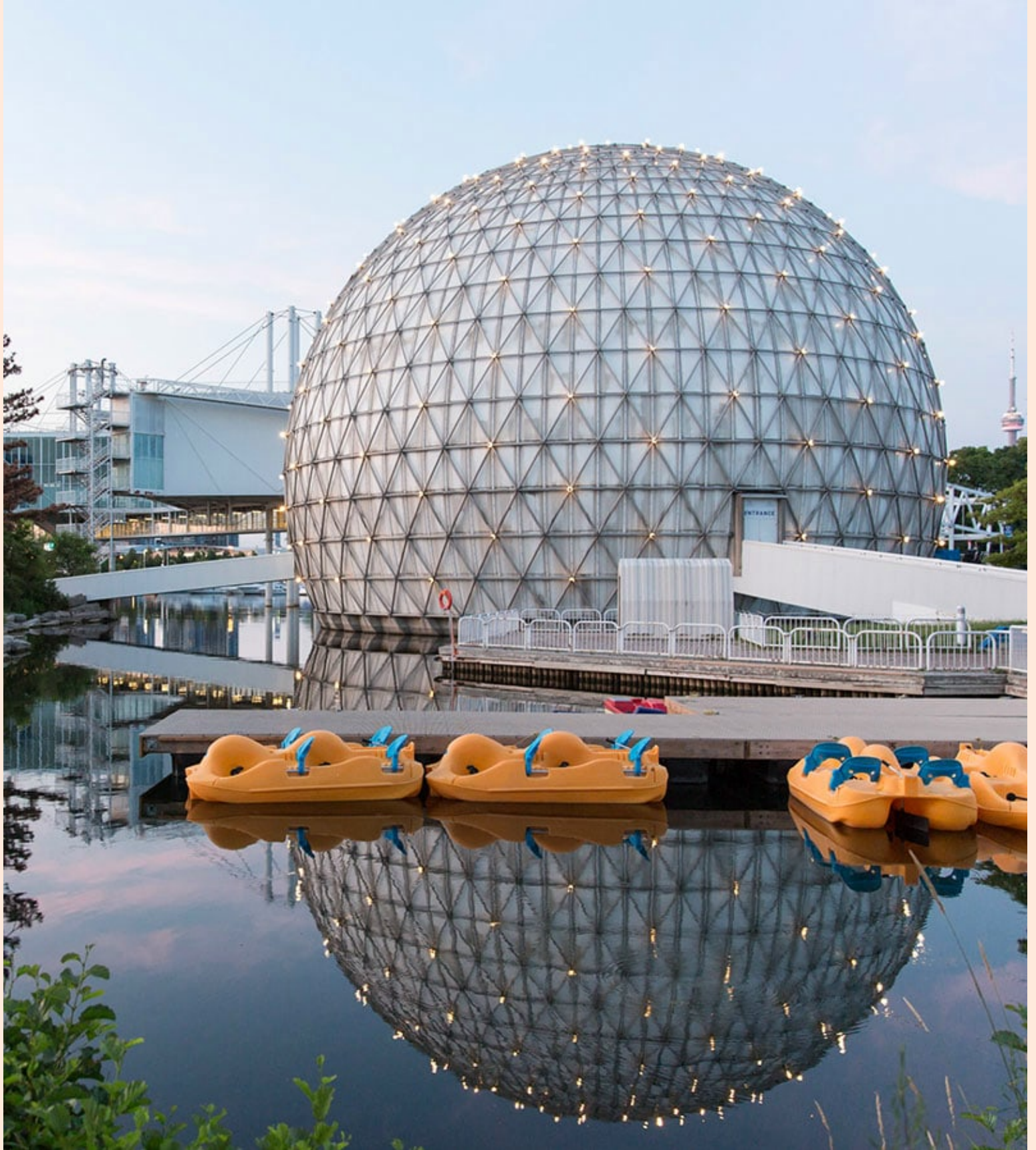
- When the Category B EA is complete, the Notice of Completion and 30-day comment period for the Consultation & Documentation report will be issued for public comment on the [Updates](#) page of the project website.
- Site works are expected to begin early 2023 and the estimated length of construction is 2-3 years.
- [Read more about site servicing.](#)

Repairs of existing Ontario Place infrastructure

The Government of Ontario is committed to protecting the Cinesphere and Pods complex and is exploring opportunities for their reuse in the redeveloped Ontario Place. Most pods have been vacant for decades and need extensive interior and exterior renovation. Maintenance and repair work is planned to stabilize and prevent further deterioration of the Cinesphere, pods and adjacent bridges while the redevelopment project progresses.

Updates

- Site work will begin work in spring 2022 and continue into 2023.
- Exclusionary measures are being put in place to address species at risk consistent with MECP requirements.
- Access to areas adjacent to work areas will be restricted for public safety as required.
- [Read more about the ongoing work.](#)



Next virtual station

8: What's next?

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6: Future of the public realm

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8: What's next?



Thank you for participating in the virtual public engagement room

This room will remain open for comments until early May. Once the comment period is closed, the room will be archived but will remain accessible until the end of this project in 2023.

Between now and fall 2023, we will be hosting additional public engagement events for you to provide more input on the public realm design and EA processes at Ontario Place.

Please visit the [Updates section](#) of the project website regularly for details.

Ontario Place redevelopment project – general comment form

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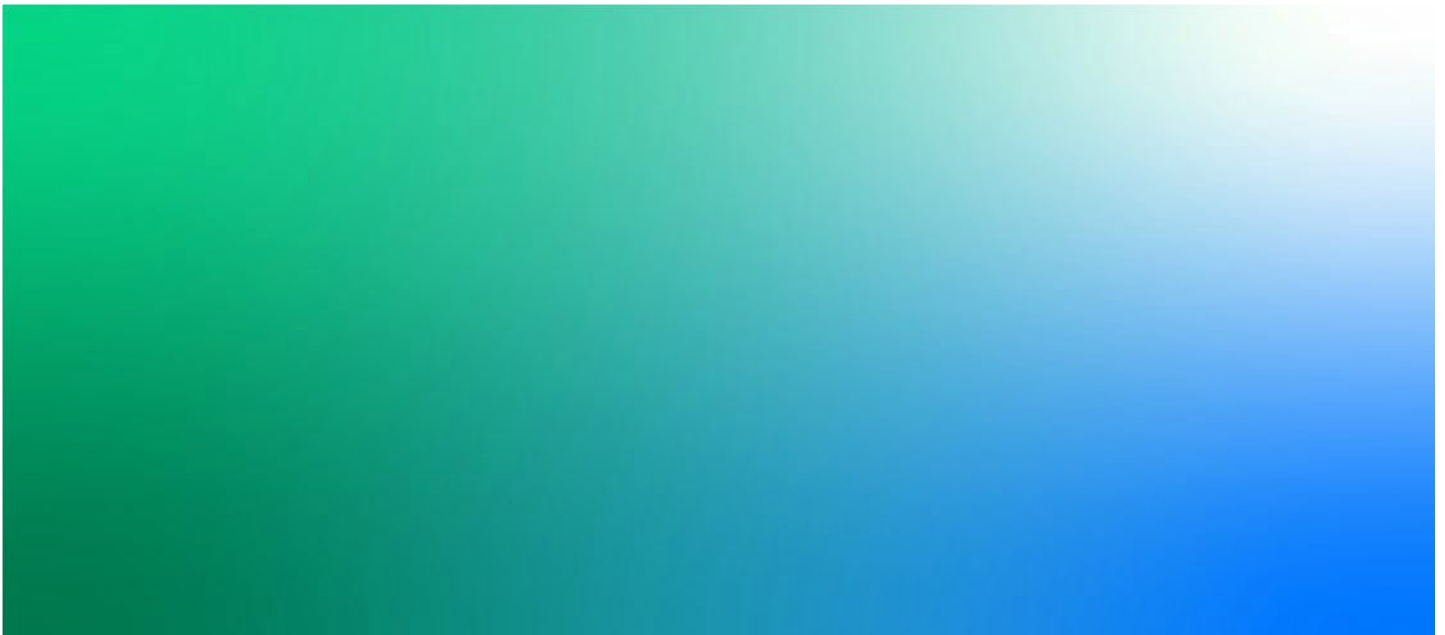


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1. Introduction

In March 2022, a Notice of Commencement was issued for the Category C Environmental Assessment for the redevelopment of Ontario Place, located at 955 Lakeshore Boulevard West in Toronto, Ontario. Over the next several years, Ontario Place will once again become a centrepiece of the province's recreation, tourism, and culture sectors. A redeveloped Ontario Place will provide an accessible and inclusive experience for all Ontarians that reflects the diversity of the province and celebrates the legacy of its waterfront location.

Site preparations will be occurring across all areas of Ontario Place with the exception of Trillium Park and trails. Development work led by the private sector will occur on tenanted lands, while government-led development activities are limited to areas outside of those tenanted boundaries. The government-led scope of work includes the following key types of activities:

- Planning approvals and realty activities
- Building decommissioning and removal
- Grading and landscaping
- Development of parks, trails and open spaces
- Shoreline repairs and flood mitigation
- Site access and parking
- Science-based learning programs
- New building and supporting site infrastructure construction

The *Environmental Assessment Act* applies to the government-led activities on site. These will be assessed using the Ministry of Infrastructure Public Work Class Environmental Assessment (EA) as a Category C undertaking. A Class EA is a study that examines the potential effects (positive and negative) of a proposed project and identifies ways to manage negative environmental effects before implementation. Private sector-led developments are not subject to the *Environmental Assessment Act* but are subject to the Ontario *Planning Act* requirements.

A key component of the Class EA process includes consultation, which provides opportunities for Indigenous communities, stakeholders, and members of the public to contribute to and influence decisions relating to the project. The consultation activities outlined in this report were specifically designed to facilitate comments and feedback from the public about the site conditions for the cultural, natural, and socio-economic environment, and the future of the public realm. General feedback was also requested. Consultation at this stage is intended to test ideas and encourage feedback regarding environmental information, and recommended methods of carrying out the project. Consultation will continue throughout the EA process.

In April 2022, there were two opportunities for public input, including a virtual public engagement room (VPER) that was launched at <https://engageontarioplace.ca/>, and a live, online public realm design workshop. Opportunities for comment and feedback were provided at both events. This report documents the VPER and the feedback received through that platform. The results of the public realm design workshop are documented here, but more detail can be found in the Visioning Workshop Summary Report prepared by Bespoke Collective (May 4, 2022).

2. Virtual Public Engagement Room

The VPER launched April 12, 2022 at <https://engageontarioplace.ca>. This platform provided an overview of the Class EA process, shared key information, and gathered feedback about current site conditions, and opportunities and constraints. The engagement room provided an opportunity to participate and provide input, consisting of eight virtual stations (Appendix A):

- 1) A bold new vision
- 2) Environmental Assessment and public realm design process
- 3) Site conditions: cultural environment
- 4) Site conditions: natural environment
- 5) Site conditions: socio-economic environment
- 6) Future of the public realm
- 7) Project updates
- 8) What's next?

The user had the option of clicking on each station for detailed information and the opportunity to provide feedback through comment forms linked to five of the stations. Comment forms were provided at Station 3, 4, and 5. Additional feedback (such as, memories) was requested at Station 6, and a general comment form was provided at Station 8. The comment period extended from April 12, 2022 until May 11, 2022; however, access to the VPER information continues to remain available at <https://engageontarioplace.ca/documents/>.

A total of 478 users visited the virtual stations. The project team reviewed the comments received (Table 2-1) to gain an understanding of what is important to the public, including site users (Appendix B).

Table 2-1. Summary of Comments Received

Station	Number of Comments Received
3	18
4	22
5	17
6	8
Postcard	14
Final	4
Total	83

Generally, participants are most interested in or raised concerns about the following topics:

- Maintaining unrestricted, free, and accessible entry to the park, including the shoreline, year-round
- Preserving greenspace and native trees that are already onsite and increasing native species for habitat during redevelopment
- Protecting wildlife including species at risk, migratory birds (habitat preservation and protection from glass buildings) and aquatic species
- Ensuring there are pathway connections throughout (walkability)

- Escaping from the city
- Maintaining heritage conservation
- Incorporating sustainability and solutions for climate change (such as, flood mitigation)
- Limiting parking lots and hardscaping
- Focusing on aesthetics – increase nature, and limited buildings and concrete

The design team will review the comments and feedback received throughout the VPER and will incorporate these into the overall site design concept for the public realm design, where appropriate. The EA team will review comments and feedback to ensure information has been integrated into the impact assessment and EA planning process (such as background information), where applicable.

3. Public Realm Design

On April 12, 2022, a live virtual visioning workshop was held for 2 hours to seek input, ideas, and preferences related to the public realm at Ontario Place. The goal of the session was to give participants an opportunity to learn about, and share ideas regarding, the government-led component of the Ontario Place redevelopment and public realm design process. Participants were divided into breakout groups, each of which consisted of a facilitator to encourage feedback, either verbally or through the text chat function, as well as a note-taker.

There were 270 people registered for the event, with 130 members of the public attending and about 20 government and consultant partners. The workshop consisted of the following activities:

- Setup
- Quiz
- Background and introductions
- Breakout rooms
- Share-back
- Wrap-up and next steps

Information offered by participants during the breakout rooms was documented. Key themes identified during the virtual visioning workshop include:

- Free, public access to park (accessibility)
- Recreational activities
- Nature, including wetlands, fish and aquatic life, botanical garden
- Environmental sustainability
- History and heritage
- Diversity (that is, honour Indigenous culture)
- Inclusion and accessibility
- Cultural attraction (public art and programming)
- Pedestrian bridge access to West Island
- Integration with the Marine Strategy by Waterfront Toronto

Similar to the VPER, the project team will review the feedback obtained during the breakout rooms. This will be incorporated, where applicable, into the development of the alternatives for the public realm design. This includes reviewing comments and feedback to ensure information has been integrated into the impact assessment and EA planning process (such as, background information).

4. Next Steps

Consultation and engagement activities will continue throughout the life of the project. Public feedback and ideas are an important part of the process and will help the project team as they prepare conceptual design options for the public realm aspect of the Ontario Place redevelopment, to be presented to the public in fall 2022.

Appendix A. Virtual Public Engagement Room Virtual Stations



1: A bold new vision

There is an exciting opportunity to create a world-class waterfront destination at Ontario Place. Learn more here.



2: Environmental Assessment and public realm design process

An Environmental Assessment is underway at Ontario Place. Learn more about the Environmental Assessment and design processes and how you can get involved.



3: Site conditions: cultural environment

Ontario Place has a rich history and important place in the province's cultural heritage of art and architecture. Learn more about this unique, integrated environment that was built for the purpose of entertainment, education and recreation.



4: Site conditions: natural environment

This artificial island is home to wildlife and vegetation in a unique natural context. Learn more about this urban greenspace, its relationship to Lake Ontario, and underlying conditions.



5: Site conditions: socio-economic environment

Ontario Place continues to serve an important socio-economic role in the City of Toronto, and all of Ontario. Learn more here.



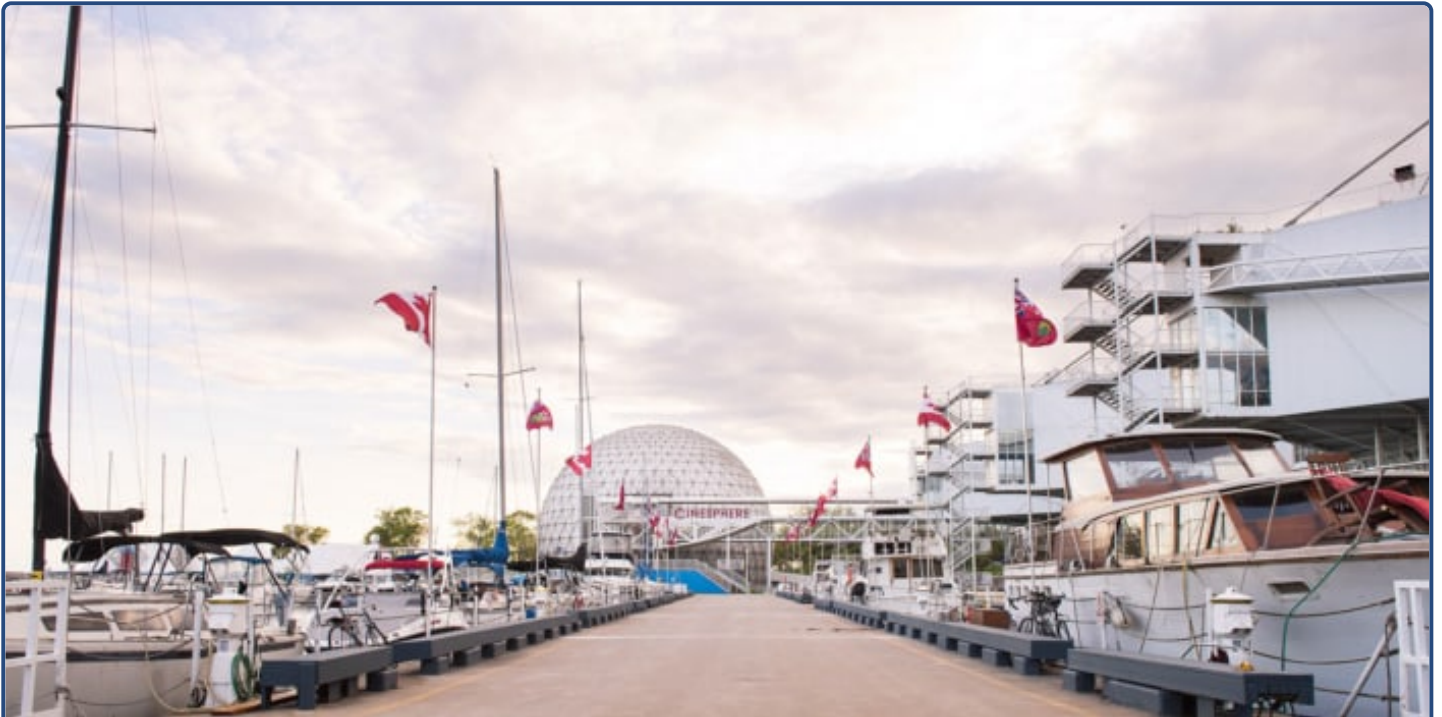
6: Future of the public realm

Your input will help shape the future of the public realm at Ontario Place.



7: Project updates

Read more about the ongoing work at Ontario Place to help maintain and conserve its heritage features including updates for current and future operations.



8: What's next?

The Environmental Assessment and design processes will be ongoing for the next two years. Learn more about how to stay updated here.

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Appendix B. Virtual Public Engagement Room Comments Received

Table B-1. Stations 3, 4, 5

Entry Date	Station	Comment
05/12/22	5	What are the plans for public access to West Island south beach? This water access is used my thousands of local Toronto residents. Thanks.
05/12/22	5	The site should remain freely accessible public open space. Especially the west beach area.
05/12/22	4	Habitat for wildlife is very important.
05/12/22	3	There is also a nice pebble beach.
05/12/22	4	I haven't been been able to read all of the new ideas for the project yet. But I'd like to point out that Ontario Place is an important place for birds. Both native and migratory. There are many species at this site and major changes to vegetation, can be very distributing to them. I do know that many barn swallows and cliff swallows nest at Ontario Place. We have lost a lot of natural habitant during the last 30 years throughout the whole world. I believe we have also lost a 3rd of birds worldwide. So this is super important and vital that we make animals and the earth a priority when making decisions. I urge you to consult experts and put the natural environment and animals first. Thank you
05/11/22	5	I disagree that it was historically a commercial amusement park. It was a free space that was not especially commercialized, very much like Central Park in New York. The communities adjacent to Ontario Place have almost no green space. the people in these high rise buildings will have less space to access now, that is free. Now most of Ontario Place will be Pay for Access. You could have done a proper Strategic Conservation Plan FIRST and discovered that it would have been inappropriate to put in a spa and two other expensive venues, not consistent with the heritage and landscape features of this site. Lastly, disturbing the infill there to build these venues is not good for the environment, is too expensive and is going to be costly to the taxpayer since the government is on the hook for all of the improvements.
05/11/22	3	I do not understand why this EA is only for the public areas and not the tenanted areas. Surely those areas will have an impact on the environment. Is this because the EA would determine that those tenants' proposals are not appropriate to the landscape in all aspects? This is highly suspicious. I do not understand how a site that is on the World Monuments Watch List along with Easter Island and Notre Dame Cathedral can be so poorly managed. What if a spa went into the Easter Island site? Turning this significant architectural site, designed by Eb Zeidler and landscaped by Michael Hough into a theme park is a travesty. When it was built, it was heralded as futuristic, representative of Ontario's hopes and dreams and was world class. It will become just another theme park. What a shame for the people of Ontario.
05/11/22	4	Michael Hough, who originally did the landscaping for Ontario Place intended that native tree species be utilized. After all this was to be a celebration of Ontario in all of its aspects. It really bothers me that where the spa is to be located, palm trees will be planted. That is not a celebration of Ontario. And what impact will this 14 foot glass structure have on migrating birds and insects? Further, the original intention of Ontario Place was to provide a park for Ontarians and to be public space, free to access once an inexpensive admission price was paid. . All of these venues are private and unaffordable to poor and middle class families. Eb Zeidler's original concept is no longer the over riding concept here. And if a Strategic Conservation Plan had been done before tenants were selected as is supposed to be the case with a designated site under the provincial government's Standards and Guidelines, these tenants would never have been selected. And it is really disappointing that there is still no strategic conservation plan.
05/11/22	3	I do not understand how you can do an environmental assessment after you have made commitments to three tenants. Why does the EA apply only to the areas where there will be no tenants. Surely the tenants will have an impact on the environment. If the EA were done to include the whole park. it might conclude that three tenants did not fit the requirements of the EA, I do not think that this government understand the significance of this site. It is not just another theme park. It is significant globally and is on the World Monuments Watch List due to its unique modernist architecture. It is in the same list as Notre dame Cathedral and Easter Island. I can't imagine a theme park stuck in the middle of either of those sites. We are going to look like bozos to the rest of the world especially with this ridiculous spa.
05/11/22	5	My childhood birthdays were at Ontario Place, my parents could afford to bring a class full of kids there because access was cheap and one ticket got you into the whole site. Only very wealthy families will be able to do that in your proposed plans.
05/11/22	4	You state that: "the overall vegetation is non-native and ornamental". Is there a tree survey that has identified species? The design intent of Michael Hough was to use native species. I have walked the site with Bridget Hough, his widow, she told how important that was to him. The current proposals will clear cut the forests he planted and make them pay access buildings filled with palm trees. "They cut all the trees and put them in a tree museum, and charged all the people a dollar and half (EDIT: \$80/day) just to see them" -Joni Mitchell

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05/11/22	3	<p>Why does this EA only apply to the areas of the site that are not tenant occupied? A proper EA for this PUBLIC site would look at the entire site and question the very idea of effectively selling (long-term lease, no difference) most of a public park and making it pay access. This "consultation" only serves to cement an outrageous decision.</p> <p>Ontario Place is just as important to global architectural heritage as the Sydney Opera House....imagine if the local authorities in Sydney decided to put a giant spa in the park next to the opera house. What would the world think? This proposal has been ridiculed in the press--expect that to continue.</p> <p>Ontario Place is on the World Monuments Fund 2020 Watch Program along with only 24 other sites from around the world. The world is watching, this place is important...WAKE UP!</p>
05/11/22	5	<p>People want swimmable beaches like world-class cities have around the world. Toronto lacks these spaces due to the ongoing environmental abuse of waterways and poor planning. It is time for Toronto and Ontario to wake up and start following the lead of other cities that have created beautiful and sustainable water-wise spaces for people and nature. It was good to see some shifts here during the pandemic as demand for green spaces and open beaches soared. I am not sure how Toronto plans to cope with added demand to beaches and clean, swimmable water. There is no plan to meet this demand, just to sell land for development which shows how inept the Ontario government is.</p>
05/11/22	4	<p>Any effort here would be an improvement. The great lakes are vital assets and it is sad to see our local governments abuse this natural resource. People enjoy swimming in the lake all year and posting no swimming signs so the government can pollute and dump untreated waste into the lake. This should be illegal and the Ontario Government and organizations developing Ontario Place should be held accountable and made to pay for the damage done so far. Keeping the water clean for both humans and animals should be of paramount importance. The best part of Ontario place is the natural pebble beach. So far the development plans fail the mention the best parts and sustainability. The pebble beach is natural and does not require maintenance. I think you guys need new people and better people to start protecting the environment rather than green-washing propaganda. We need urgent action to make water-wise decisions and so far, action here in the GTA and Ontario has been quite pathetic. A natural beach and natural environment would solve these issues with minimal costs.</p>
05/11/22	4	<p>The original landscape design developed by Michael Hough should be respected.</p> <p>I trust those features have been earmarked and outlined in a Conservation Management Plan that has already been developed. If so, why isn't this being referenced in the Environmental Assessment. It should be.</p> <p>In fact, no further development, no leases, no site preparation should take place without this Plan being completed.</p> <p>It is very very hard to reconstitute natural landscapes -- in fact, it's a contradiction in terms.</p> <p>Concerns about the natural features should not, and cannot, be limited to marked off areas of Ontario Place.</p> <p>The spaces proposed to be leased MUST be included in the EA.</p> <p>Birds, toads, pollen, leaves, don't recognize property lines.</p>
05/11/22	3	<p>I think the drive-in movie theatre shows how Toronto is a city stuck in the 50's, with vibrant car culture and a city that promotes traffic violence. I think it would be a good idea to follow the lead of world-class cities and start focusing on the future. Cars do not have a place in the city and we should use the space as green space. People want green space and access to the water. It is nice having access to some of the other areas, even though it is currently restricted as to what hour of the day it is. Again, other cities value the waterfront and allow public access 24 hours a day. Toronto could learn from these examples and follow suit. It would also be good to have lockers at Ontario Place so we could leave beach materials at Ontario Place without having to take cars each time. I think Ontario and Toronto do a pathetic job of protecting water and the environment. More of an effort is needed to bring Ontario Place up to a basic international standard.</p>
05/11/22	3	<p>I think it's wrong, and very misguided to think that the "culture" and cultural heritage of Ontario Place needs to be considered only for the relatively small part that is proposed to remain "public". Your review should apply to the areas proposed to be leased to Terme, Ecorecreo and LiveNation.</p> <p>Part of the original cultural statement which Ontario Place made was that it represented, it WAS Ontario. This new site was composed of, made from, components that came from all over Ontario. In both spirit and fact, its role was to represent Ontario to the world.</p> <p>So how can we contemplate having palm trees in an imported-from-Europe spa in Ontario Place?</p> <p>How do palm trees represent Ontario to the world?</p> <p>I live in Waterloo: when I take my kids and grandkids to Ontario Place, I want to be able to tell them how Ontario Place IS Ontario.</p> <p>I don't want to have them imagine we are in Europe. How is a spa part of Ontario's cultural heritage?</p> <p>Questions like this need to be explored in the Environmental Assessment. The EA needs to cover the entirety of the Ontario Place property, not just the areas not proposed to be controlled by private sector companies.</p> <p>And I trust these leases have not yet been signed. They better not be!!!</p> <p>This, and other parts of the Environmental Assessment, must be guided by a Strategic Conservation Plan. Where is this plan? Everything should be halted until the Plan is in place.</p>

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05/11/22	4	<p>I am a Toronto resident who swims at what we, the cold water swimmers, affectionately call Teach Beach. This is the small south facing beach in the West Island of Ontario place. Public access to, and preservation of, Teach Beach is an invaluable source of community strength for us. Cold water swimming throughout the year offers multiple physical and mental heath benefits and it would be a tragedy to have this beach (and others like it) privatized. As we continue to find safe ways to gather socially in Toronto during the pandemic free access to outside spaces like parks and beaches is invaluable. In the urban landscape it is increasingly difficult to find quiet and tranquil public space and Teach Beach is a public oasis and life saver for many of us. I urge City Council to do everything in its power to keep Teach Beach publicly accessible and to preserve it as one of the city's environmental treasures. Countless residents and generations to follow will thank you!</p> <p>██████████</p>
05/10/22	4	Please ensure that any structures built and glass/windows added are bird friendly
05/10/22	5	As a visitor from outside Toronto, I enjoy the outdoors in a city as much as the indoors. In good weather, I am always more interested in experiencing the city outside instead of visiting the many indoor cultural activities. I would love to see quick and easy access to this site by public transit, multiple circulation routes through the site to provide opportunity to spend hours exploring, and access to the waterfront with its views, cool breezes and opportunities for wildlife viewing.
05/10/22	3	Ontario Place is an oasis of green in the City. As a visitor, I like to be able to get outside and enjoy indoor spaces as much as indoor spaces in a City. Ontario Place could be significantly enhanced to provide more greenspace and habitat while also being able to support recreational opportunities. Why not take it one step further and use this as an opportunity to showcase how cities can contribute to the solutions of climate change? Think greenspace cleaning our air, absorbing excess surface water, filtering the water before it enters the lake, providing shade and reducing heat sinks.
05/10/22	4	We need to preserve the shore access and limit how much hard scaping and possible parking lots or vehicle traffic.
05/10/22	3	It is very important to me that we preserve public access to the periphery of Ontario place such as the walking trail, beach access. It seems like the current plan is to cordon off that access for the therme spa. This would ruin the character of the land and lock out access to something I treasure as a local resident. Also car access to these locations is a huge concern. I can't imagine this park being segmented for parking.
05/08/22	4	The buildings proposed are definitely not bird friendly. The glass enclosures with trees inside is going to cause more bird deaths that can be mitigated.
05/08/22	4	Ontario Place's future plans deserve better than privatizing space meant for all to enjoy year round. Expand on the site's evolving status as an urban habitat for wildlife. A nature interpretative centre about the Great Lakes region and Indigenous history would be more meaningful to more people. Pines not palms, please.
05/07/22	4	What you have missed is the inclusion of Therme Spa's initial designs which include multiple glass enclosures that will result in the death of thousands of migratory birds. This is already a known problem in Toronto due to glass architecture and including such structures in such an important migratory staging area is beyond irresponsible. Cancel the land rental to private companies and maintain the current parkland free from artificial obstructions.
05/07/22	4	As you have stated, this area provides important habitat for local and migratory birds as well as habitat for all kinds of other life. This plan with tons of glass will be a disaster for the birds especially and in general doesn't seem to be particularly sensitive to environmental considerations. What we really need in this city is more diverse natural habitat for the health of the planet, our city, all the critters that depend on these spaces to survive and of course our health too. We have know for many years that a diverse ecosystem supports health amongst all the species that share the space. We need nature.
05/07/22	4	I applaud your concern for local species and emphasis on protecting threatened native wildlife from the problems of invasive species. Well done! However, I'm concerned by the amount of glass frontage on these buildings and the inevitable window collisions that will take a toll on bird populations. Please, PLEASE make sure to install decals on all glass surfaces to ensure birds can see the glass. There is an excellent local NGO called Fatal Light Awareness Program. I'm sure the good folks at WWW.FLAP.ORG would be happy to ensure this development doesn't threaten migratory or resident bird populations. Thank you for your consideration.
05/04/22	4	I am very concerned about the removal of the pods, long-time habitat for Barn and Cliff Swallows. The planned Barn Swallow nesting structures aren't always accepted by the birds. I'm not aware of any remediation planned for the Cliff Swallows. Habitat for avian insectivores such as these species is rapidly disappearing.

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05/04/22	4	<p>To be candid, the loss of so much of the natural environment at Ontario Place is tremendously sad. With the current redevelopment plans threatening the entire West Island, the Riverwalk Fish Habitat (TRCA) and the green meadow-like spaces along the waterfront, I strongly feel that habitat loss is both not a priority or taken seriously in the renderings that exist to the public so far.</p> <p>While I am pleased to see acknowledgement across the virtual stations of natural habitat, wildlife, and the wellbeing of greenspace - it is exactly these areas that face the biggest loss against construction. I have attended the public sessions on this project so far, and in the meeting on April 12th related to the future public realm, there was very strong feedback using the words "nature", "green", "trees", "wildlife", "water". Even if Land INC are to create something akin to Trillium Park in the future "public" areas of the site, they are such small areas disconnected by large buildings an complexes that they won't be sufficient or compensate for the loss of current natural environment. I do not foresee a positive outcome for wildlife or their habitat with the present redevelopment plans. That is obviously not just a loss for nature, but for all of us to witness and connect with the rich diversity of Ontario flora and fauna.</p> <p>I walk here almost daily, an avid birdwatcher among many others that visit here for the wildlife. In numbers, 183 species of birds have been reported on site to date. The full checklist can be viewed on eBird here: https://ebird.org/printableList?regionCode=L6336022&yr=all&m=</p> <p>Of this list, 16 reported species appear on the official Species at Risk in Ontario (SARO) list. Could the future plans not do more in their design to encourage welcoming spaces for those at risk? Marsh land, meadows, woodland.</p>
05/04/22	5	<p>"Open Space Area" is the key phrase here. It's been made extremely clear during the past two years of the pandemic that open and publicly accessible space is absolutely vital to our wellbeing and healthy communities.</p> <p>I live near this site and have walked there frequently over the past several years. Speaking to neighbours and other city residents, genuinely no one I have heard from wants to lose access to the trails, park space, greenery or free access. While I appreciate that this site is provincial in scope, the thousands of people that live in Parkdale, Liberty Village, Fort York, Niagara face a huge loss with the planned construction on top of open space, with many of them unaware of the plans. It is worth adding that for the thousands of people in Toronto and beyond who frequently walk, run, bike, swim, play sports, fish, gather with family etc, there is not sufficient advertisement of this virtual feedback page online, or the plans in the plans in general circulating in the area. Why is there no signage about this project in the park itself for example? Why is this comments section only open for a couple of weeks?</p> <p>I would also add the above images featured in "Site features: past and current activities", which reflect popular activities at present, are those that are largely about to be lost with the redevelopment. Furthermore, they do not include swimming in any capacity, which is increasingly popular on the West Island and is an incredibly important connection to the lake.</p> <p>In the past few decades we have experienced a sea change in the way we connect and build upon our lakeshores. Above it is stated that "Directly adjacent to Ontario Place are many parks, open spaces and areas subject to regeneration" - sadly the redevelopment threatens to chop up this space in favour of commercial ventures. An expensive spa doesn't say either "world class" or make a positive statement about our relationship to the lakeshore. The future socio-economic environment of Ontario Place speaks to those who can afford to visit, over open, accessible and equitable space.</p>
04/29/22	3	<p>As a GTA resident (Durham Region) who has grown up with access to Ontario Place at all stages of my life, I can attest to the attraction to visit from an arts and culture perspective. I believe it is the responsibility of the property to maintain white space (or green space) — a connection between people and nature. As well, the arts should be increased. As we move into a world that is more and more connected through digital, a place where connections can be made human to human is more important that ever.</p> <p>What we don't need is a place to break the boredom, a place where there is always "something to do". Collectively this is something we fear, but it's something that we need. A place where time can slow down. We need more places where we can observe, be a spectator, and absorb. We can celebrate what makes us innately human — our desire to belong. A space to learn at our own pace.</p> <p>Please, no splash pads, no amusements, no kitschy shopping booths. Lose the drive-in movies/concerts (this should be a car-free area except for parking, with AMPLE charging stations).</p>
04/28/22	3	<p>TIFF events and movie screenings at the cinesphere</p> <p>events at ontario place such as Tacofest and other summer events gathering on the island</p>
04/27/22	4	<p>Most swallow populations are in decline. What will be done to protect and sustain the nest sites of cliff and barn swallows on the pods?</p> <p>Thanks ██████████</p>
04/20/22	5	<p>Need to consider our 4 seasons and ensure there are year round opportunities to attract residents to Ontario Place.</p>
04/20/22	5	<p>I do not see any overt effort to link Exhibition Park with Ontario Place and ensure that there is an overall connection, encourage pedestrian flow between the sites and eliminate any duplication of amenities. The plan is not clearly articulating what features and activities require payment and what remains free for anyone to use. There is limited details on any improved access to Ontario Place via bike paths, transit etc. There is also not a clear sight on food/dining amenities. In the 80's Ontario Place used to be a destination for dinner or drinks and I did not see what the plan was for on-site dining.</p>

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04/20/22	4	Should there not be an effort to replace non-native vegetation with native vegetation? Should there be an overt effort to remove invasive, non-native vegetation and create a more natural environment that could attract more birds, insects and mammals?
04/20/22	5	The car-based outdoor screening makes it difficult for local non-car owners to participate. Why have such an exclusionary event given the local population? More green zones would help everyone.
04/20/22	4	Remove on site vehicular parking to prevent runoff into the water. Encourage sustainable transit solutions like bike parking. Naturalise all the shorelines
04/20/22	3	Way too much hard scraping. Why have a drive in theatre when we know how much damage cars do to the environment? The outdoor theatre space should be on grass so everyone can enjoy it. Keeping publicly accessible and free art for people to enjoy is great.
04/14/22	5	Two further ideas: 1. Although Ontario Place is designated as "Other Open Space Areas" in Toronto's Official Plan, perhaps parts of it should be re-designated, as part of the redesign, as "Parks" and "Natural Areas". 2. Currently Ontario Place is accessed via bridges, except for the one causeway at the east side. The bridges are part of the unique experience of Ontario Place. They are what communicates to visitors that they are crossing a threshold and leaving the city behind. Like any crossing to an island it is this experience of transition, whether via a bridge or a ferry, as is the case for Toronto Islands, that lets the visitor know they are entering an otherworld. This experience was key to how Ontario Place was originally meant to function as a part of the city. It would be a shame to remove the uniqueness of this relationship by expanding the on grade land connection to the island. If the success of the various private partnerships, which obviously are a core part of the funding model for this revitalization, requires more connection to the shore, than what is currently there, then this should be achieved with more or new wider bridges rather than more landfill. The design of such bridges should be considered not just from the perspective of the traffic surface but also from the perspective of the water and the shore, since they will be experienced by users from all perspectives.
04/14/22	4	Much of what I would have said regarding this section I mentioned in my previous comments. So please look back as they apply here as well. My only addition is the hope that the flood mitigation does not take the form of more vertical concrete walls. Can the occasional flooding be taken as an opportunity to provide a wet landscape that, could form a unique habitat? One that is shaped and planted to allow the high waters to inundate while the planting breaks up any wave action that might cause erosion. Surely there are natural eco systems all around the lake that evolved to address just this inevitability that can be taken as inspiration for how to approach this problem. This would allow for soft naturalized thresholds between land and water to be maintained while still addressing flood risks.
04/14/22	3	1. I noticed that neither of the Cultural Heritage Landscape or Arts and Culture sections made note of the extensive use of the waterways around Ontario place for non motorized recreation. Since the pandemic the use of this space has exploded. This expanded use should be noted and demand an additional perspective from which to view the relationship between the physical form of Ontario Place and its users and that is the view from the user on the water. Another way to think of this is the swans eye view. The Landscape design for the islands was originally conceived as a cottage or country getaway experience for families that might not have easy access to a cottage in the Muskokas or the beaches of Georgian Bay. Central to this idea was the naturalistic treatment of the transition between water and land. Great effort was originally placed into conceiving this as a shore line where the public could experience the water and the varied natural ways land and water interact. However over time much of the naturalized edge has been replaced with sheet piles, concrete walls and raised steel platforms; under which pipes thought out of sight continually dump foul smelling water. All of these changes to the shore line have further separated those on the land from the water and those on the water from the land. The new design for Ontario Place should correct this condition and improve upon it. 2. Ontario Place also has yet another broader relationship that I haven't seen mentioned so far. What is Ontario Place relationship to Toronto's entire central and western waterfront, for which Ontario Place is the hinge point? How does it connect into and inform the experience of the trails stretching from Etobicoke to Sugar Beach (with the harbour lands beyond soon to be added). The same can be said for the use of the channel of water behind the (aged and crumbling) break wall, which extends out both to the west, as far as the Humber River, and to the east, to Toronto Harbour. What role will Ontario place play in this linear promenade? Will the Trillium Park tails be further integrated into the Martin Goodman trail system, or will they continue to be a side trail, exclusive the experience of Ontario Place. Will the new Ontario Place continue to present a barrier to the continuity of the existing trail system, as is evident to anyone who is riding a bike along the narrow

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04/14/22	5	I think you should also mention some of the uses that are included under cultural heritage, like Budweiser Stage. I think you should also mention some of the events and festivals that have taken place at Ontario Place in the past.
04/14/22	3	You haven't included the Echo Beach venue and what about the new park that was built not long ago? Why aren't these included?
04/14/22	3	I hit send too quickly, I didn't realize the western portion where the silos are now tenanted lands. I think a small Forum like space could fit into the plans elsewhere. hopefully, the site could have a section somewhere that displays a visual history of the more modern activities at the place, including the construction of the site itself. Many people seem to think it is a natural outcropping. Perhaps there is also a way for people to share their images and stories of their own histories at Ontario Place. That would be an excellent activity for Ontario Archives to manage, in order to continually capture our history and make it publicly accessible.
04/14/22	3	I think the preservation of the cinesphere could serve a triple purpose. 1. As a replacement for the now defunct planetarium on University Ave 2. As a branch of the Ontario Science Centre, highlighting the importance of protecting the Oak Ridges Moraine, as a natural aquifer spilling into Lake Ontario. 3. More Imax movies!
04/13/22	5	Criteria for Ontario place should not be to create a world class destination.that would be for Disney World.it should be true to the same vision which created this space; It is for Ontarians and has been a destination as such for its whole duration. The site should celebrate and allow participation in what Ontario is...the natural, the cultural, the artistic and the human community. This should not be an opportunity for the businesses of entertainment to cash in on. It belongs to and should represent us.
04/13/22	3	The buildings that were part of the Ontario North Now exhibitions are located in one of the private development areas (Therme group) - will the buildings be torn down or preserved. There is no mention of Echo Beach, and excellent outdoor music venue. I would like to see included.
04/13/22	4	habitat identified as appropriate for aquatic and terrestrial life should remain off limits to any shoreline or water areas so as to not disturb what is native. This is not a matter of being in the dozers and then we will rebuild a habitat as we tend to think we can do in forestry (replanting trees is not the solution to a clear cut forest) eating the ecosystem. This too is a part of what makes Ontario place special.
04/13/22	5	It should be noted that the beach at Ontario Place is used by increasing numbers of swimmers. Though it is not a recognized City swimming beach, this use should be considered because the beach provides an important amenity to cool off in the summer and the beach use should be maintained and enhanced.
04/13/22	3	Protection of Ontario Place as a cultural heritage landscape is very important. This includes the architecture and the landscape design in relation to each other.
04/13/22	5	Free recreational activities are a critical factor to be included as part of the description of the socio-economic conditions at Ontario Place. For me free, public year round swimming at the West Island beach in particular has been an essential activity for exercise, health and safe socialization during the pandemic and I hope will continue to be available during the redevelopment period and after.
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04/13/22	5	There is a major error in the first diagram, which shows the Toronto Island Airport shaded in green as if it were parkland. It is not. Although there are technically park areas adjacent to Ontario Place, such as Marilyn Bell park and Coronation Park near the waterfront, these are compromised by their thin, linear shape allowing for only limited types of uses. They are also compromised by the presence of several major traffic corridors: Lakeshore Blvd, the Gardiner Expressway, and the rail line, which all add significant air pollution and noise pollution, and compromise the peaceful feeling and respite in nature that is often sought out by park users. Coronation park also is compromised by having a marina and navy base occupying the waterfront, limiting public access to the water. Ontario Place can provide a natural, peaceful respite as a free, open public park. This is its most important use.
04/13/22	4	Ontario place, particularly the west island, is home to many mature trees, which should be retained and preserved as a priority for the site.
04/13/22	3	Ontario Place's west island beach is currently used by swimmers. It's downtown's only mainland beach. Parkland areas at Ontario place are important sites for informal uses like picnics, walking, cycling, and swimming. These key activities need to be acknowledged and preserved.

Table B-2. Station 6

Entry Date	Station	What single word expresses Ontario Place for you?	What is your greatest hope for the future of Ontario Place’s public realm?	What do you want to see at Ontario Place’s public realm?	What do you want to experience at Ontario Place’s public realm?	What will the future of Ontario Place’s public realm look like to you?
05/12/22	6	Water	Accessible year round to the public for free	SWIMMING	The water, swimming.	Open 24/7/365 free and accessible nature and water
05/10/22	6	Greenspace	An oasis of green within the city where the province can show its commitment to sustainability and combatting climate change	Innovative use of green solutions (stormwater management, lighting, flood resilience, etc.), greenspace, trails and habitat enhancement	A feeling of calm and serenity within the city	Integration of innovation and greenspace
05/10/22	6	Escape from the city	That it remains free for people to enjoy	Focus on preserving wildlife and shoreline	Nature	Parkland
04/20/22	6	Destination	We retain open green spaces and waterfront that is accessible to all. Transforming the area into expensive amusement park activities does not mesh with the vision.	A destination for residents to come together to socialize, rest, play, explore. Activities that are created synergistically with the environment. A holist plan that incorporates Exhibition Park, the Portlands, Queen's Quay as well as Centre Island	A sense of community. Closeness to nature and the water.	Revitalized and a destination for both residents of the city as well as tourists.
04/15/22	6	Getaway	Accessible to all, on land on water and to all cultures, genders, and species.	Access to water and nature	A well considered interface between the natural and urban worlds	Like a re-wilded urban landscape
04/14/22	6	Nostalgia	That it is an escape from the city and a place for people of all ages and backgrounds to enjoy.	Lots of greenery and a connection to water/lots of places to sit by the water's edge.	A connection to nature and the outdoors.	Accessible with lots of open spaces, places to sit and eat and hang out with family and friends.
04/14/22	6	Proud	Representing Ontario.s culture, art and environment to be explored and enjoyed by fellow Ontarians	Natural space artistic venues, cultural representation. Not condos!!!	Opportunities to explore and enjoy, the diversity of backgrounds that make up the people of Ontario (food, art, music, etc.) opportunities to get outside and have .	Lots of green natural space with ntertqinment, artistic areas, food venues and space for adults AND families to enjoy. This is an opportunity to design something that doesn’t mimic big box mega venues, create an atmosphere and environment that includes the special location, not obliterating it.
					access to the magnificent waterfront including the natural waters edge. For many this may be the only opportunity to be at a natural waters edge. No casinos, no massive event space...leave that for woodbine and rogers dome	If we give the rights ti this space away we loose control of its use. A public free space for festivals, dance, food competitions, etc. please don’t do Disney land or Los Vegas. A beach, accessible to all, museums, (see Barcelona) don’t commercialize it. Waterfront needs to be 100% public
						access from one end to the other,no pay to access or private property. We own this waterfront, it should not be removed from us.
04/13/22	6	Swimming	Continued free public access to the park and swimming particularly at West Island beach.	Free swimming beaches, native trees and plants, cycling, wheeling and walking paths, beautiful open views of the lake from many vantage points	Free lake swimming options.	More spaces and design features like Trillium park and more free lake swimming options.

Table B-3. Postcards (plus photos)

Entry Date	Upload picture or drawing	Write it down	Remain Confidential	Keywords
05/12/22		<p>It appears that the beach access will remain open to the public which is great as many depend on this water access for mental health, community and exercise - can this be confirmed and what is the impact on access during development/construction?</p> <p>Beach access needs to be free and accessible to Toronto residents.</p> <p>Thanks you.</p>	No	Beach access, free accessible
05/12/22		<p>Hello :)</p> <p>I shared this in the natural station but I think I should have shared it here so I'll reiterate. There are many species of birds (both native and migratory) at Ontario Place. I have seen many barn swallows and cliff swallows there. It definitely looked like they were nesting. Worldwide, we have lost a 3rd of birds. I think it's hugely vital that we make the earth and animals a priority when making any design decisions. I urge you to consult experts on this matter and to put the natural environment first when making any decisions. The time to act and save Earth is now -it's nothing that can wait. Thank you</p>	Yes	Protection of wildlife
05/12/22		<p>Swimming, accessible swimming year round!!!!</p>	No	Unrestricted access to the water, swimming
05/12/22		<p>All of the existing features such as the pods, Cinesphere, temple bell and Trillium Park should be repaired and maintained. I do not see any Indigenous involvement so far and definitely Indigenous culture should be on display all of the time, not just for special events. Many of our immigrant cultures should also have an opportunity to be represented in the public spaces in ways they see fit.</p> <p>And what about another Children's Village that is free? That was one of the highlights for many years. Lastly, quiet natural spaces are a necessity especially for those people living nearby.</p>	Yes	Public space, natural space, things for kids
05/11/22	Figure B-1.	<p>The future will be a safe place to swim at any time of the day or night at Teachbeach and elsewhere at Ontario Place.</p> <p>The space will be free and open with no fences or padlocks or angry security guards.</p> <p>Safety is most important. There will be no straight drops, or walls or other hazards.</p> <p>We're a group of year-round swimmers at Ontario Place with about 920 members on Facebook (facebook.com/groups/swimop), plus many more members who are not Facebook users.</p> <p>In the words of famous swimmer Kate Rew, "We do not want to queue up and pay for a swim, we want to swim as people walk: at 5am, ... at midnight...". https://www.swimop.com/2022/04/we-want-to-swim-as-people-walk-at-5am.html</p> <p>So what we want is unrestricted access to the lake.</p> <p>Presently we swim year-round at any hour of the day or night, winter, summer, etc., with due regard to safety, and we have safety in numbers, swim together for safety, with appropriate lighting equipment after dark, etc..</p> <p>We plan to continue to swim, and would like to make sure that the redevelopment maintains safety for swimmers.</p>	No	Safe place to swim, free

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		<p>The present rendering picture shown by Therme looks like it adds danger with a high steel wall. We need to get rid of dangerous spots and improve the safety, not make it worse.</p> <p>Presently Teachbeach (the South-facing wind-sheltered beach) has natural deposition of pebbles. Presently this is Toronto's only sand-free (i.e. clean) beach suitable for those with special needs who can't tolerate sand, e.g. those with medical requirement for clean water and clean (sand-free) entry, and servers an important use for those who need entry to the lake that is free of grit and grime.</p> <p>Additionally, the South exposure sheltered from the wind is essential to year-round swimmers who need respite from the wind.</p> <p>Thus we see it as essential to preserve the South-facing calm beach sheltered from wind and from noise of the city and maintain the "blue lake and rocky shore" that is essential natural to Canada... Indigenous sacred space as existing...</p> <p>Not just swimming but also sacred midnight ablution rituals, sunrise immersions, and many other activities with free open access to the water.</p> <p>We also have many police and first responders using Teachbeach for mitigating effects of PTSD, cold water swimming year-round for physical, mental, and affective health.</p> <p>Attached is a picture showing where we presently swim (in blue) and where we enter the water (in red), e.g. we enter at the swimdock, at stair 6, at Teachbeach, and along the breakwall (juping in anywhere along the breakwall).</p> <p>Hopefully we'll have more places to swim and more places to enter the water, especially as you rebuild and make the place more attractive to more people.</p> <p>Presently the swimming spots get quite crowded in the summertime, so we're hoping you can make more swimming areas for great capacity.</p> <p>I'd be happy to help out and discuss.</p> <div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>		
05/11/22	Figure B-2.	<p>I have submitted this image to remind you that Ontario Place is a globally important 20th Century Architectural heritage site--this is from the World Monuments Fund Watch Program listing. Please read the listing. The world is watching how you care for this place. Do not embarrass our province by chopping it into pieces and handing it over to private companies for gaudy attractions.</p>	No	heritage preservation

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05/11/22	Figure B-3.	<p>Don't overcomplicate it! Do what makes the other parts of the waterfront so popular. Keep the space PUBLIC; wide footpaths with enough space for walkers, runners, rollerbladers, and cyclists; plant a bunch of trees and natural gardens; provide lots of bike racks, and; provide some simple and comfortable seating options for watching all the activity on the lake.</p> <p>The waterfront is already a great destination — focus on making the water clean enough to swim and designing quality trails. (I'm sure the decision has already been made and this will make no impact... but the spa idea is stupid; world class cities are focusing on public realm improvements, not kitschy tourist attractions, to revitalize waterfronts).</p>	Yes	Destination, waterfront, natural space
05/11/22	Figure B-4	<p>Public space should be natural and sustainable. It's really simple. People want access to the water and not no swimming signs. People want clean water and not a place like Ontario that discriminates against access to clean water based on race or social-economic background like native people. The plans for Ontario Place look horrendous and something that only the corrupt Ontario government would come up with. As a taxpayer in Ontario, I would like to see this land devoted to people and nature.</p> <p>This pebble beach is a small natural and sustainable beach. It would be great to see more of this instead of pollution and poor planning that is so common in Ontatio.</p>	No	Natural, sustainable, access to the water, swimming
05/10/22	Figure B-5	<p>The image I have included is a reflection of the site today and everything that it stands to lose with the potential future redevelopment: green space, wildlife habitat, public park, pebble swimming beach, trees, open and accessible space. I took these images over the last several years.</p> <p>It's very difficult to imagine the future public realm when the proposed private tenants chop up so much of the site. Because the three tenant spaces are not cohesive in their landscape design and the areas that they will occupy are still subject to change, any future public space is limited in its potential. That these tenants were approved through an opaque process leaving little of the site left to for public input is very concerning and doesn't instill much trust that this phase of input will be considered in regards to the future public realm.</p> <p>I do not agree with giving private corporations license to turn this public gem into a site purely for profit. Proposing to replace an open park space with large glass structures for example that house a luxury spa site does not suggest a world-class vision.</p> <p>It is acknowledged in virtual station 4, but I want to once again emphasize how vital a role this park plays as a habitat for wildlife; mammals, insects, reptiles, fish and birds. Thousands of birds use this space in migration annually, with the location of Ontario Place on the lakeshore being a critical point on migratory flyways - to date, 184 species have been recorded. Hundreds of birds nest around the site ever year, and if the recent Barn Swallow structures in Trillium Park are the only planned action being taken to mitigate loss of nests and habitat then I feel tremendously sad for the future of animals here. Outwith migration, there is wealth of wildlife year-round. The natural world has moved in, and what an amazing potential opportunity ahead to celebrate that.</p> <p>The 2021 Ontario Auditor General's report on the state of the environment and its blistering feedback that this provincial government simply does not have the natural environment as a priority is scary and a cause for concern in relation to the future of this land.</p> <p>For the plans of the future public realm I would personally like to see native planting, rewilding, focus on wildlife habit, accessible paths, environmental education or labs, celebration of the Great Lakes,</p>	No	Private development out of scope of EA; Indigenous development, protection of wildlife,

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		<p>pollinator spaces, full access to the water (including some kind of pebble beach for swimmers), and crucially meaningful collaboration, design and input with Indigenous communities. To that last point, I do not see Indigenous representation in the present redevelopment plans.</p> <p>Lakeshore design in Toronto, and many sites around Ontario, in the past few decades have placed little emphasis on our connection to the land and water. We have constructed over and cut off access. When the landscape design at Ontario Place was conceived, Michael Hough emphasized that he thought the lake should be seen and accessed at all points of the site. Here is a huge opportunity for urban renewal and to restore a connection to the water and show a commitment to the environment which is already under threat.</p> <p>There are presently several signs by the TRCA-affiliated pond habitat behind the Budweiser Stage that read "Habitat Enhancement Project In Progress", "Riverwalk Fish Habitat", "Birds of Ontario Place" and "Turtles of Ontario Place" - if I understand correctly, this is all space that is going to be tenanted to Écorécréo. What does this say about attitude towards the environment?</p> <p>At the recent virtual session on April 12th "swimmable water" was a most suggested use. Thanks to trained community scientists who test the water at the West Island Beach twice a week, the beach passes water quality tests 60-95% of the time. Another great insight into a opportunity to celebrate Lake Ontario and build upon expanding access to the water.</p> <p>Keep as much of the site (ideally all) free. Millions of people already visit Ontario Place in its current shape. During the pandemic it has been a respite and green haven for people looking for open space by the water. Make more effort to share these consultation and engagement opportunities - many of the thousands of people that live in the immediate surrounding areas do not know that there exists this opportunity for feedback.</p> <p>Please also consider that with rising costs of living and the ever important need for accessible outdoor spaces, Ontario Place currently provides free or low-cost spaces for activities like swimming, basketball, volleyball, fishing, walking, family gatherings, and multiple spots to sit and quietly reflect over the water. From walking at this site almost daily I can share that these are all popular activities, which are threatened by proposed expensive experiences.</p> <p>Whatever happens with the proposed redevelopment plans, I will continue to advocate for the natural environment and the wildlife that we are so fortunate to experience at Ontario Place.</p>		
05/10/22		<ul style="list-style-type: none">- no cars- keep free public access to the entire circumference of the park- do not remove the natural shoreline- free public access to the trails- repair the crumbling eastern breakwall- preserve fire pits and trillium park- limit how much pavement/hard scaping is added, as this destroys the habitat that is so important to the local wildlife and will potentially become a concrete wasteland	Yes	
04/15/22	Figure B-6		Yes	

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04/14/22		I would like Ontario Place to feel like an oasis in the city. Naturally landscaped with native plants. Lots of space for events/festivals and gathering or having picnics with friends and family. Some element of water and nature needs to be felt throughout the space with softer touches around that water edge to bring people towards the water. I would like it to feel like an escape from the busyness and noise of the city.	Yes	
04/13/22		Recreational activities with low visual impact, low environmental impact and low cost, centred around enjoying the waterfront and the outdoors, with lots of green space.	Yes	Recreational activities , waterfront, greenspace
04/13/22	Figure B-7	Clearly marked free, accessible for all, access to the beach and lake for non motorized water based activity year round. Walking and cycle paths all around the exterior of the islands. Seamless meshing between public and tenant spaces.	Yes	accessible, free, beach, lakefront

Table B-4. Final Comments and General Feedback

Entry Date	What would you like to provide feedback on?	Comment/Question
05/11/22	Future of the public realm	<p>We're a group of year-round swimmers at Ontario Place with about 920 members on Facebook (facebook.com/groups/swimop), plus many more members who are not Facebook users. In the words of famous swimmer Kate Rew, "We do not want to queue up and pay for a swim, we want to swim as people walk: at 5am, ... at midnight...". So what we want it unrestricted access to the lake.</p> <p>Presently we swim year-round at any hour of the day or night, winter, summer, etc., with due regard to safety, and we have safety in numbers, swim together for safety, with appropriate lighting equipment after dark, etc..</p> <p>We plan to continue to swim, and would like to make sure that the redevelopment maintains safety for swimmers.</p> <p>The present rendering picture shown by Therme looks like it adds danger with a high steel wall. We need to get rid of dangerous spots and improve the safety, not make it worse.</p> <p>Presently Teachbeach (the South-facing wind-sheltered beach) has natural deposition of pebbles. Presently this is Toronto's only sand-free (i.e. clean) beach suitable for those with special needs who can't tolerate sand, e.g. those with medical requirement for clean water and clean (sand-free) entry, and servers an important use for those who need entry to the lake that is free of grit and grime.</p> <p>Additionally, the South exposure sheltered from the wind is essential to year-round swimmers who need respite from the wind.</p> <p>Thus we see it as essential to preserve the South-facing calm beach sheltered from wind and from noise of the city and maintain the "blue lake and rocky shore" that is essential natural to Canada... Indigenous sacred space as existing...</p> <p>I'd be happy to help out and discuss.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>
05/10/22	Future of the public realm	<p>Ontario place is a rare haven for residents that live nearby. People around Toronto can also drive here to enjoy it. It will be such a shame if the land gets cordoned off for out of town people coming to a luxury spa that is out of reach for the average person.</p> <p>I walk every day around the island and enjoy the trails and shoreline access. If this is removed, I will likely never want to come to Ontario place, the main reason I frequent there is for the quiet peaceful experience of nature within reach of the city.</p> <p>Parkland and green space is already so hard to access as it is.</p>

Entry Date	What would you like to provide feedback on?	Comment/Question
05/06/22	Other	<p>What do you want to see?</p> <p>I was to see a free public park, that the public, the people of Ontario, can fully access and enjoy being by the water and surrounded by wildlife. I want to see cultural exhibits and restaurants in the pods. I want the entirety of Ontario Place to be public and freely accessible.</p> <p>I want to see no destruction of vast areas to allow private companies to block the public from large swathes of Ontario Place.</p> <p>I want to see Ontario Place without private companies taking up land that is currently public and freely accessible.</p> <p>I want Ontario Place for the people of Ontario, not private companies to block us from our park.</p> <p>I want to feel that Ontario Place will continue to be the special place that it is and not destroyed, by this so call 'bold new vision'. I feel that Ontario Place will be destroyed by this 'bold new vision' and I want to feel that public consultation is valued. To-date the process has involved private backroom deals with private companies to take away public parkland from the people of Ontario.</p> <p>I feel, in fact, I know that to-date, this 'bold new vision' has not been done in the public realm or to public interest. The private backroom deals with private companies, the biased Ontario Government survey with leading questions belies the true intent of this project.</p> <p>My aspirations are to see Ontario Place remain as a freely accessible park without large areas blocked by private companies.</p> <p>I want to continue to experience the great public park that it is and enjoy all of the areas I currently enjoy. I kayak in the watercourses that will be destroyed if this plan comes to fruition. Therme Group, ÉcoRécréo Group and the expanded Live Nation will destroy so much of Ontario Place.</p> <p>There are muskrats living in the culvert that Therme Group will destroy. Herons enjoy the adjacent pond. ÉcoRécréo Group and the expanded Live Nation will destroy great habitat for turtles and fish.</p> <p>There are many people that enjoy walking, jogging, fishing, kayaking, birding, having a day out with their family that will either no longer be possible or severely curtailed.</p> <p>I hope that Ontario Place will still be a fully accessible public park in a hundred years from now. I hope that Ontario Place will not be destroyed by the short sightedness of the current provincial government.</p> <p>Thank You</p>
04/14/22	Other	<p>I recently participated in a public presentation and discussion on Zoom (April 12, 2022). I was pleased to hear that sustainability, environmental and public accessibility to the water and pathways of Ontario Place were being addressed by the team facilitating the discussion. This team seemed sincere and eager in their desire to gather input from the public. I was astonished that they had only been hired 3 weeks ago to conduct this survey and gather relevant information for the future of Ontario Place. I was disturbed that very little was known about the proposed commercial projects that were to mainly take over the west island. It seemed rather obvious that the three outside developers were going ahead with the project even though it is not clear to me how these projects were assessed and who made the decision to include them. Ontario Place is public property and should serve all the public not just the wealthy who can afford a \$300 plus day. I also do not understand how these projects can be good for the environment or the issue of sustainability. All the community meetings and even this form are engineered to "appear" like the government is listening to the public, but I have yet to see the evidence. It seems like a great charade.</p>

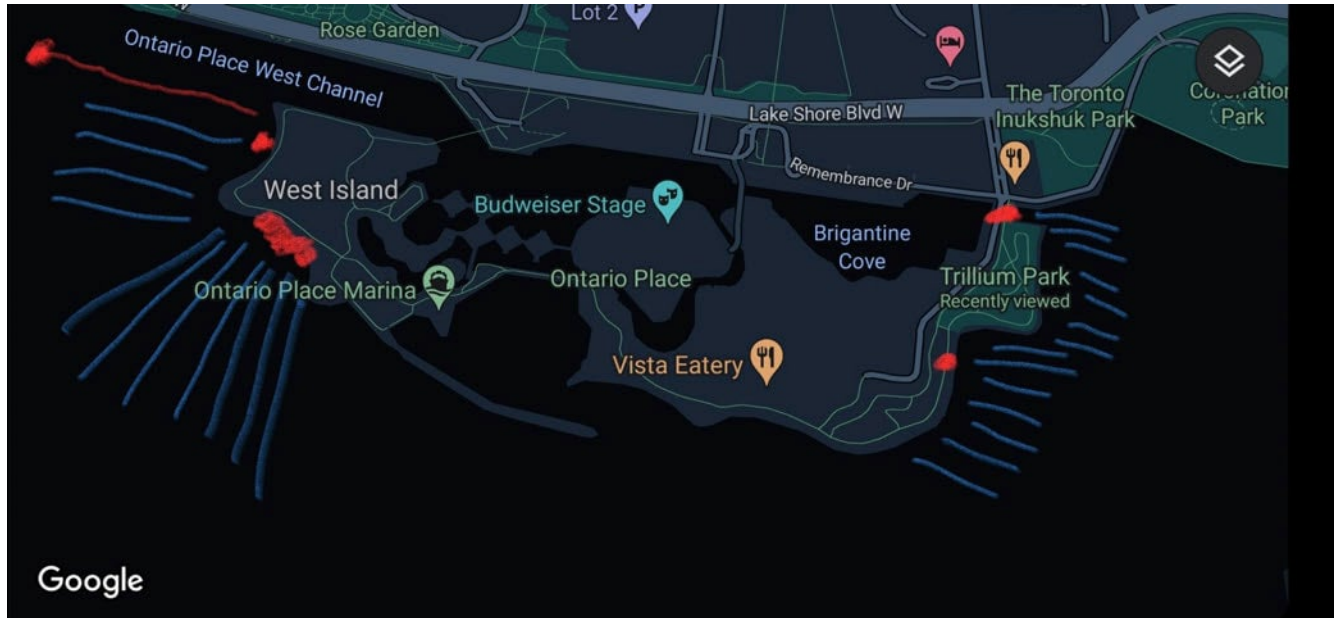


Figure B-1. Locations where year-round swimming may occur (in blue) and where users are known to enter the water (in red). [Note: submitted by member of the public; not AODA compliant]

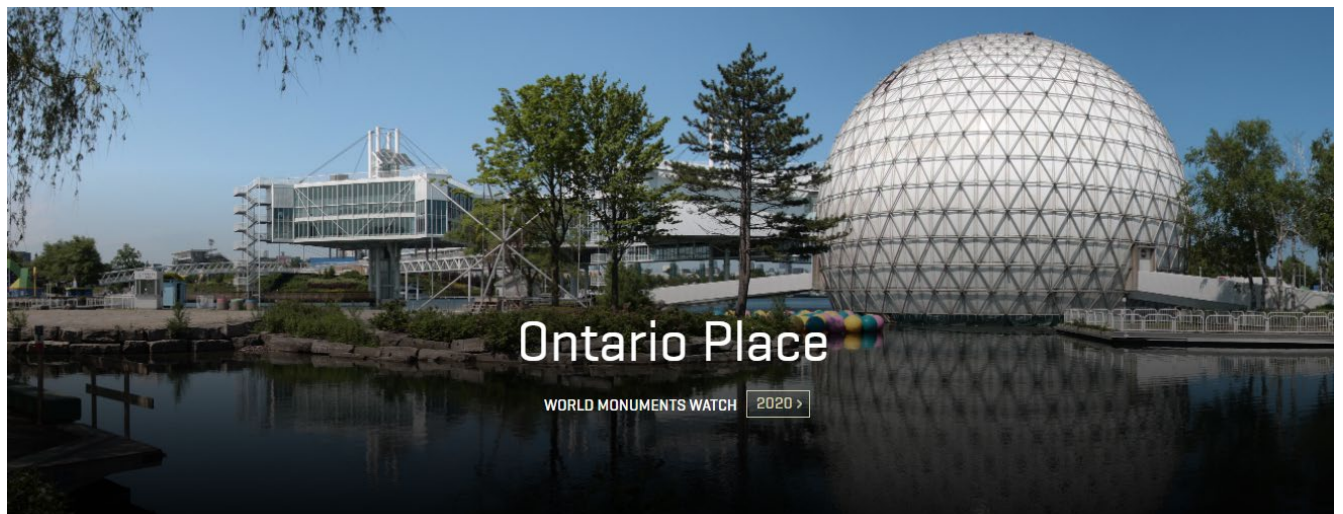


Figure B-2. Ontario Place: a globally important 20th Century Architectural heritage site and a World Monuments Fund Watch Program listing.



Figure B-3. Example provided by user.



Figure B-4. Example of natural pebble beach.

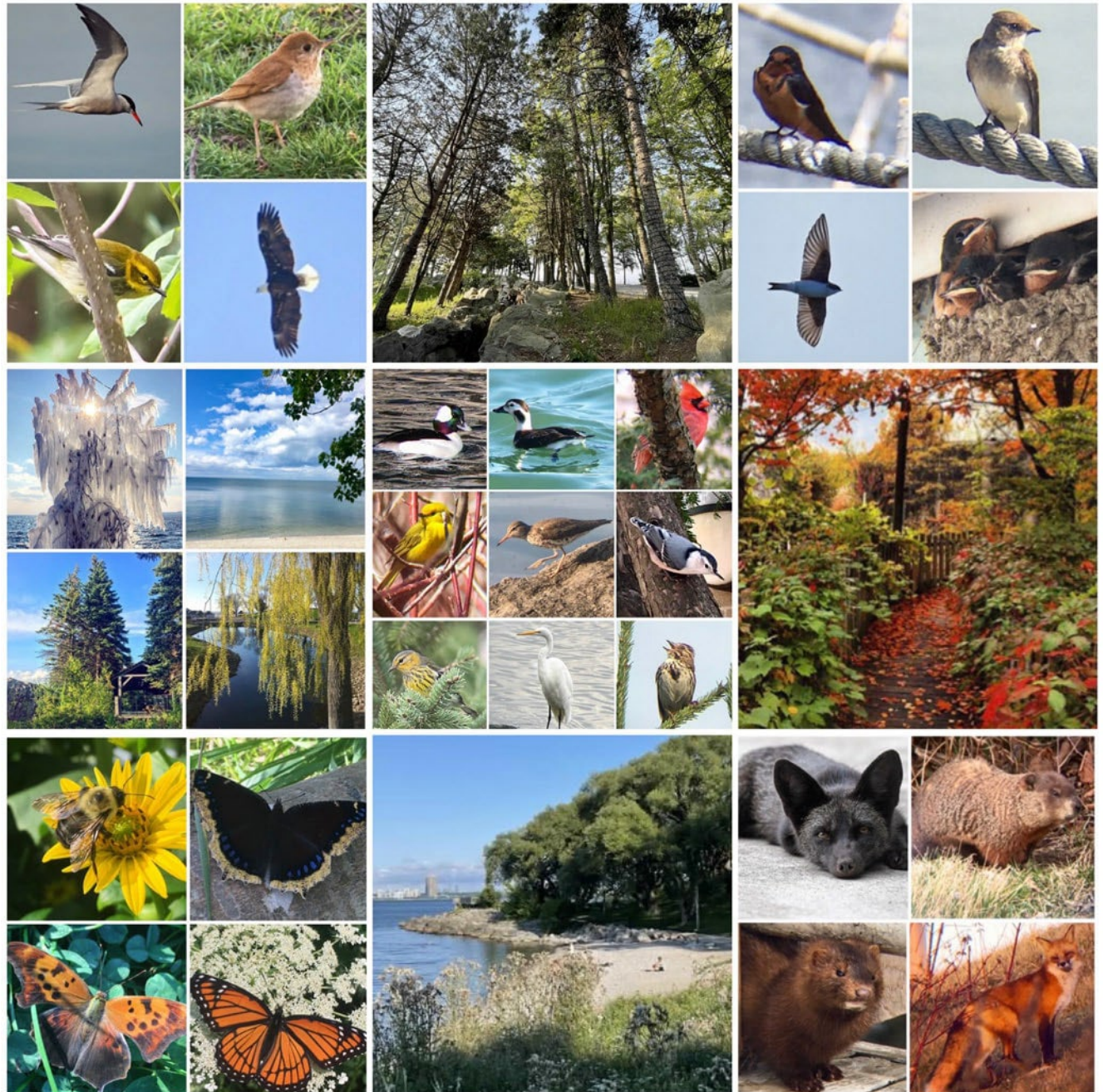


Figure B-5. Representation of wildlife currently onsite, as well as wildlife habitat, public park, pebble swimming beach, trees, and open and accessible space. Images taken and provided by the user over the last several years.



Figure B-6. Examples provided by user



Figure B-7. Current use of accessible, free beach

Ontario Place Redevelopment Project

955 Lakeshore Blvd. West, Toronto

About the Project

Over the next several years, Ontario Place will be redeveloped into a remarkable world-class, year-round destination that will include public and event spaces, parkland, and waterfront access. A redeveloped Ontario Place will provide an accessible and inclusive experience for all Ontarians that reflects the diversity of the province and celebrates the legacy of its waterfront location.



The redevelopment of Ontario Place will result in a mix of uses, including enhanced public spaces that will make up approximately two-thirds of the site, as well as accessible programming and activities that will appeal to visitors of all ages. These experiences will be available across the site, united by a new design for the public spaces and parkland (the public realm), and site improvements.

The Government of Ontario's vision includes the integration of both public sector investment (government-led) and private-sector development (tenant-led) that will result in a renewed and modernized site. For more information about the Government of Ontario's vision, please visit Ontario.ca/OntarioPlace.

Undertaking

As part of the redevelopment project, the Government of Ontario will be undertaking the following activities:

- 1) Site preparations
- 2) Site development

Site preparations will be occurring across the entirety of Ontario Place with the exception of Trillium Park and trail. Development work led by the private sector will occur on tenanted lands while the government-led development activities are limited to areas outside of those tenanted boundaries.

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The key types of activities included in the government-led scope of work include:

- Planning approvals and realty activities
- Building decommissioning and removal
- Grading and landscaping
- Development of parks, trails and open spaces
- Shoreline repairs and flood mitigation
- Site access and parking
- Incorporation of science-based learning programs
- Construction of new buildings and supporting site infrastructure

Class Environmental Assessment

The *Environmental Assessment Act* (EA Act) applies to the government-led activities on site. These will be assessed using the Ministry of Infrastructure Public Work Class Environmental Assessment (PW Class EA) as a Category C undertaking. Private sector led developments are not subject to the *EA Act* but are subject to the Ontario *Planning Act* requirements.

A Class Environmental Assessment (EA) is a study that examines the potential environmental effects (positive and negative) of a proposed project and identifies ways to manage negative environmental effects before project implementation. A key component of the Class EA process includes consultation, which provides opportunities for members of the public to contribute to and influence decisions relating to the project.

The Class EA is expected to take 18 months with consultation events held at key points in the process to provide opportunities for Indigenous communities, stakeholders and the public to review information and discuss the project with project representatives.

Public Consultation Opportunities

Beginning October 25, 2022, a virtual public engagement room will be available on [EngageOntarioPlace.ca](https://engageontarioplace.ca). This virtual room will provide the public with access to information about the redevelopment project and the EA process, as well as the ability to provide their comments on the conceptual public realm design options for the site, and the criteria that will be used to evaluate these options.

Additionally, a live, virtual public consultation event on Ontario Place's proposed public realm design options and the Environmental Assessment process will take place on October 27, 2022, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. During the event, the design team will facilitate discussions and seek input on the conceptual public realm design options at Ontario Place. You can register for the event at [EngageOntarioPlace.ca](https://engageontarioplace.ca).

For Further Information

If you have any questions or comments regarding this Class EA, are seeking further information, or would like to be added to the project contact list, please contact:

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Notice of Collection

The personal information that you provide to us will be used for the purpose of communicating and consulting with you about the Category "C" Class Environmental Assessment for the public realm at Ontario Place. It will also be used to create a public record as required by the *Environmental Assessment Act*, and as permitted by s. 37 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. The public record, including your personal information, will be available to the general public unless you request that your personal information remain confidential. It will also be analyzed, on an anonymized basis, to ensure that our consultations are reaching an inclusive and diverse audience.

This information will be collected, maintained and disclosed by the Ministry of Infrastructure (the "Ministry") and the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. It will be shared with the Ministry's third-party advisors who have a need to know the information in order to assist the Ministry in fulfilling its obligations under the *Environmental Assessment Act*. These advisors are Ontario Infrastructure and Lands Corporation ("Infrastructure Ontario"), Bespoke Cultural Collective, Land Design Incorporated ("LandInc."), Martha Schwartz Partners ("MSP") and CH2M HILL Canada Limited ("Jacobs").

Your personal information is collected under the authority of sections 4 and 5 of the Ministry of Infrastructure, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.35 and the *Environmental Assessment Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.E.18, respectively. For more information, please contact Dan Delaquis, Manager, Transformation Delivery, Ontario Place Redevelopment Secretariat, Ministry of Infrastructure, at Dan.Delaquis@ontario.ca.

Notes

- Cet avis est disponible en français sur demande.
- If this information is required in an accessible format, please notify the project contact identified above.

Notice issued on October 12, 2022.

Avis d'activité de consultation n° 2

Évaluation environnementale de la catégorie d'ouvrage public

Projet de réaménagement de la Place de l'Ontario

955 Lakeshore Blvd. West, Toronto

À propos du projet

Au cours des prochaines années, la Place de l'Ontario sera réaménagée en une remarquable destination de classe mondiale, accessible toute l'année, comprenant des espaces verts, publics et événementiels et un accès au bord de l'eau. Une fois réaménagée, la Place de l'Ontario offrira à tous les Ontariens une expérience accessible et inclusive qui témoigne de la diversité de la province et célèbre le riche passé de son emplacement riverain.



Le réaménagement de la Place de l'Ontario offrira un éventail d'utilisations, notamment des espaces publics améliorés qui occuperont environ les deux tiers du site, ainsi qu'une programmation et des activités accessibles qui sauront plaire aux visiteurs de tous âges. Ces expériences seront proposées sur l'ensemble du site, unifiées par une nouvelle conception des espaces verts et publics (le domaine public) et des améliorations apportées aux lieux.

La vision du gouvernement de l'Ontario consiste à intégrer à la fois l'investissement du secteur public (activités soutenues par le gouvernement) et le développement du secteur privé (activités soutenues par les occupants), de manière à créer un site renouvelé et modernisé. Pour obtenir plus de renseignements à propos de la vision du gouvernement de l'Ontario, veuillez visiter Ontario.ca/Ontario-place.

Activités

Dans le cadre de ce projet de réaménagement, le gouvernement de l'Ontario entreprendra les activités suivantes :

- 1) Préparation du site
- 2) Aménagement du site

Les préparatifs du site se dérouleront sur l'ensemble de la Place de l'Ontario, à l'exception du parc Trillium et du sentier. Les travaux d'aménagement menés par le secteur privé se dérouleront sur les terrains loués, alors que ceux menés par le gouvernement se limiteront aux zones situées à l'extérieur de ces limites.

Les principaux types d'activités prévues dans le cadre des travaux dirigés par le gouvernement sont les suivants :

- Approbations d'urbanisme et activités immobilières ;
- Démantèlement et suppression de bâtiments ;
- Terrassement et aménagement paysager ;

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- Aménagement de parcs, de sentiers et d'espaces ouverts ;
- Réparation des berges et atténuation des inondations ;
- Accès au site et stationnement ;
- Intégration de programmes d'apprentissage fondés sur la science ;
- Construction de nouveaux bâtiments et de l'infrastructure de soutien du site.

Évaluation environnementale de portée générale

La *Loi sur les évaluations environnementales* s'applique à toutes les activités soutenues par le gouvernement sur le site. Celles-ci seront évaluées conformément à l'évaluation environnementale de la catégorie d'ouvrage public du ministère de l'Infrastructure, en tant que projet de catégorie C. Les aménagements du secteur privé ne sont pas assujettis à la *Loi sur les évaluations environnementales*, mais plutôt aux exigences de la *Loi sur l'aménagement du territoire*.

Une évaluation environnementale (EE) de portée générale est une étude qui examine les effets environnementaux potentiels (positifs et négatifs) d'un projet proposé et identifie les moyens d'en gérer les effets négatifs avant sa mise en œuvre. Un de ses principaux éléments est le processus de consultation, qui donne aux membres du public la possibilité de contribuer aux décisions touchant au projet et de les orienter.

L'évaluation environnementale de portée générale devrait durer 18 mois et des activités de consultation seront organisées à des moments clés du processus pour permettre aux communautés autochtones, aux parties prenantes et au public d'examiner les informations relatives au projet et d'en discuter avec ses représentants.

Possibilités de consultation publique

À compter du 25 octobre 2022, une salle de participation virtuelle sera à la disposition du public sur le site EngageOntarioPlace.ca. Cette salle virtuelle permettra au public d'accéder à des informations sur le projet de réaménagement et le processus d'évaluation environnementale, ainsi que de formuler des commentaires sur les options conceptuelles de l'aménagement du domaine public sur le site, et sur les critères qui serviront à évaluer ces options.

De plus, une consultation publique virtuelle en direct sur les options conceptuelles proposées pour le domaine public de la Place de l'Ontario et le processus d'évaluation environnementale aura lieu le 27 octobre 2022, de 17 h à 19 h. Au cours de l'événement, l'équipe de conception animera des discussions et sollicitera des commentaires sur les options conceptuelles de l'aménagement du domaine public de la Place de l'Ontario. Pour vous inscrire à l'événement, visitez le site EngageOntarioPlace.ca.

Pour de plus amples renseignements

Si vous avez des questions ou des commentaires concernant cette évaluation environnementale de portée générale, ou si vous souhaitez obtenir de plus amples renseignements ou être ajouté à la liste de contacts du projet, veuillez contacter :

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Avis de collecte de renseignements

Les renseignements personnels que vous nous fournissez seront utilisés pour communiquer avec vous et vous consulter au sujet de l'évaluation environnementale de portée générale de catégorie C concernant le domaine public de la Place de l'Ontario. Ils serviront également à créer un dossier public, comme l'exige la *Loi sur les*

Avis d'activité de consultation n° 2

Évaluation environnementale de la catégorie d'ouvrage public

évaluations environnementales et comme le permet l'article 37 de la *Loi sur l'accès à l'information et la protection de la vie privée*. Les renseignements personnels que vous soumettez feront partie d'un dossier public accessible au grand public, à moins que vous ne demandiez que vos renseignements personnels restent confidentiels. Ils seront également analysés, de manière anonyme, afin de veiller à ce que nos consultations touchent un public inclusif et diversifié.

Ces renseignements seront recueillis, conservés et divulgués par le ministère de l'Infrastructure (le « ministère ») et le ministère de l'Environnement, de la Protection de la nature et des Parcs. Ils seront transmis aux conseillers indépendants du ministère qui doivent en prendre connaissance afin d'aider le ministère à remplir ses obligations en vertu de la *Loi sur les évaluations environnementales*. Ces conseillers sont la Société ontarienne des infrastructures et de l'immobilier (« Infrastructure Ontario »), Bespoke Cultural Collective, Land Design Incorporated (« LandInc. »), Martha Schwartz Partners (« MSP ») et CH2M HILL Canada Limited (« Jacobs »).

Vos renseignements personnels sont recueillis en vertu des articles 4 et 5 de la *Loi sur le ministère de l'Infrastructure*, L.R.O. 1990, c. M. 35 et de la *Loi sur les évaluations environnementales*, L.R.O. 1990, c. E. 18, respectivement. Pour plus d'informations, veuillez contacter Dan Delaquis, directeur, renouvellement et mise en œuvre, secrétariat du réaménagement de la Place de l'Ontario, ministère de l'Infrastructure, Dan.Delaquis@ontario.ca.

Notes :

- This notice is available in English upon request.
- Si vous désirez obtenir ces renseignements dans un format accessible, veuillez en informer la personne-ressource du projet identifiée ci-dessus.

Avis émis le 12 octobre 2022.

Environmental Assessment Engagement Event #2

October 27, 2022

Land Acknowledgement



Housekeeping

- The presentation portion of this engagement event is being recorded. The recording will stop when we break-out into smaller groups as part of the workshop component.
- For technical support, email info@bespokecollective.ca.
- To turn on Closed Captions select the 'CC' tab.
- Please maintain a respectful space.

Agenda

1. Setup (5 minutes)
2. Project Updates (10 minutes)
3. A Bold New Vision (10 minutes)
4. Environmental Assessment (10 minutes)
5. Design Concepts Workshop (75 minutes)
6. Wrap Up and Next Steps (10 minutes)

Why are we here today?

- Ontario Place is being redeveloped.
- As part of the site's redevelopment – and through the Environmental Assessment process – we have the opportunity to modernize and enhance the site's public spaces.
- Today we want to hear your ideas for the design of Ontario Place's public spaces.
- We have developed a series of preliminary design concepts for your comment today.

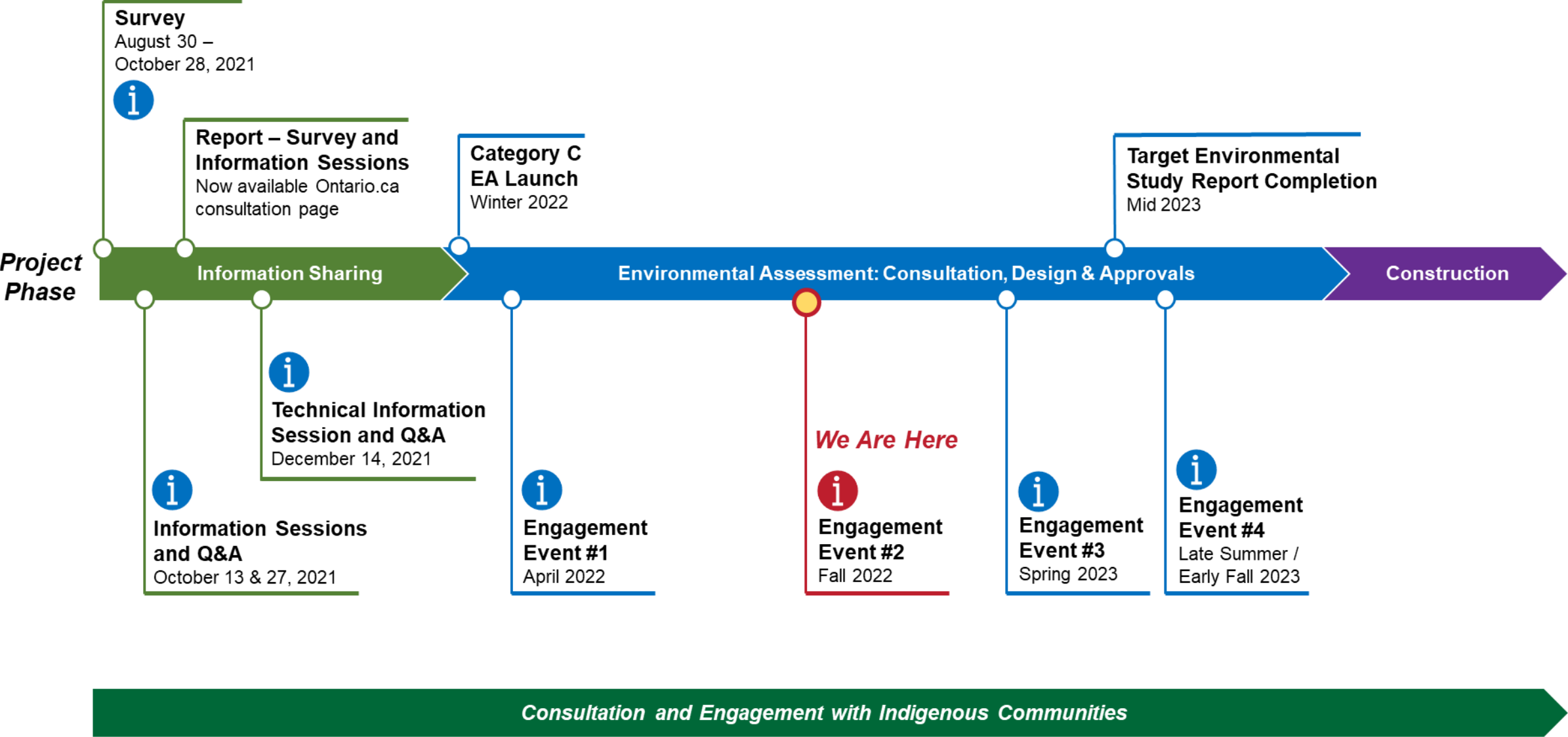
Our Goals:

1. To share information and project updates.
2. To engage with you as part of the Category C EA process.
3. To receive your feedback on different preliminary design concepts for the public realm.

Introducing the Design Concepts

- The **design concepts you see today are not final**.
- Designs are **conceptual only** and are being used to test how your input from April might be realized on site.
- There are many different ways to capture your vision and we want to know **what you like, what you don't like** or **what you think is missing** from the design concepts. This will be the focus of our workshop.
- Our discussion today is an early step towards building consensus on the preferred design. Outcomes from today will be used to **refine and evolve the design work** – which will then be subject to further engagement between now and Spring 2023.
- In **Spring 2023**, a preferred design will be presented for further consultation.

Timeline



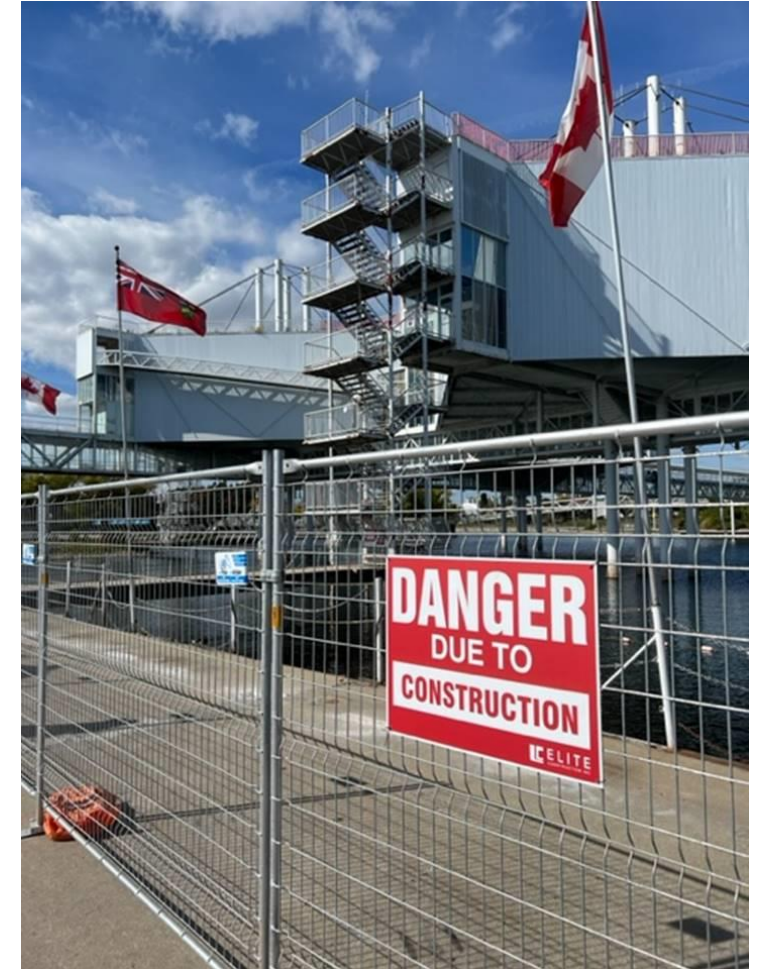


Project Updates

Project Updates

Pod & Cinesphere Repairs

- Work has recently begun to repair the exterior of the Pods and Cinesphere and is expected to continue until early 2024.
- To ensure important heritage features are preserved, a heritage advisor and natural heritage experts have been hired as part of the construction team.
- Site mobilization work has started, including:
 - › Regrading Cedar Cove to accommodate construction preparation works.
 - › Installation of scaffolding at the Cinesphere.
 - › A crane has been installed on site to support the repairs being done on the elevated Pod structure.



Pod & Bridge Repairs at Ontario Place.

Project Updates

Heritage

- Following *Ontario Heritage Act* requirements, a draft **Strategic Conservation Plan** (SCP) has been completed and has been shared with heritage stakeholders and Indigenous communities for review and comment.
- Based on the feedback received, the SCP is currently being updated and finalized.
- Informed by the draft SCP, a site-wide **Heritage Impact Assessment** (HIA) is being prepared to assess the proposed redevelopment.
- Once completed, you will be able to view both the SCP and HIA at:
<https://engageontarioplace.ca>



*Aerial view Ontario Place, 1971.
Toronto Star Photograph Archive.*

Project Updates

Creating New Wildlife Habitat

- In Spring 2022, three new habitat structures were installed in Trillium Park for barn swallows.
- Trilingual interpretive signage has now been installed on site.
- To mitigate any impacts related to construction, wildlife surveys and field work, including investigations for any 'Species at Risk' (i.e., bats, eels, barn swallows, turtles, etc.), will continue as the project progresses.

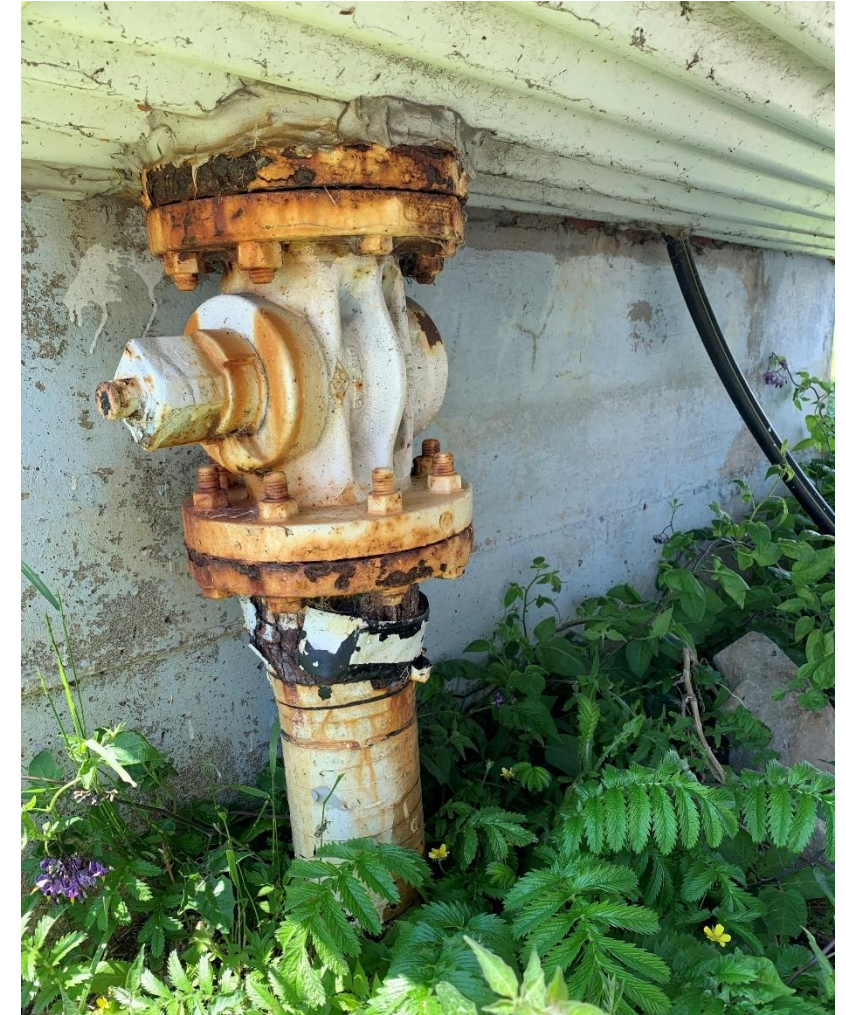


*Barn Swallow (Hirundo Rustica)
Habitat Nesting Structures at Trillium Park.*

Project Updates

Servicing Upgrades

- Utilities at Ontario Place are more than 50 years old and require replacement.
- To confirm what needs to be replaced a **Functional Servicing Report** (FSR) was completed in May 2022.
- Detailed design work is now underway, including consultation with servicing stakeholders and authorities having jurisdiction (i.e., Toronto Water, Toronto Hydro, etc.).
- A **Category B Class EA** for the required site servicing upgrades was completed and made available online in July 2022.
- Servicing replacement construction is targeted to commence on-site in Spring 2023.

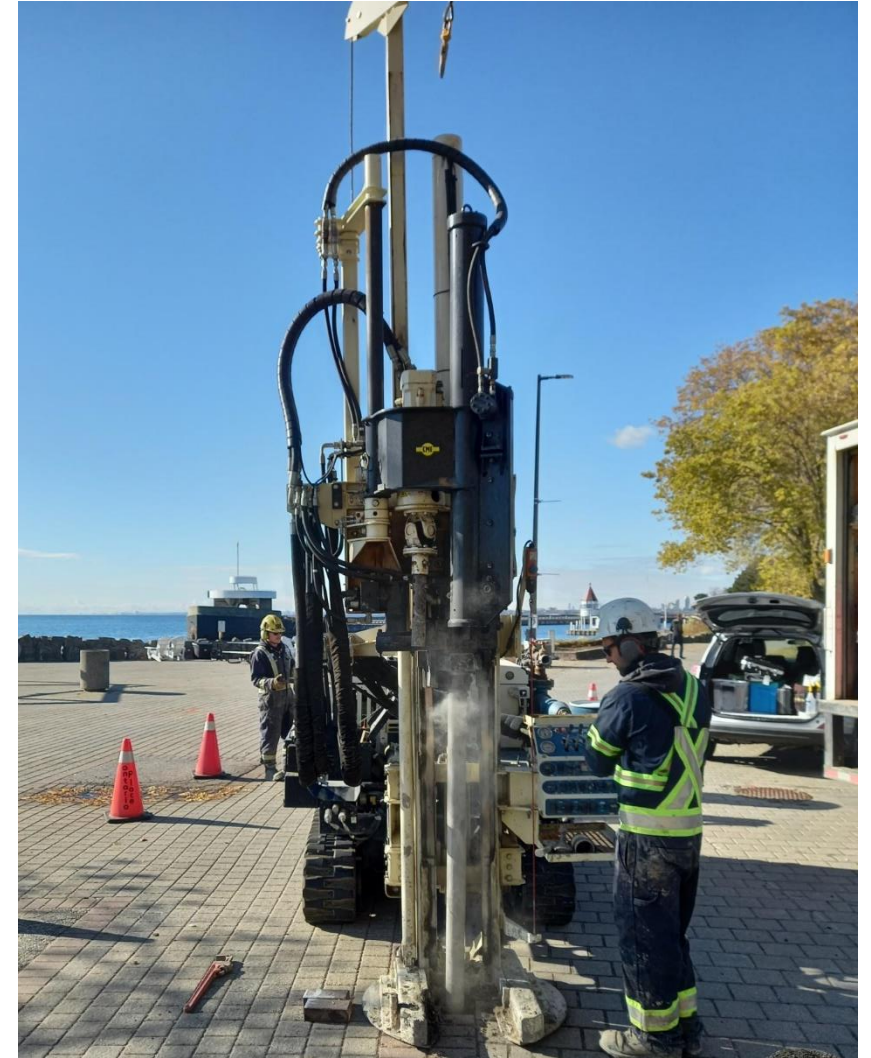


Corroded plug valve under Cinesphere bridge connecting to west marina.

Project Updates

Environmental Due Diligence

- In 2021, a baseline environmental analysis was completed across the entire site to fully understand its environmental condition.
- Based on the findings from this analysis, a **Risk Assessment** (RA) was completed in 2022.
 - › The RA process is being used to identify all required mitigation measures that must be incorporated into the public realm design to ensure the site is safe for everyone.
 - › The RA required **drilling and soil / water sampling** across the site.
- Based on the findings from this analysis, a Risk Assessment (RA) was completed in 2022.



Drilling on site.

Project Updates

Planning and Development Approvals

Ontario Place's municipal planning framework is out-of-date and does not reflect the site's historic or proposed uses. An updated municipal planning framework is required.

Phase 1:

- › A City of Toronto **development application** is targeting to be submitted in late November.
- › The application will include a **site-wide Official Plan Amendment** (OPA) and a **Zoning By-law Amendment** (ZBA) specific to the early phases of redevelopment, including Therme, the Pods and Mainland areas.
- › Designs in the November application will **continue to evolve** based on: City review; the on-going EA process; and public consultation.
- › Following EA Engagement Event #3 in Spring 2023, a **final public realm design** will be prepared and submitted as part of an updated development application.

Phase 2:

- › Following the OPA and ZBA, each tenant will submit Site Plan Applications to the City for their individual projects. Tenants will also seek their own building permits.



A Bold New Vision

The Bold New Vision

The Ontario Place Opportunity

Ontario Place has long been an important place to the people of Ontario and was an early introduction to the potential of Toronto's waterfront.

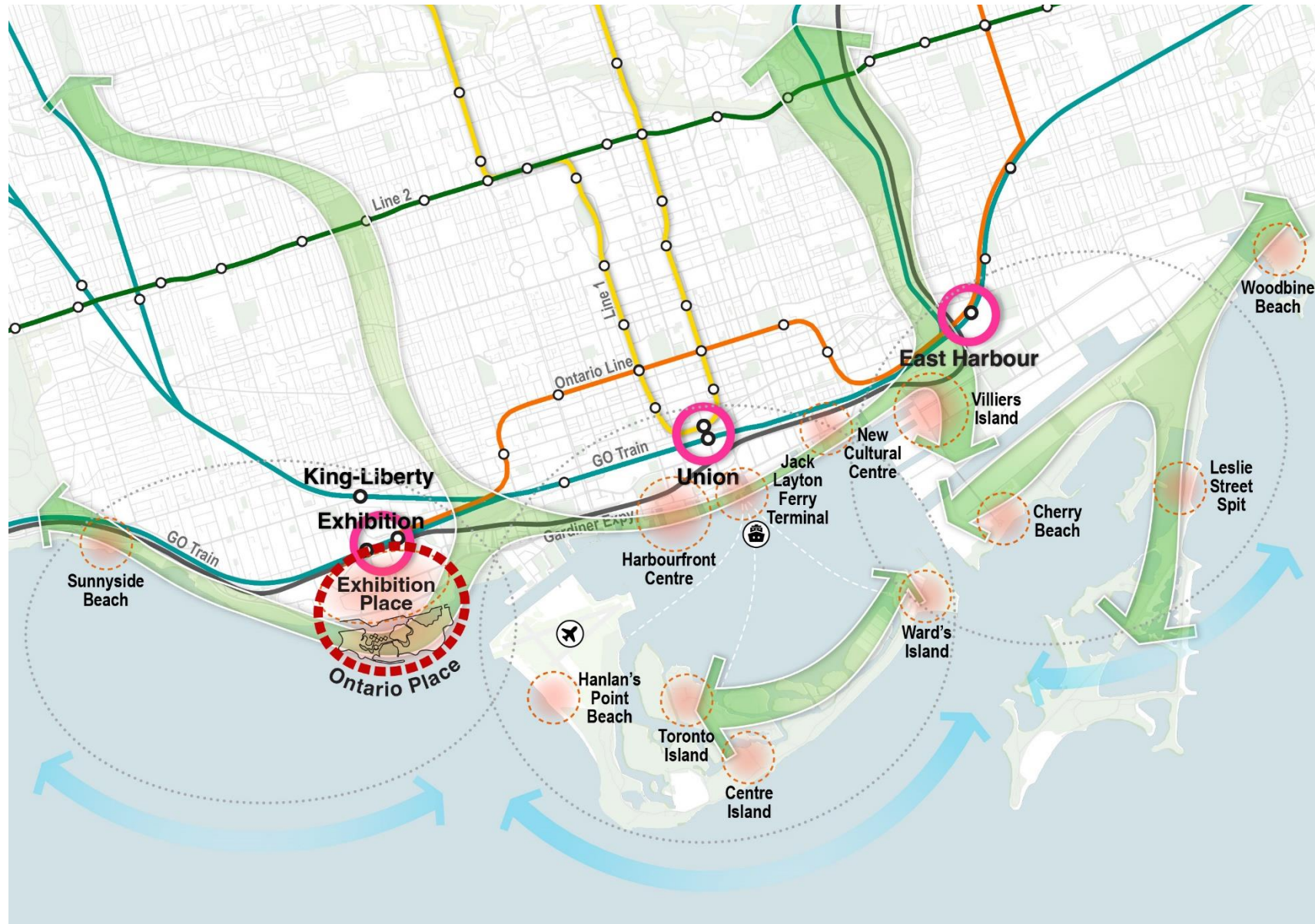
The Vision for Ontario Place:

- Create a world-class, year-round destination with a focus on family-friendly entertainment and recreation.
- Recognize and celebrate the legacy of Ontario Place.
- Expand and improve waterfront access, parkland and free public spaces.
- Modernize the site with environmental sustainability and climate resilience measures.
- Be a centerpiece for the Province's heritage, tourism, recreation and culture.



The Bold New Vision

Gateway to the Western Waterfront



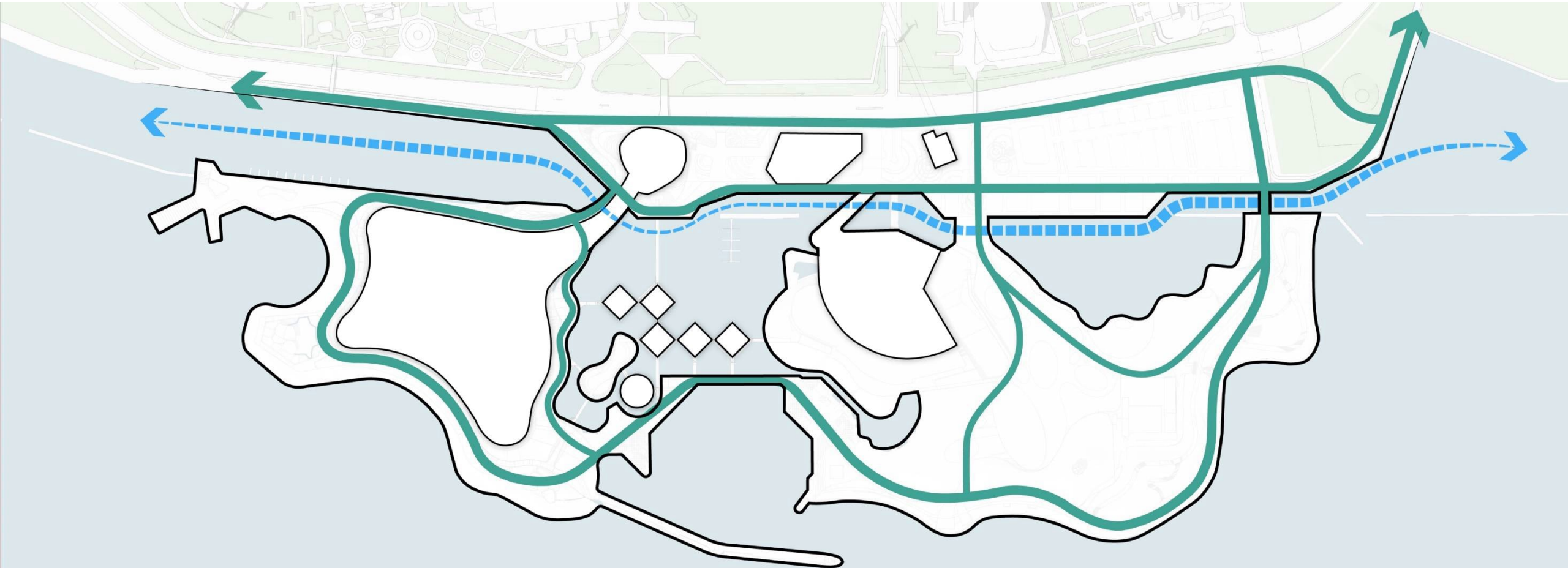
The Bold New Vision

A Cohesive Precinct of Waterfront Destinations



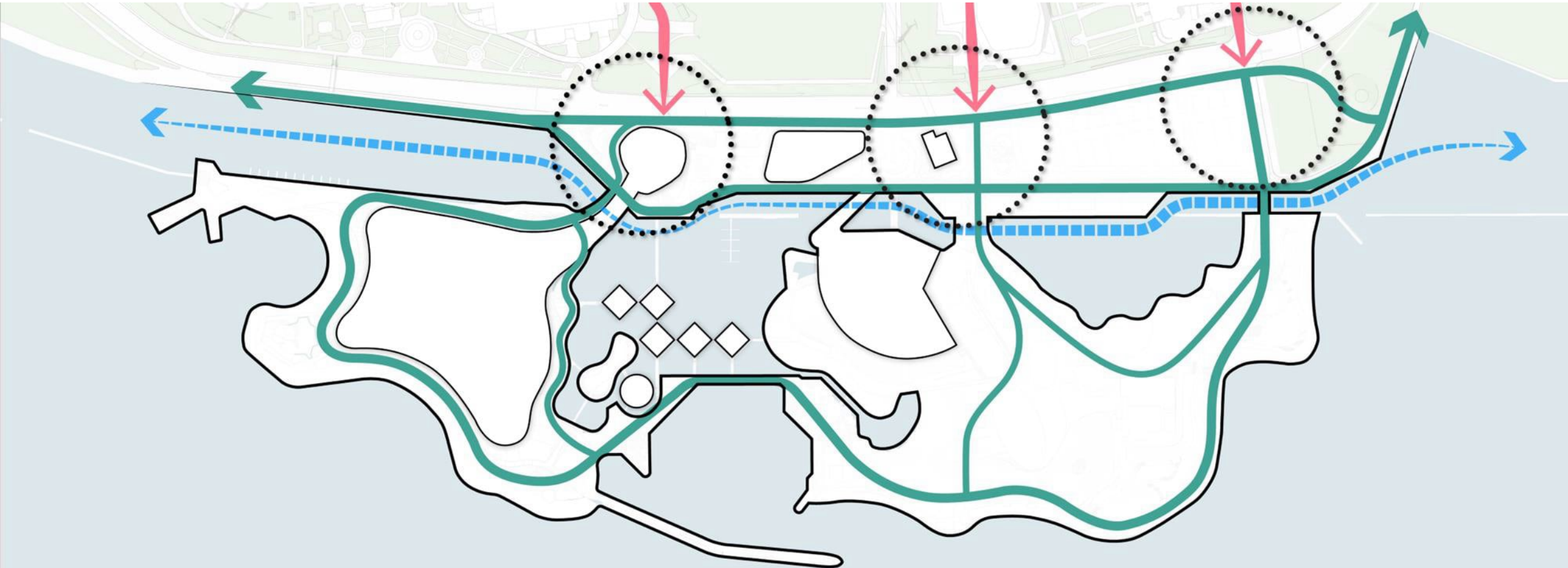
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Key Directions: Restore and enhance the water's edge and secure continuous public access



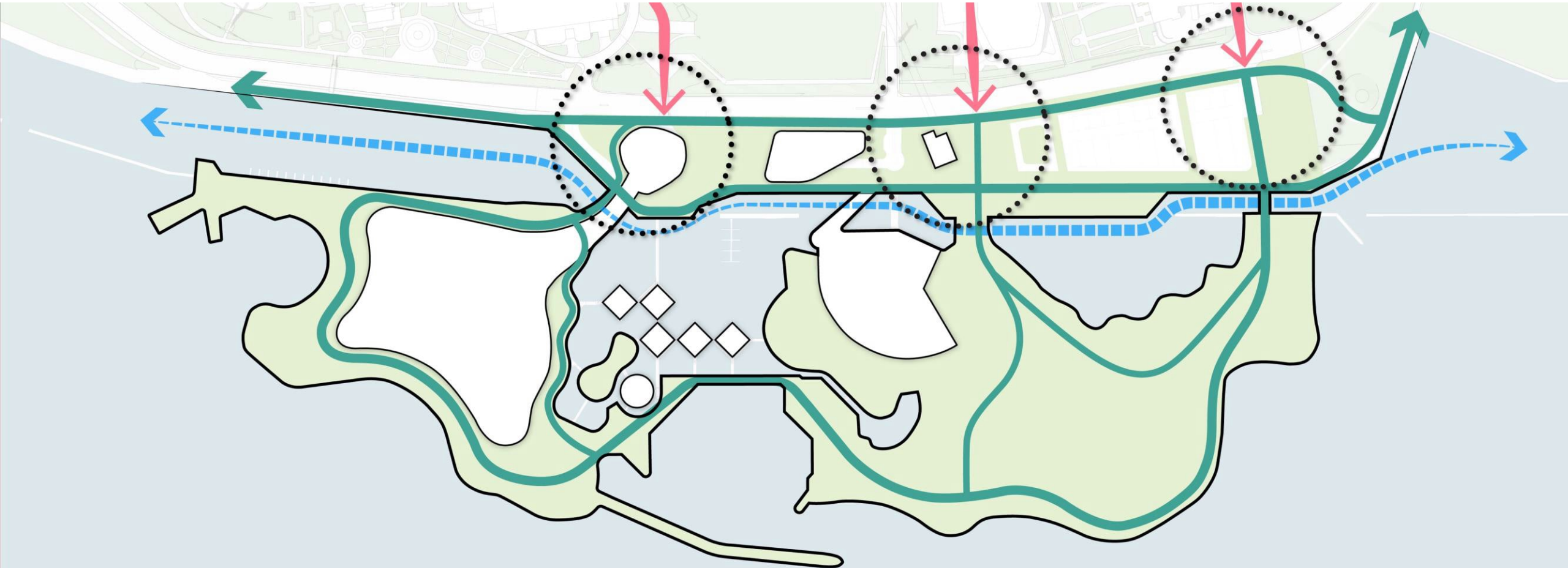
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Key Directions: Integrate with Exhibition Place and the Emerging Transit Hub



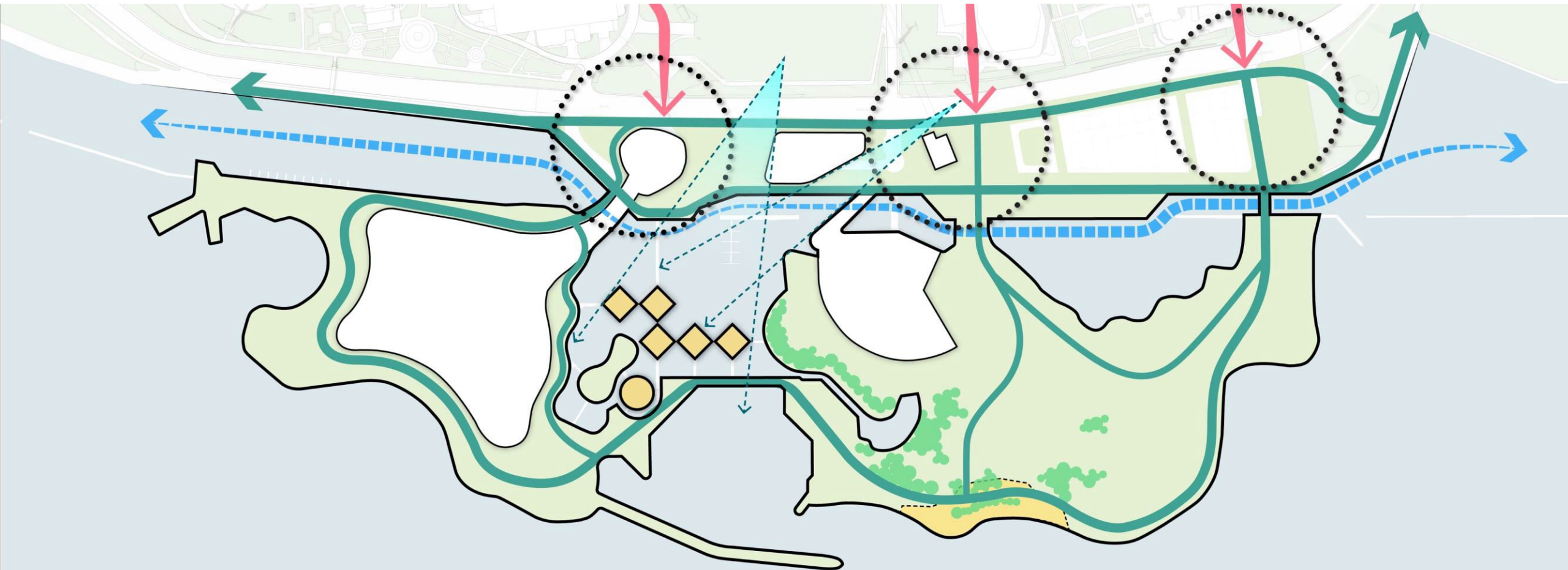
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Key Directions: Create significant new green space and parklands, public and event spaces



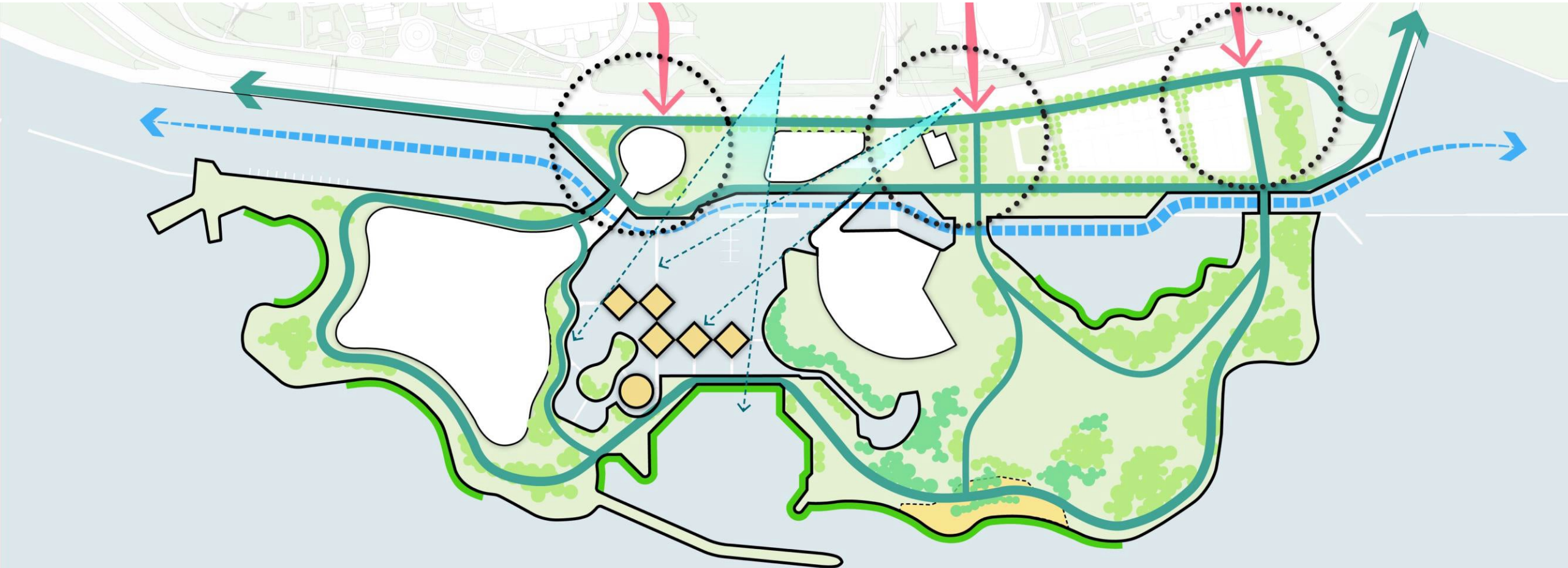
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Key Directions: Respect heritage features, including the Pods & Cinesphere



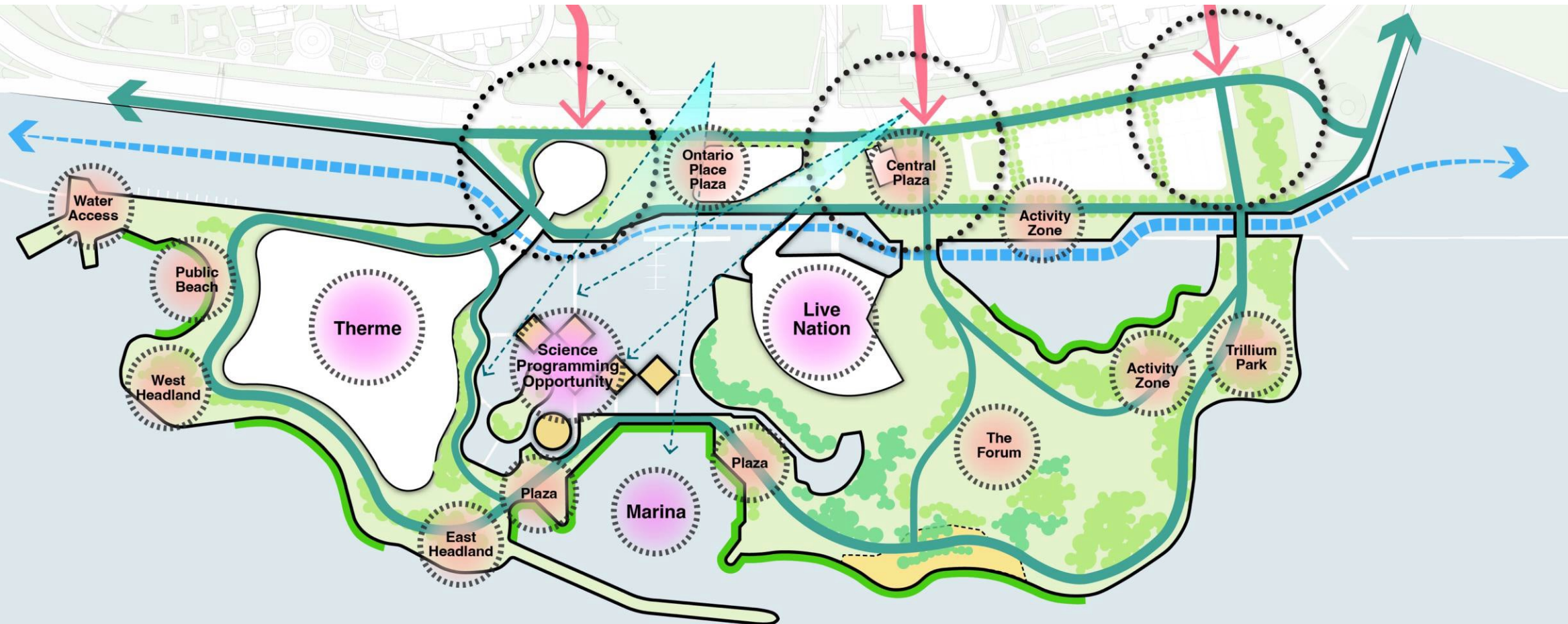
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Key Directions: Ensure Resilience and Environmental Sustainability



The Bold New Vision

Key Directions: Welcome opportunities to expand amenities that inspire Ontarians



The Bold New Vision Programming

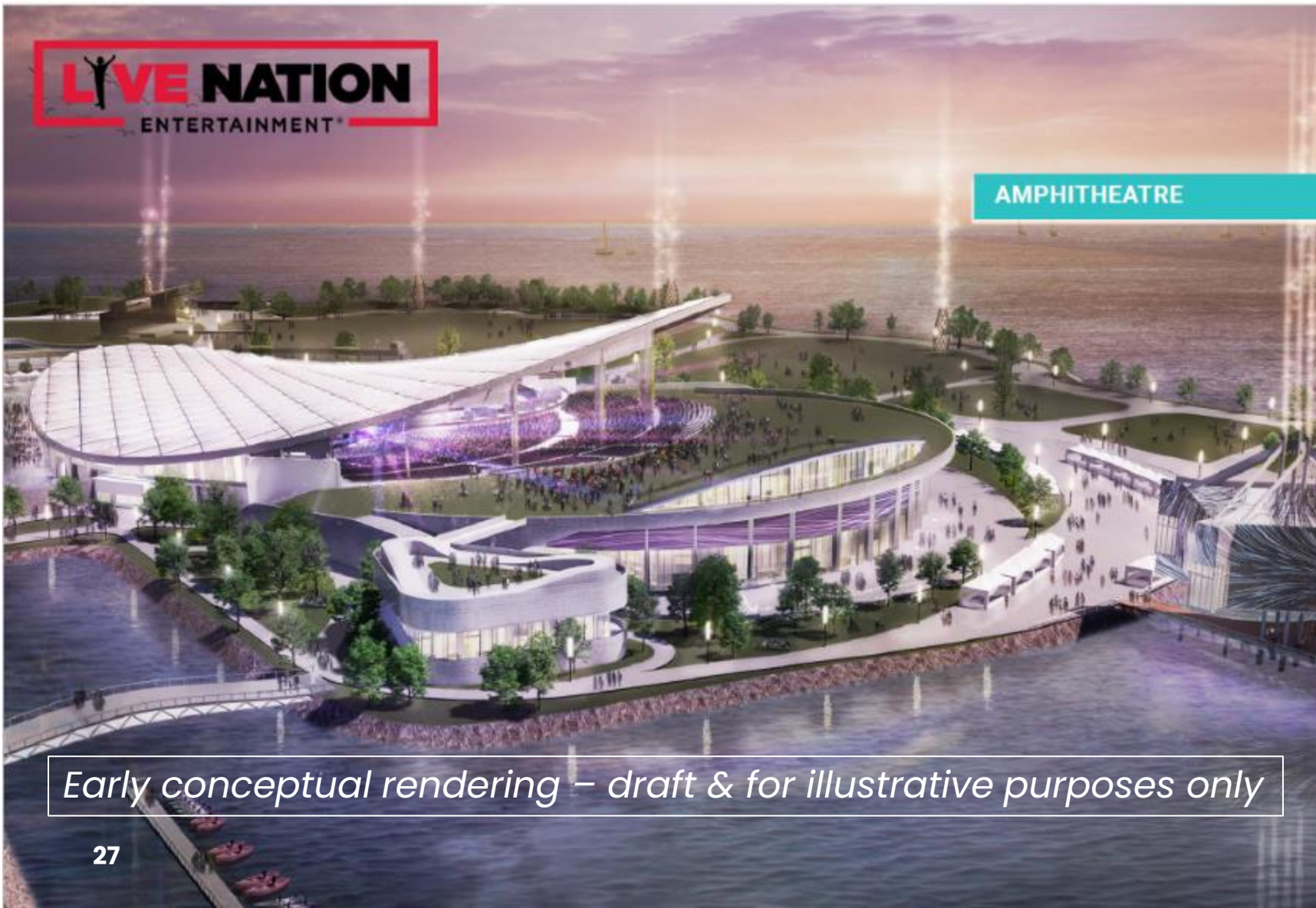
- In addition to a fully retained **Trillium Park**, **Marina** and event space on the **East Commons**, anchor tenants have been identified as:
 - › **Therme Group**
 - › **Live Nation**
- Announced in July 2021, discussions are also underway with the **Ontario Science Centre** to explore potential opportunities to have science-related tourism and educational programming at the Pods & Cinesphere.



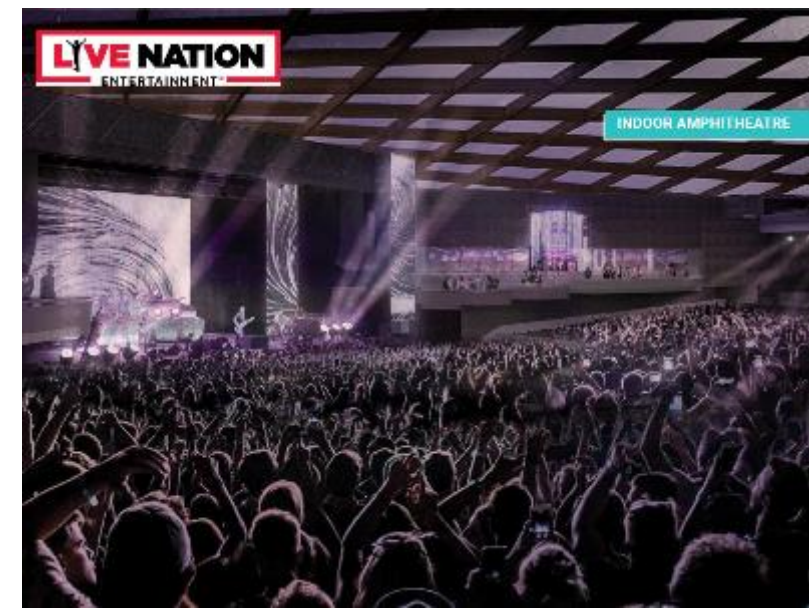
The Bold New Vision Potential for Science Programming



The Bold New Vision Live Nation



Early conceptual rendering – draft & for illustrative purposes only



The Bold New Vision Therme Group

Early conceptual rendering – draft & for illustrative purposes only



- Waterpark and wellness facility.
- Over 8 acres of new public space.
- Gathering places for cultural programming.
- Extension of William G Davis Trail.
- Shoreline repair and expansion for flood mitigation and climate resilience.

The Bold New Vision Free Public Space at Ontario Place



The Bold New Vision

The Public Realm Study Area

- The LANDinc/MSP design team has oversight of the design of the Ontario Place public realm.
- The Public Realm Study Area will ensure integration across both government and tenanted lands:

Primary Study Area

The **primary study area** is where government is solely responsible for the design, approval and construction.

Secondary Study Area

The **secondary study area** is where the landscape design team is collaborating with tenants to ensure integration.



Note: This map is an approximate depiction of the land areas and is subject to change.



Category C Class Environmental Assessment

Environmental Assessment Objectives

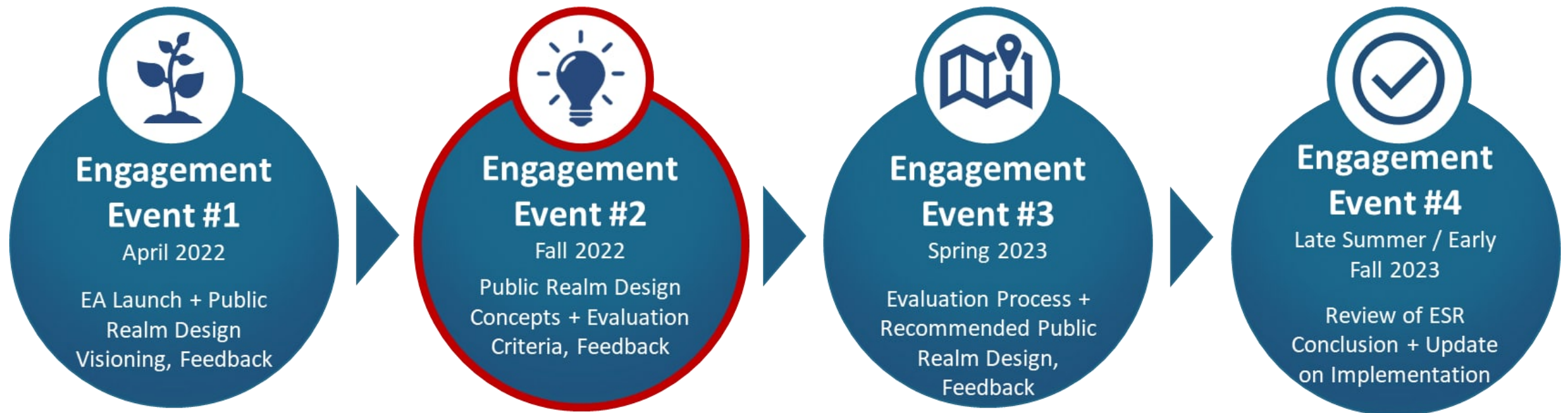
The Category C EA will use public and stakeholder input to assess impacts and identify preferred mitigation measures.

The primary objectives of the Category C EA are to:

- Ensure that impacts on the natural, socio-economic and cultural environments are **identified** and **mitigated**.
- Solicit and **incorporate feedback** from the public, stakeholders and Indigenous communities into the decision-making process and project outcomes.
- Ensure that the **most appropriate design concepts** are tested and considered, while retaining flexibility for future design iteration and refinement.

Environmental Assessment Public Engagement Overview

- The Ontario Place Category C EA will run from early 2022 to mid-to-late 2023.
- There are four public engagement opportunities for site redevelopment.



- The Category C EA must be completed before public realm construction can start on site.

Environmental Assessment

The EA Study Area

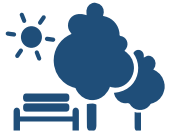
- The Category C EA Study Area is defined as the area where **government-led activities** will occur and is subject to the Environmental Assessment Act.
- **Private sector tenants** are not subject to the *Environmental Assessment Act* as it is the planning framework for public sector developments.
- The planning framework that applies to private sector developments is the *Planning Act* and the municipal planning process.
- Private sector developments will be required to secure zoning and site plan approval, as well as meet all the federal, provincial and municipal environmental permits and approvals.



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Environmental Assessment Category C Class EA

- All government-led activities supporting the Ontario Place redevelopment are included in the EA process, such as:



*Public Realm
and Landscape
Design*



*Shoreline
Restoration
and Protection*



Flood Mitigation



*Remediation
and Soil
Management*



*Any New Public
Buildings and
Structures*



*Supporting
Infrastructure*



*Servicing
Modernization*

- Government-led activities of the redevelopment are being assessed under the *Public Work Class Environmental Assessment* as a Category C undertaking. This process has defined steps that include:
 1. Consideration and assessment of design concepts;
 2. Evaluation and selection of a preferred design;
 3. Development of mitigation and monitoring measures;
 4. Mandatory consultation at key milestones;
 5. Documentation in a comprehensive Environmental Study Report.



Environmental Assessment

How are we evaluating and selecting a preferred design?

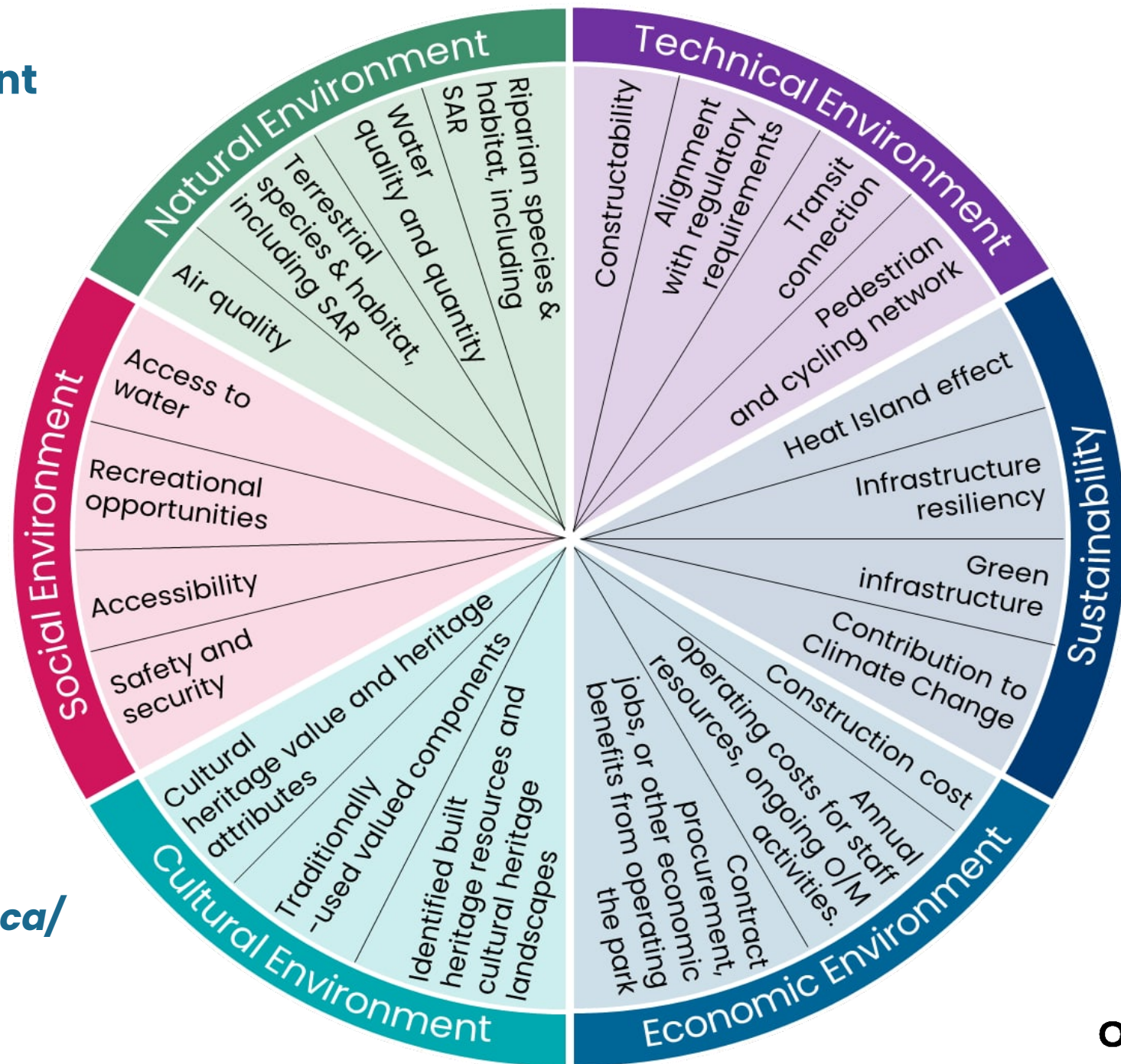
The current step in the Category C EA process is the **development and evaluation of design concepts** to test different ideas against several evaluation criteria. This is achieved by the following steps:

1. Developing a range of design concepts (to be presented later today). Indigenous communities, stakeholders and the public are welcome to share ideas that are not shown in these concepts.
2. Working with Indigenous communities, stakeholders and the public to establish appropriate evaluation criteria to evaluate the designs against.
3. Undertaking an evaluation of each design concept to identify how they perform.
4. Through the evaluation, we will identify potential modification(s) to the design concepts to help mitigate any negative impacts.
5. Re-evaluate the modified concepts ('alternatives') based on the revised design.
6. Recommend a preferred design(s) – including mitigation measures – and present back for final feedback.

Environmental Assessment Draft Evaluation Criteria

Note: Detailed technical information that has been completed to date and the full **evaluation criteria** tables for review and feedback can be found at:

<https://engageontarioplace.ca/station/6-oct/>



Design Development Process

Understanding Design Concepts

- The Ontario Place Design team has participated in all consultation events to date. Their job is to **distill your many ideas** into a variety of design concepts for further consideration and assessment.
- Today's design concepts are being used to **test how the input we received from you in April might be realized** on site in future.
- These design concepts are being used to show you **a range of potential uses** and design features.
- Based on feedback from today, the design team and the EA team will work together to **assess the different design concepts** to identify what features should be considered further as the design work evolves.

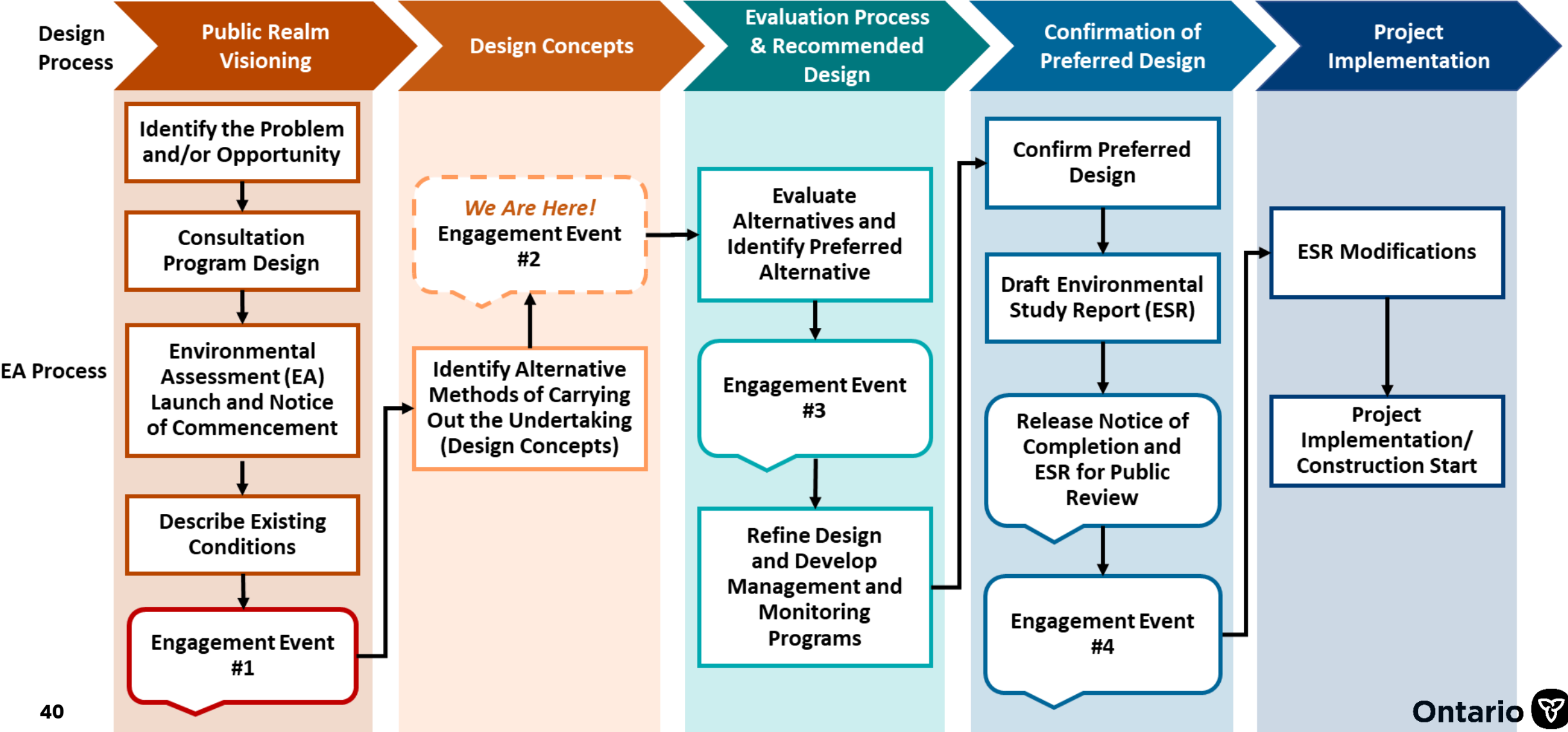
Design Development Process

Our Starting Point for the Design Concepts



An Integrated Process

Design Development & EA Process





The Workshop: Assessing Design Concepts

Design Concepts

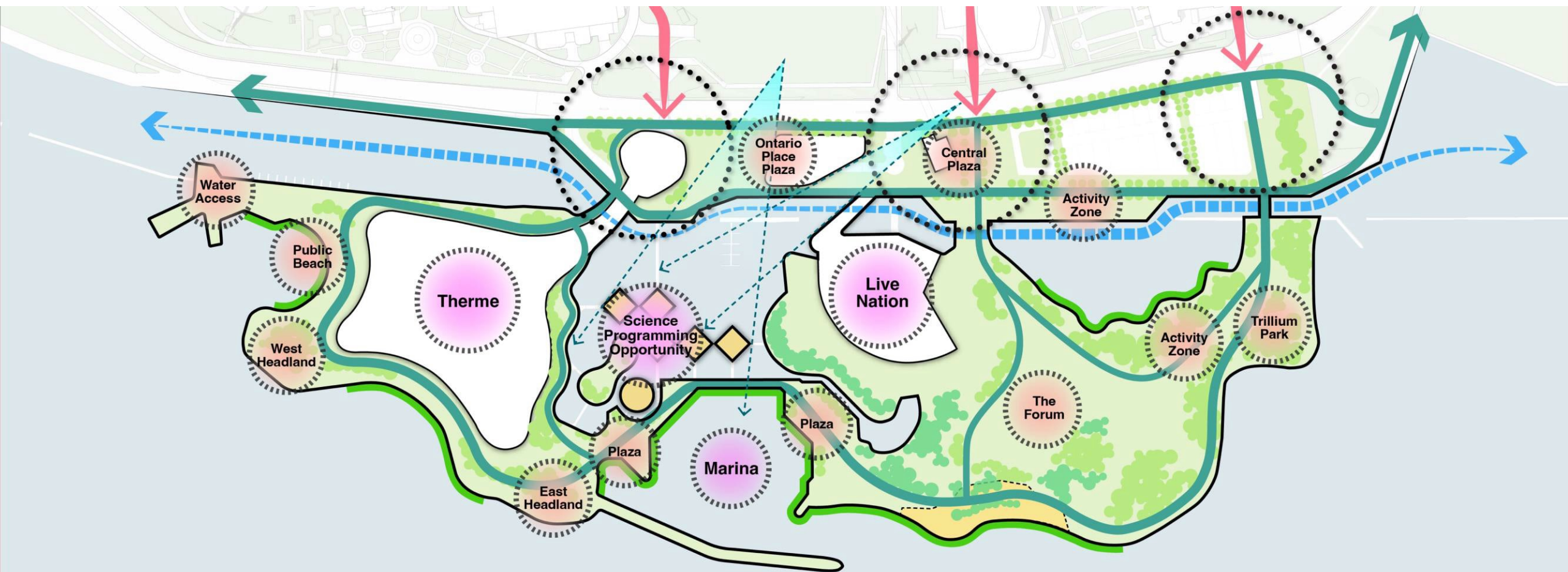
The Workshop

- For the workshop portion of this event, you will have the opportunity to provide your feedback on five different zones across Ontario Place.
- The design team will present each zone to the entire group, prior to you being directed into smaller groups for facilitated discussions.
- The break-out rooms will be led by a facilitator, and the discussion will be focused on what aspects of the design interest you and what other design features you think should be considered.
- To contribute during the discussion, please use the “raise hands” feature if you would like to say your thoughts by video or microphone – video is not mandatory. You are also welcome to type your comments using the chat function.

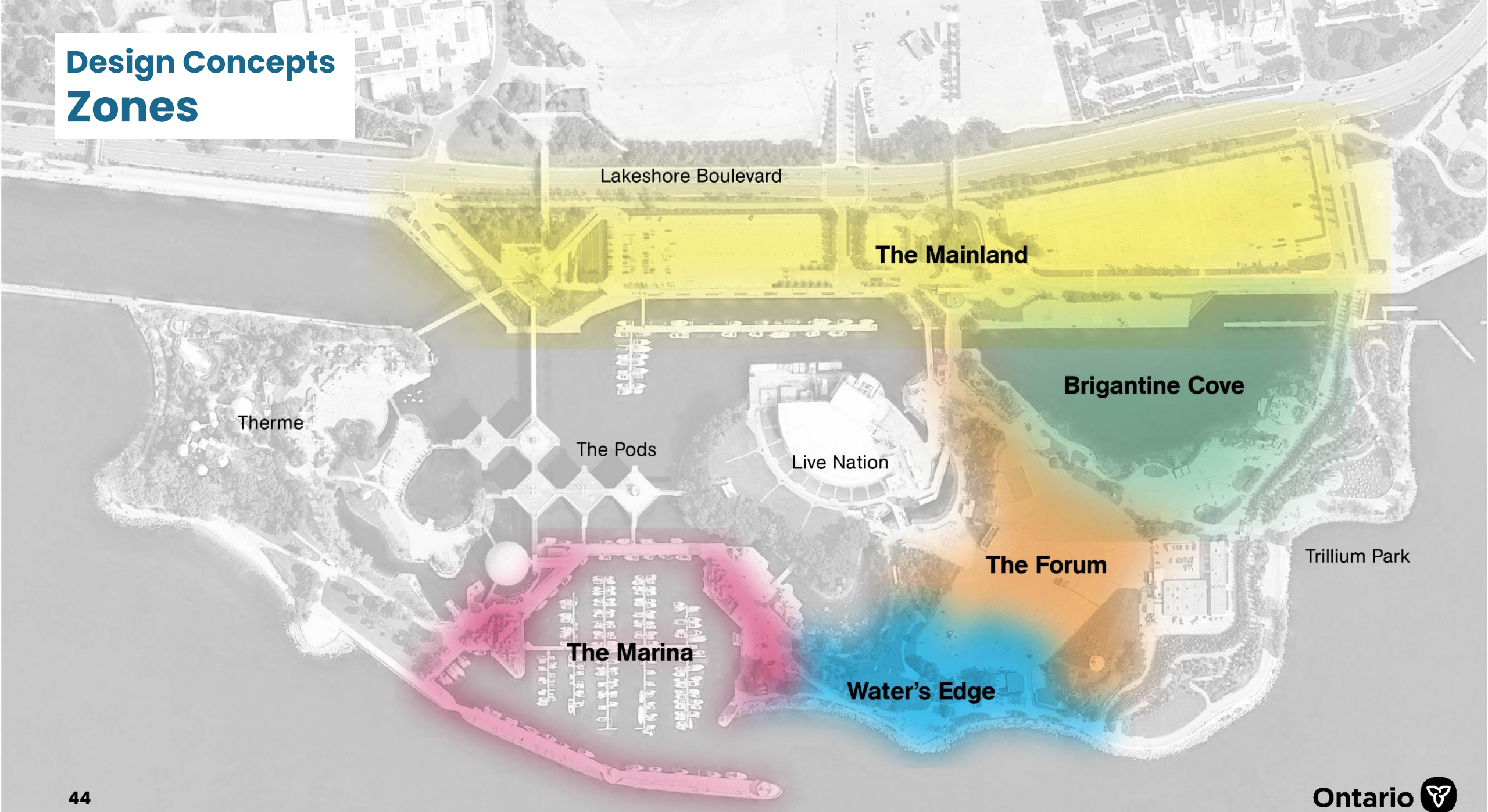
If you have additional ideas not reflected in the design concepts, please feel free to share your ideas with the facilitator. All ideas will be assessed.

Design Concepts

Framework Plan



Design Concepts Zones



Design Concepts

Zone 1: The Water's Edge

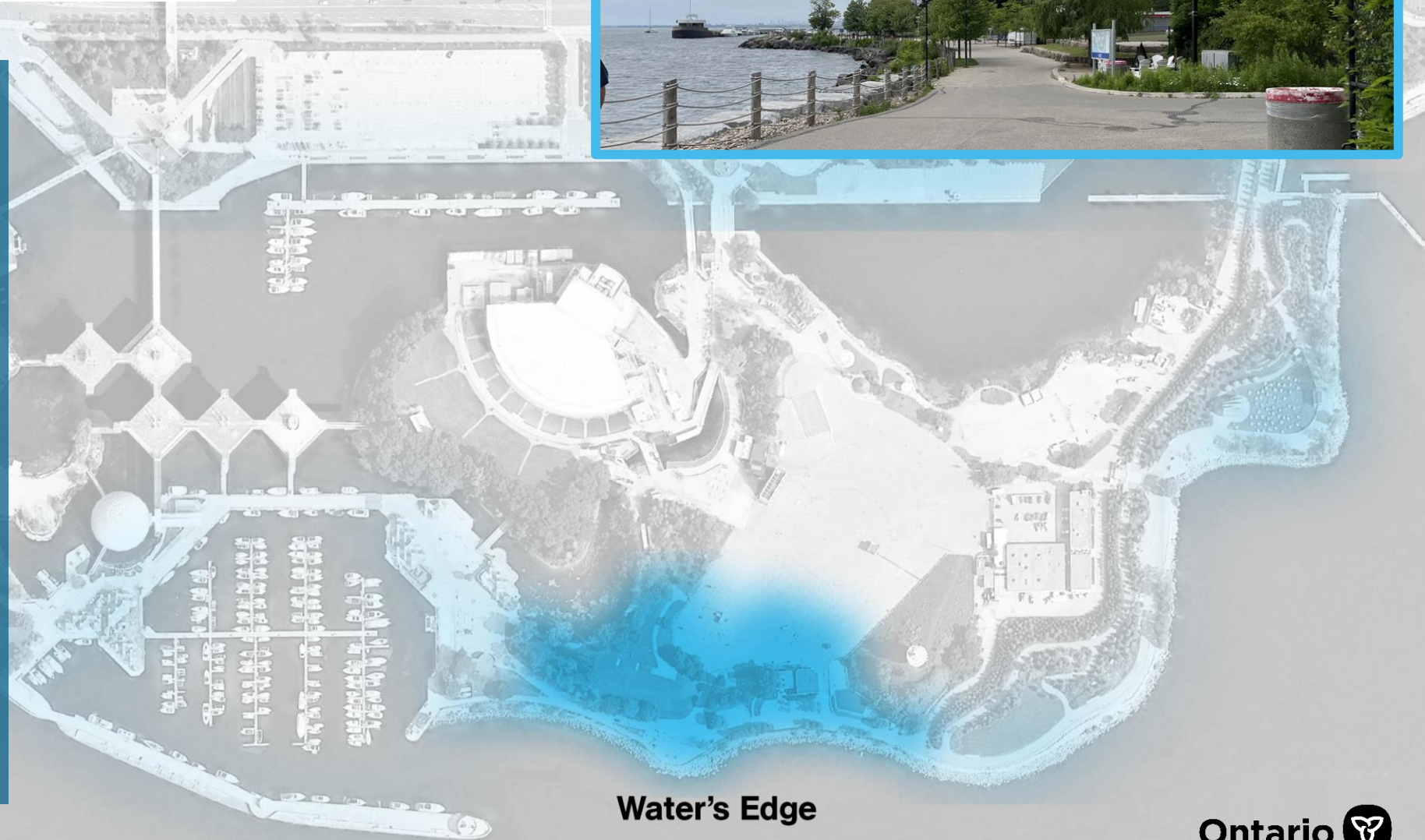
Issues & Opportunities

Issues

- Aging infrastructure.
- Flooding.
- Inaccessible shoreline.

Opportunities

- Update infrastructure.
- Create water access and maintain views of the water.
- Improve public space.
- Maximize flood and storm protection.
- Create an ecologically-sensitive shoreline.

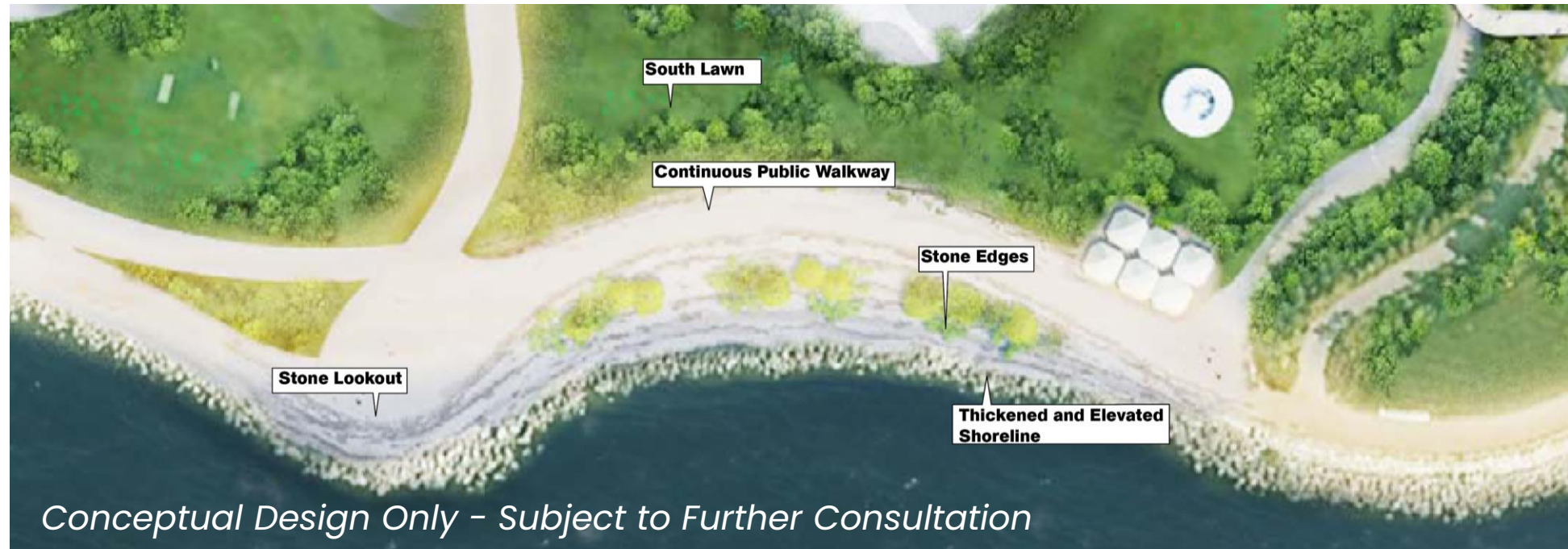


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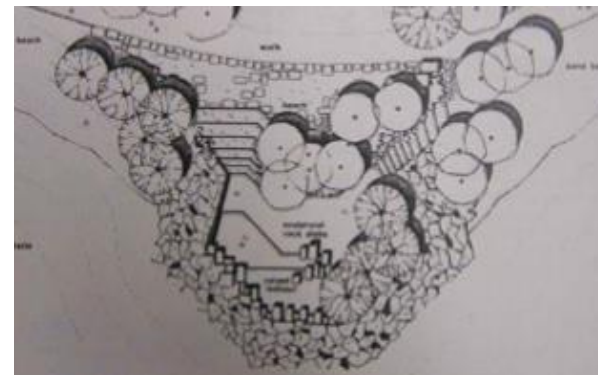
Zone 1: The Water's Edge

Concept A: Stone Lookouts

- Widened shoreline.
- Using shoreline protection to physically expand public space.
- Accessible all seasons.
- Raised elevation for flood protection.
- Lookouts and access to water.



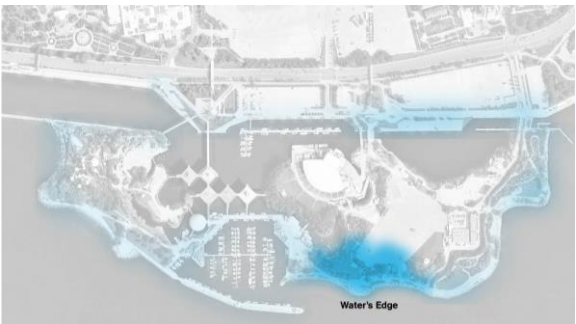
Original lookout, 1971



Hough lookout design, 1970



Expanded water's edge

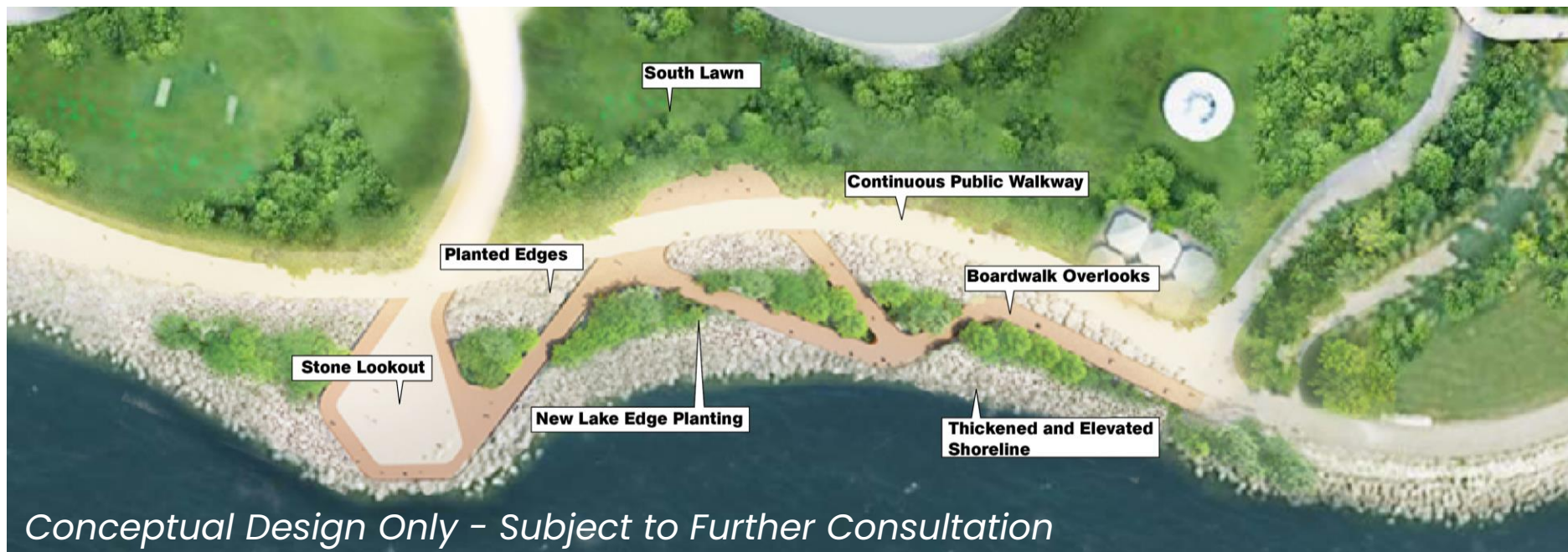


Design Concepts

Zone 1: The Water's Edge

Concept B: Planted Piers

- Less access to water for users than 'Concept A'.
- Raised shoreline.
- Stormwater management.
- Lookouts and access to water.



Mix of hard & soft shoreline



Stormwater management



Planted edges



Natural stone & plant mix

Design Concepts

Zone 2: The Marina

Issues & Opportunities

Issues:

- Flooding.
- Poor water circulation.
- Vacant buildings in poor condition.
- Deteriorated public space.
- Lack of amenities and commercial activity.
- Lack of shaded areas and places for public seating near the marina.

Opportunities:

- Improve water quality.
- Diversify boating slips / users.
- Preserve heritage structures.
- Generate commercial opportunities and increase activity.
- May be subject to modifications in future.





Design Concepts

Zone 2: The Marina

Concept A: Park Marina

- Recreate marina buildings as open-air park canopies for picnics, barbeques and shade along the waterfront.
- Rebuild existing buildings, as necessary.
- Create a greener marina with more shade.
- Focus on maximizing public space.



Public spaces and Pop ups



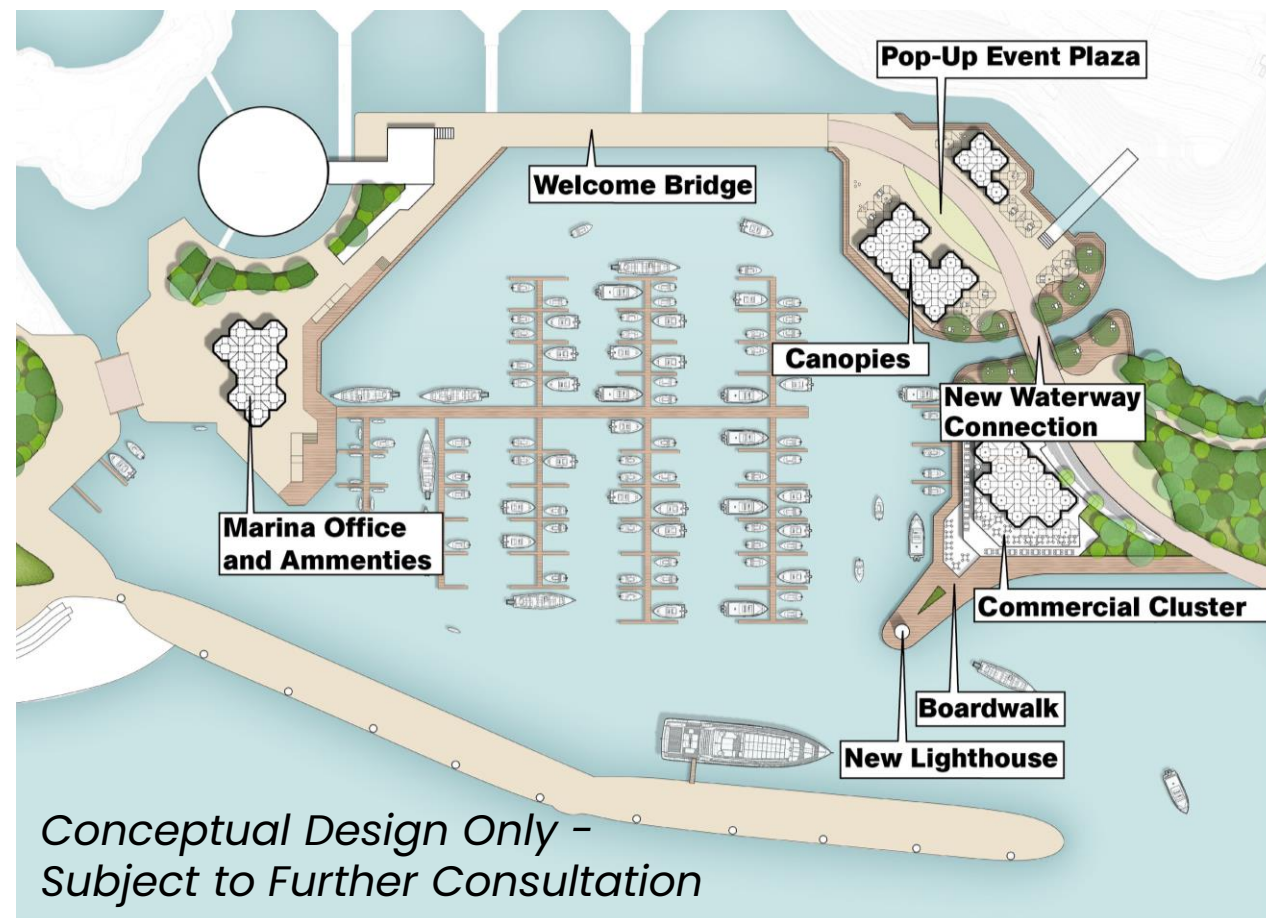
Open air canopies



Planting opportunities



Terraced seating



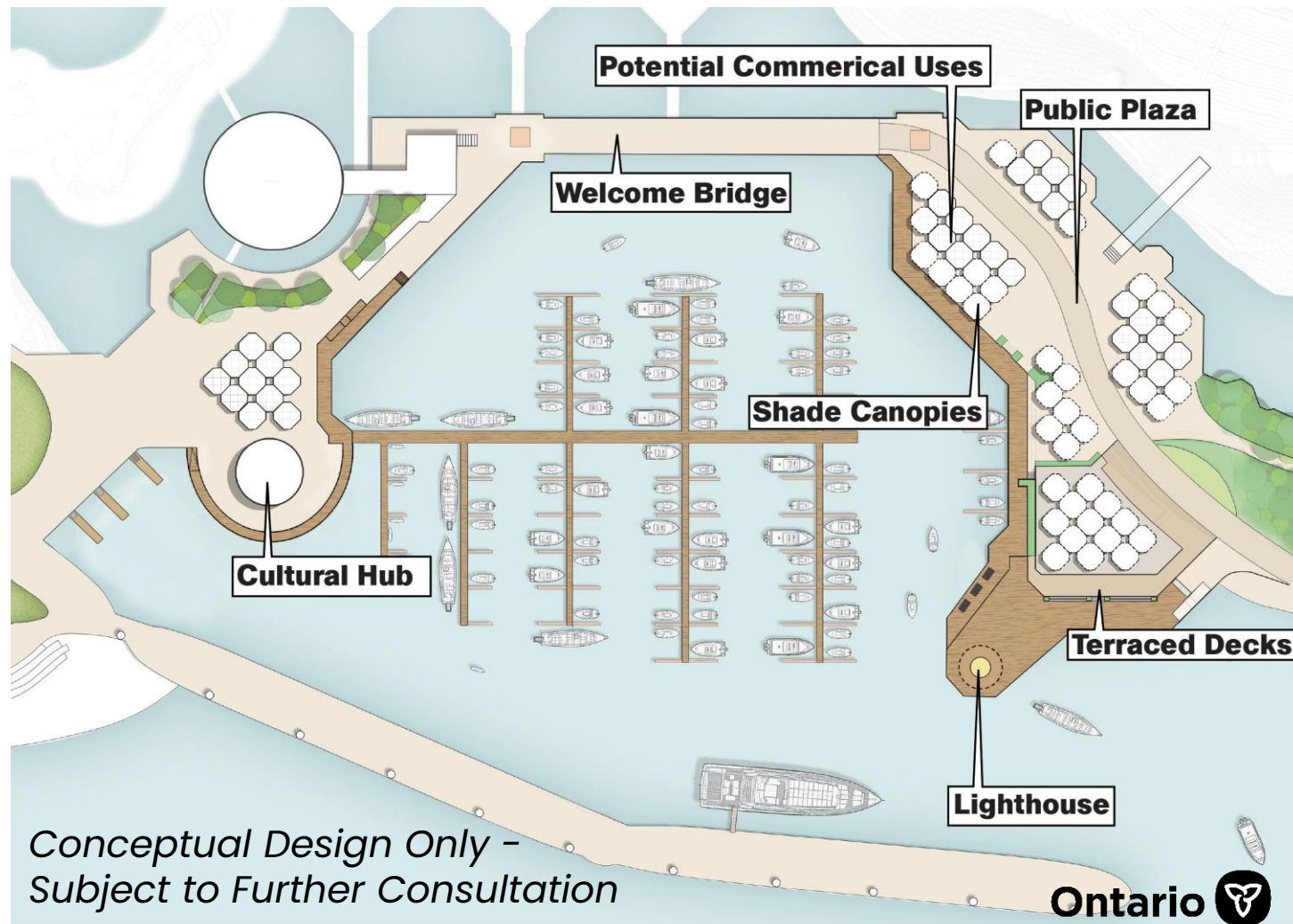


Design Concepts

Zone 2: The Marina

Concept B: Ontario Port

- Cultural hub and welcome bridge for various placemaking opportunities.
- Diversify or expand boat slips.
- Vibrant commercial activity.
- Wood boardwalk along both side of the marina for water's edge experience.



Breakout Session

**Zones 1: The Water's Edge
and
Zone 2: The Marina**

Design Concepts

Zone 3: Brigantine Cove

Issues & Opportunities

Issues:

- Poor water circulation.
- Edged by parking and paving.
- Flooding.
- Very limited access to water.

Opportunities:

- Water access.
- Increased tree canopy.
- New water's edge.
- May be subject to modifications in future



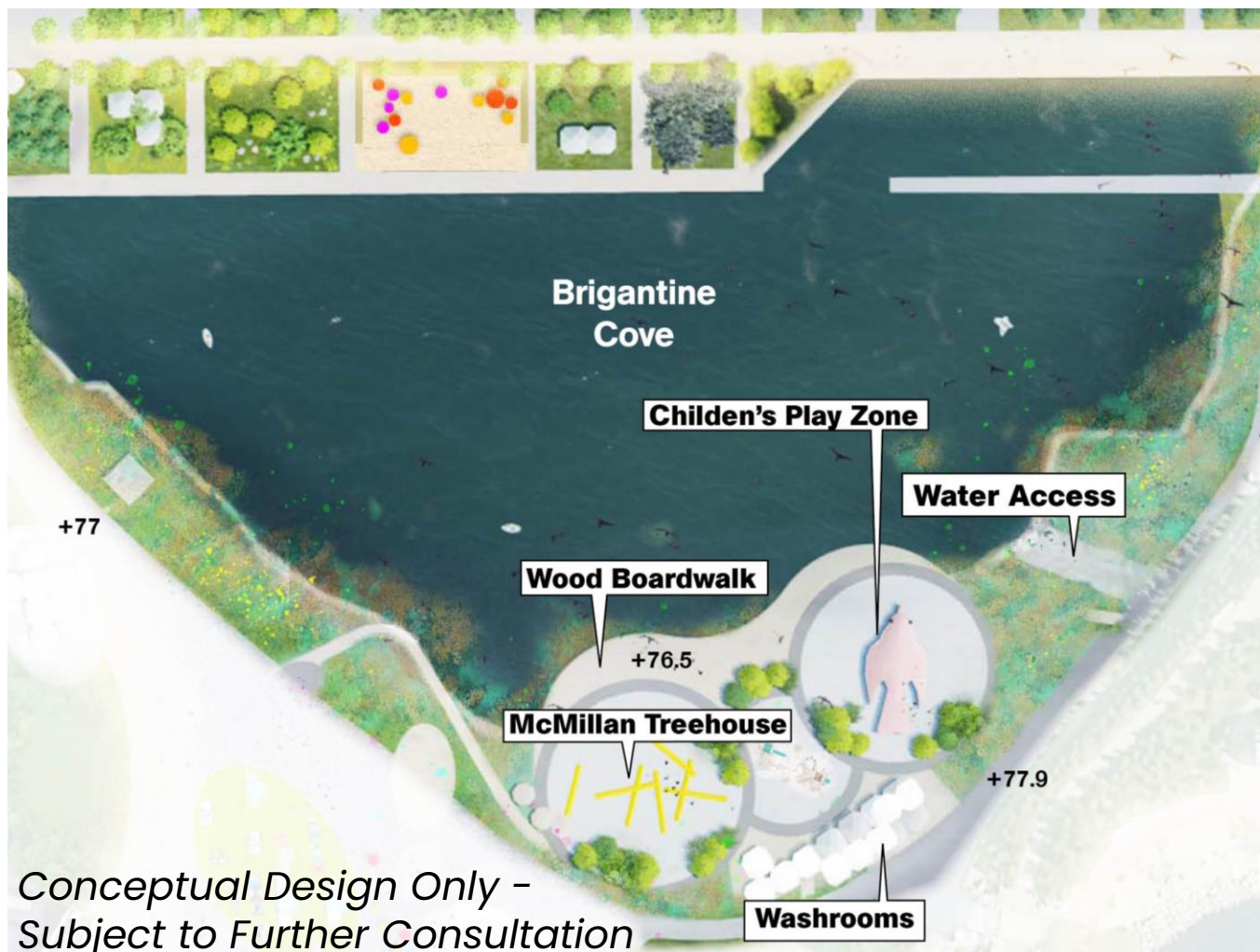


Design Concepts

Zone 3: Brigantine Cove

Concept A: Events & Activities

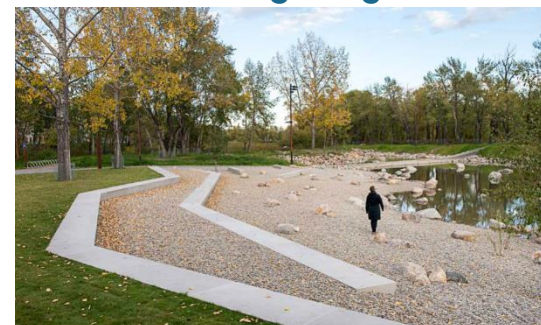
- Reinstates original Hough edge boundary.
- Space for events and activities.
- Landscaping and trees used to mitigate weather.
- Land-based boardwalk edge
- Improved water circulation and quality.



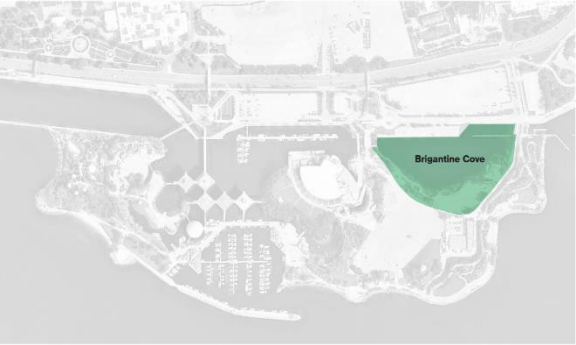
Land-based boardwalk



Reinstated Hough edge



Event space

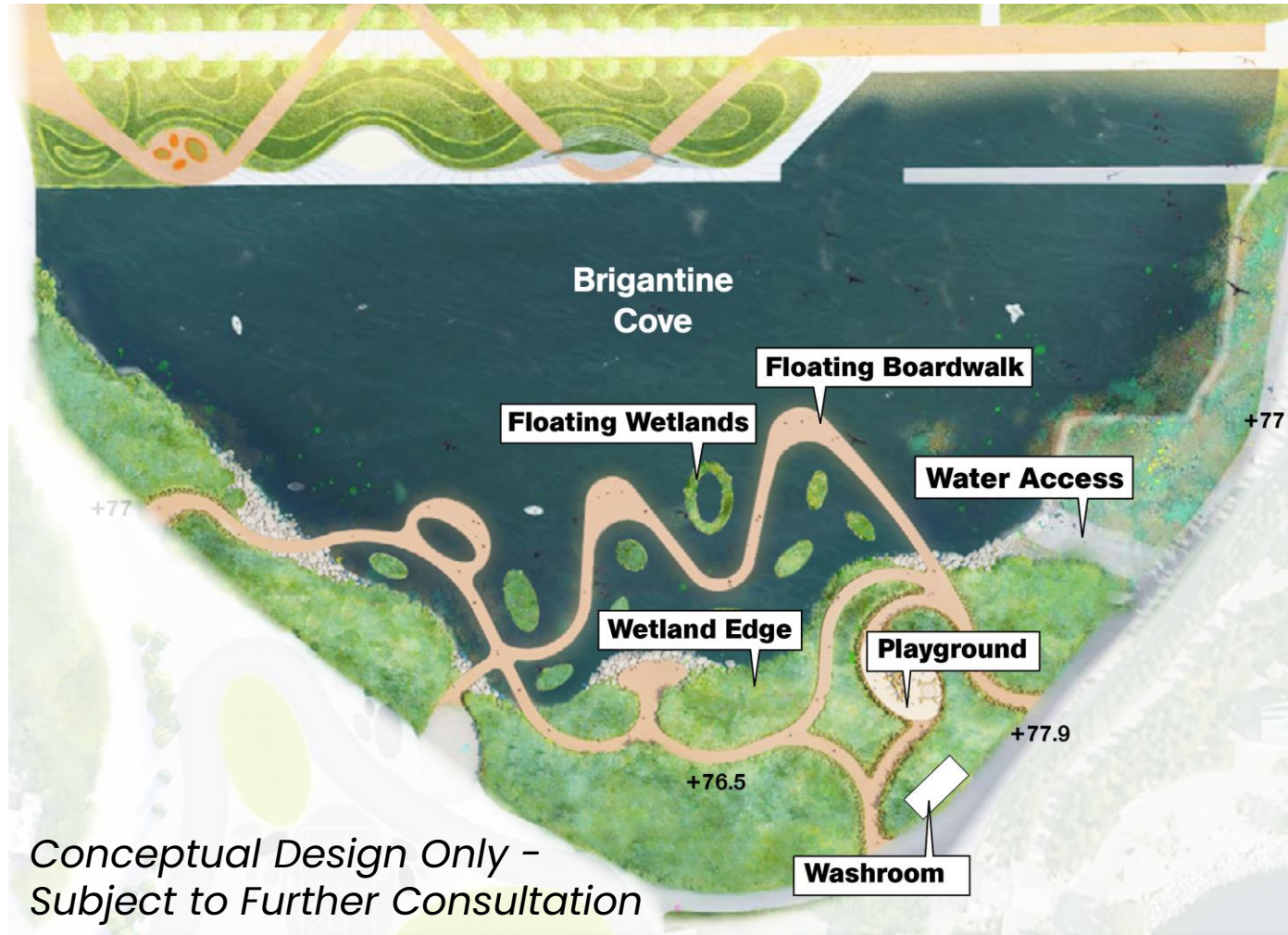


Design Concepts

Zone 3: Brigantine Cove

Concept B: Wetland & Nature

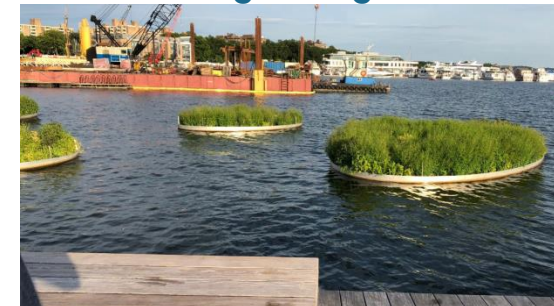
- Evolved Hough design, altering shape of Cove.
- Floating boardwalk system.
- Wetland creation.
- Focus on creating new opportunities for enhanced ecosystems and ecology.
- Improved water circulation and quality.



Floating boardwalk



Evolved Hough design



New wetlands

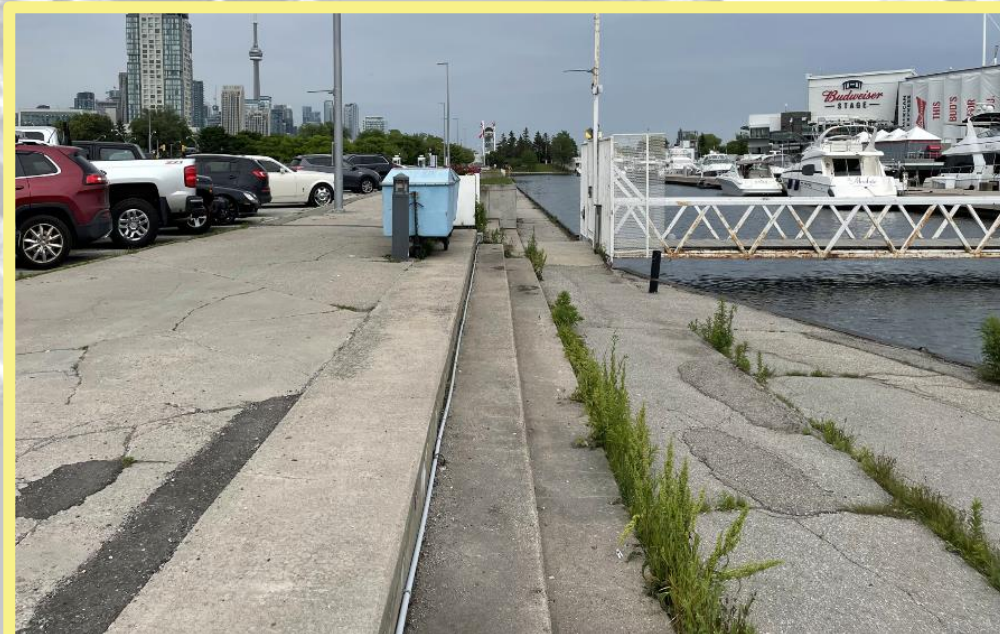
Design Concepts

Zone 4: The Mainland

Issues & Opportunities

Opportunities

- Consolidation of roads and parking areas.
- Waters' edge promenade.
- Reduced paving and increase surface permeability.
- Flood and storm protection, stormwater management.
- Martin Goodman Trail connections.
- May be subject to modifications in future.



The Mainland

Issues

- Expansive parking and asphalt area.
- Underutilized water's edge.
- Poor waters' edge experience.
- Aging infrastructure.
- Limited greenery.



Design Concepts

Zone 4: The Mainland

Concept A: Urban & Active

- Hard and soft landscape, including plazas and an urban beach.
- Gateway Structures at Entrances.
- Waters' edge promenade.
- Dedicated pick up and drop off area.



Urban planted plaza spaces



Active public promenade



Urban beach





Design Concepts

Zone 4: The Mainland

Concept B: Green Gateway

- Focus on passive recreation uses and less active zones.
- More green space with extensive planting and minimal hardscape.
- Sheltered, enclosed public spaces.
- Extends 'park feel' onto mainland.
- Dedicated pick up and drop off area.



Naturalized stormwater management



Planted plaza



Passive recreation

*Conceptual Design Only -
Subject to Further Consultation*



Design Concepts

Zone 4: The Mainland

Mainland Parking

Within the Mainland zone, there are three potential solutions for parking:

1. Underground parking
2. Surface parking
3. Above ground structured parking

Any mainland parking solution considered should meet the following project objectives:

- ✓ Not limit or negatively impact new public spaces on site.
- ✓ Protect for heritage views of Pods and Cinesphere from Lakeshore Blvd.
- ✓ Meet municipal policies for waterfront development.
- ✓ Allow for increased provision of parking to meet demand.



Approximate location of parking on site.

Breakout Session

**Zones 3: Brigantine Cove
and
Zone 4: The Mainland**

Design Concepts

Zone 5: The Forum

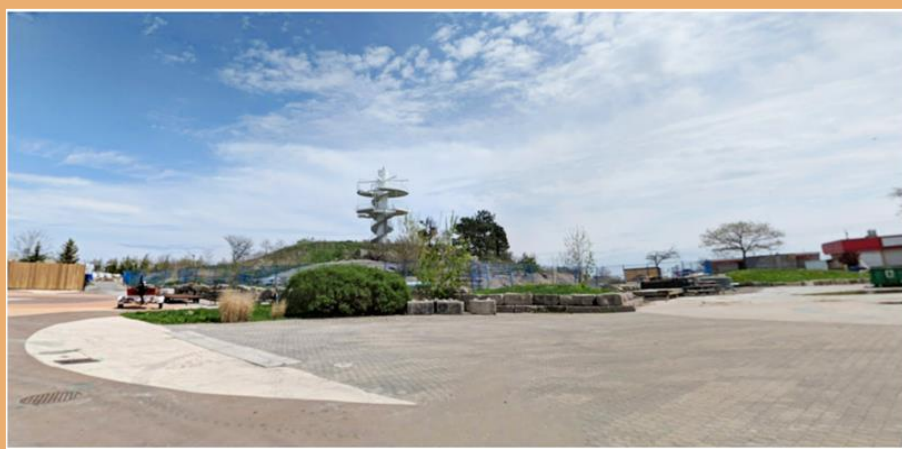
Issues & Opportunities

Issues

- Poor quality landscape (asphalt).
- High degree of run-off, flooding and storm water management issues.
- Requires adequate space for large scale events and celebration.

Opportunities

- Provide open, flexible gathering space for outdoor events.
- Connections from the mainland to the southern waterfront.
- Restore existing and add new public washrooms.
- May be subject to modifications in future.



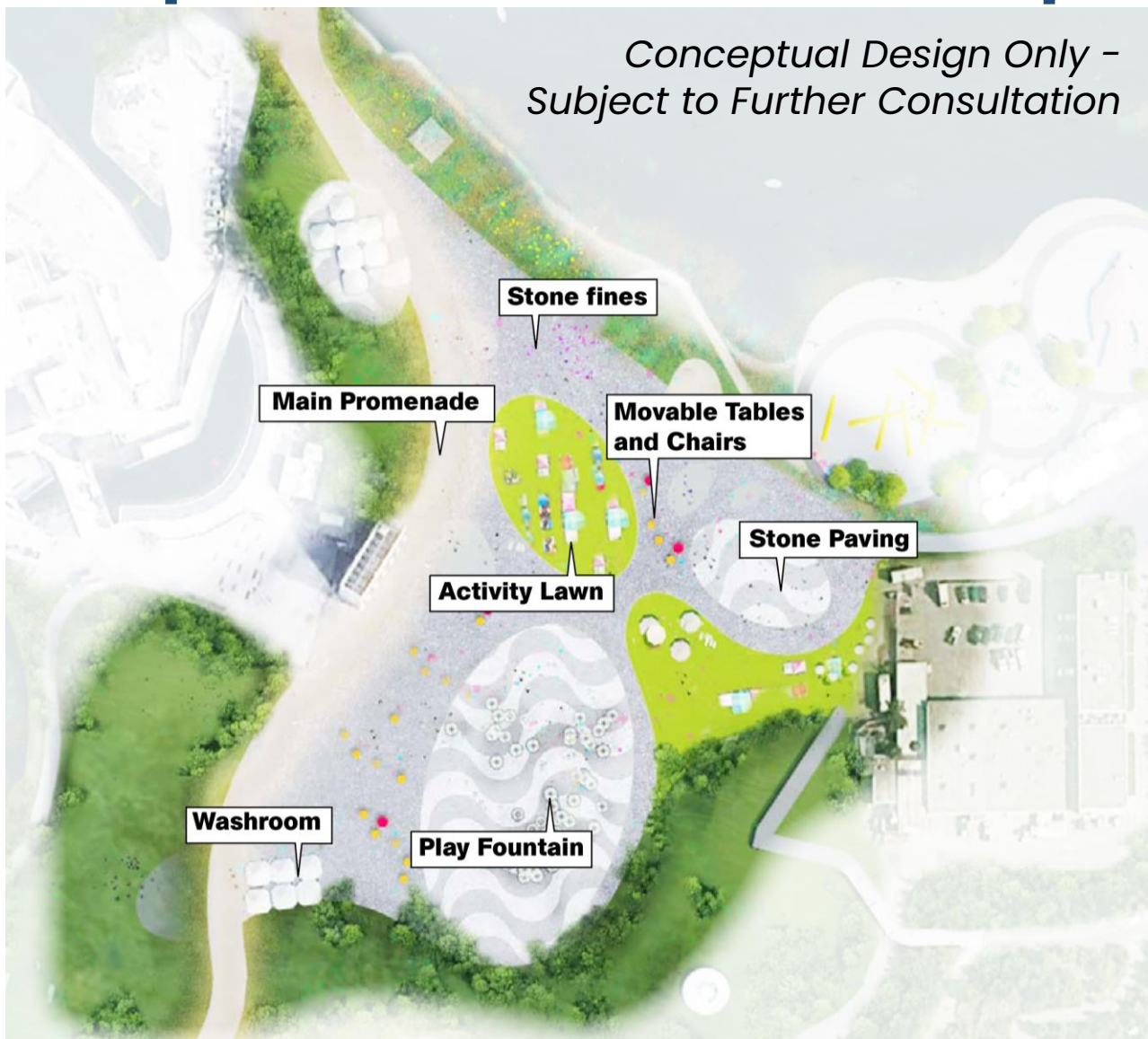


Design Concepts

Zone 5: The Forum

Concept A: Fountain & Flexible Space

- Highly flexible space able to accommodate wide range of programming and users.
- Mix of soft and hard landscape.
- Offers high-level of accessibility.
- Movable furniture creates outdoor rooms and spaces.
- Central fountain becomes all-season destination (for example, an ice rink in the winter).



Flexible and moveable seating



Water plaza



Animated water

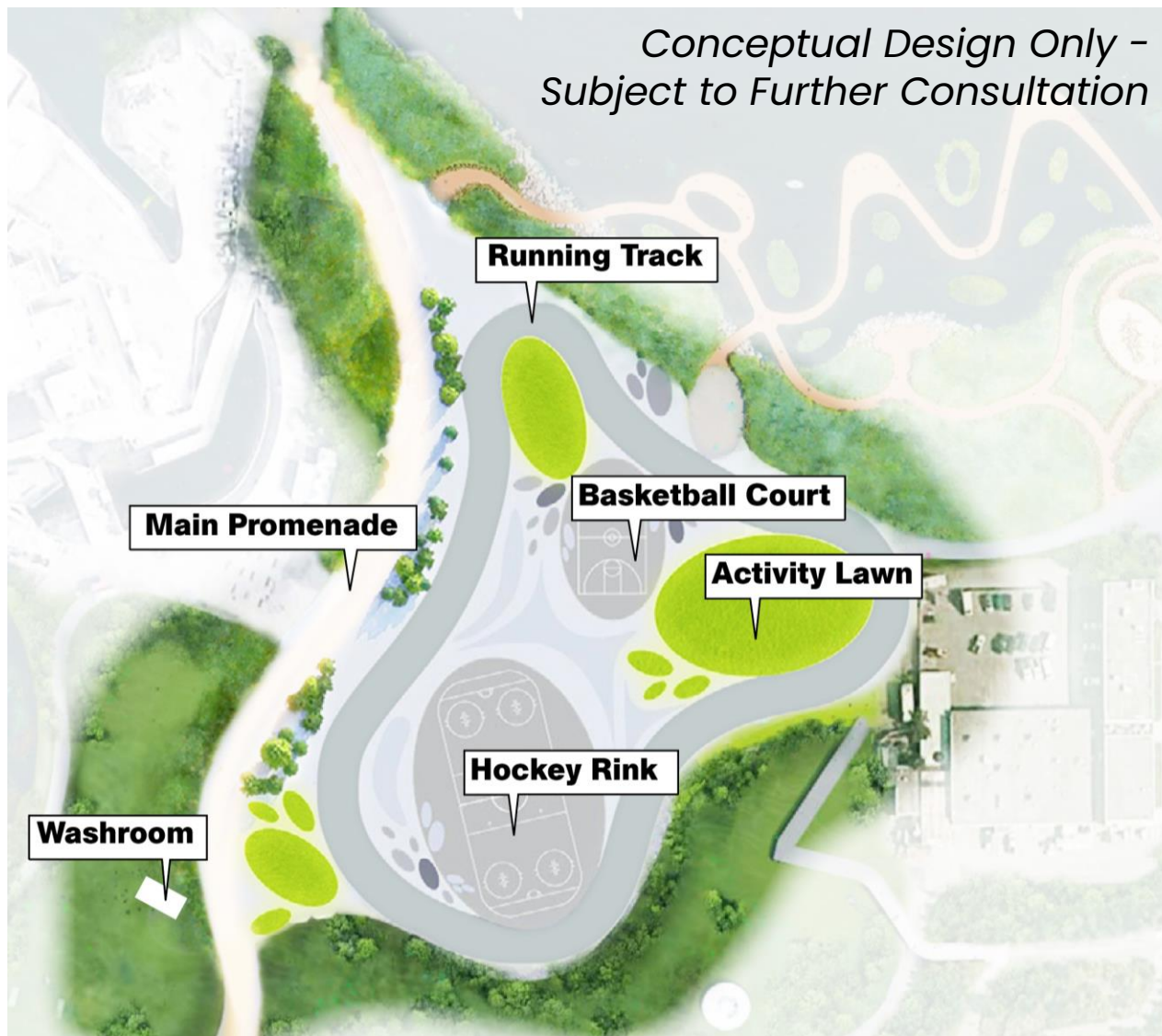


Design Concepts

Zone 5: The Forum

Concept B: Sports & Recreation Hub

- Defined spaces for specific sports activities.
- Primarily hard landscaped.
- Structures would be required for amenities such as change rooms, washrooms and secure storage.
- Opportunity for an ice track in winter months.



Recreational fields and courts



Unique surfacing



Skating track

Breakout Session

Zone 5: The Forum



**Wrap Up and
Next Steps**

Ontario Place Redevelopment Next Steps



- Feedback from today and the **Virtual Public Engagement Room** (VPER) will be collected and considered as the design of the public realm progresses.



- The initial municipal Development Application submission is targeted for **November 2022**. A resubmission with the final design is targeting **Summer 2023**.
- The project team will be evaluating the design concepts with the **evaluation criteria** – found at:
<https://engageontarioplace.ca/station/6-oct/>



- Results of the EA evaluation process and a preferred public realm design will be presented for additional feedback at the next EA Public Engagement Event in **Spring 2023**.

Ontario Place Redevelopment

Staying Engaged

- Visit our **Virtual Public Engagement Room** for more details about the project and opportunities to provide feedback:

English: <https://engageontarioplace.ca/virtual/>

French: <https://engageontarioplace.ca/fr/virtuelle/>

- The VPER comment function will remain open until **November 18, 2022.**
- Stay up to date and learn about future engagement opportunities by visiting www.EngageOntarioPlace.ca

Thank you

Please share your feedback about this engagement event by visiting:
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October 27th 2022: Design Concepts Workshop Summary Report



Background

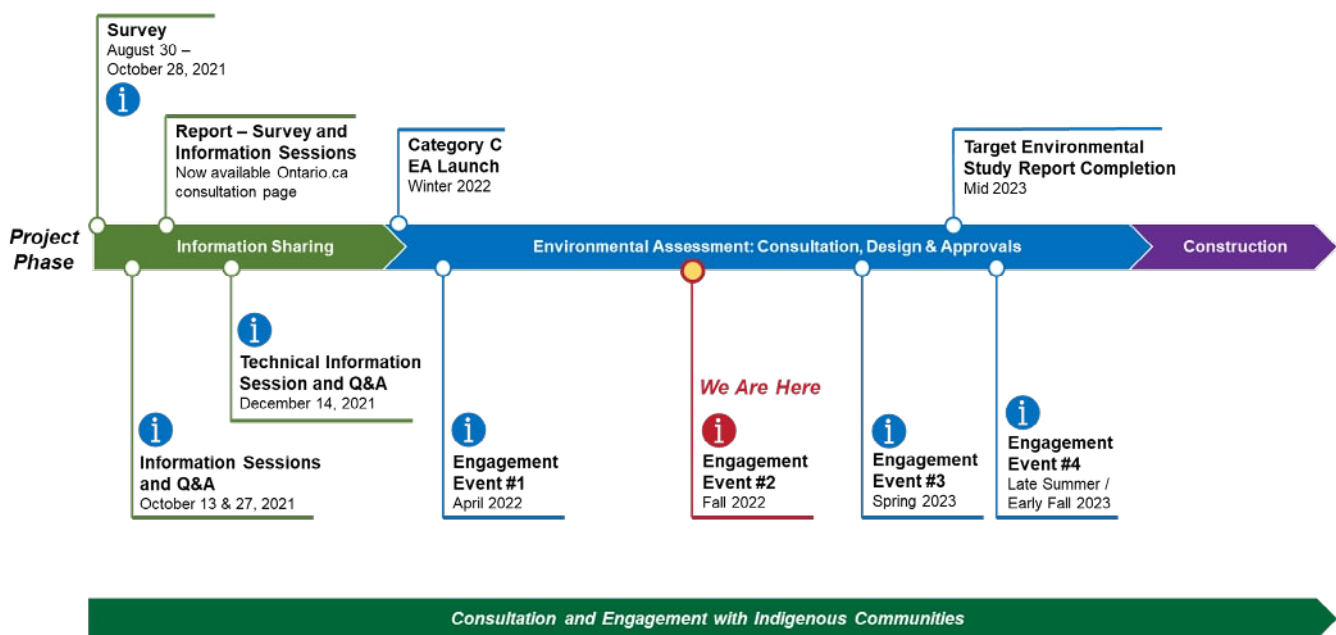
The Ontario government is bringing Ontario Place back to life, making it a remarkable world-class, year-round destination that will include family-friendly entertainment, public and event spaces, parkland, and waterfront access. Ontario Place will provide people of all ages with something to enjoy, including enhanced public spaces, increased access to the waterfront, beach, pools, health and wellness services, as well as an indoor-outdoor live music and performance venue.

As part of making the site redevelopment-ready, the government is undertaking a Category C Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for the government-led site-servicing updates and design and development of the public realm. On March 16, 2022, a Category C EA was launched with a Notice of Commencement posted on the Environmental Registry of Ontario and the Ontario Place project website ([EngageOntarioPlace.ca](https://engageontarioplace.ca)). As part of the EA process, the government is engaging with the public, Indigenous communities, and stakeholders to ensure their perspectives are recognized and considered in the EA and public realm design process. The government will continue to seek input from Indigenous communities, the public and stakeholders and work with the City of Toronto to bring this site back to life.

The second of four public consultation events as part of the EA and public realm design process for Ontario Place was held on October 27, 2022.

Overview

Between April 2022 and Spring 2023, a series of public consultation events will be held where the public can learn more about and provide input on design of the public spaces and the Environmental Assessment process for Ontario Place:



On October 27, 2022, members of the public joined a two-hour public consultation event hosted on Zoom that focused on Ontario Place's public realm. The goals of the session were to (1) share information and project updates on the Ontario Place redevelopment, (2) engage with members of the public as part of the Category C EA process, and (3) receive public feedback on preliminary design concepts for the public realm.

The virtual event was facilitated by Bespoke Collective, and presenters included speakers from Bespoke Collective, technical consultants Jacobs, and public realm consultants LandInc, Martha Schwartz Partners and Urban Strategies Inc. The feedback collected from the event will inform the work of technical consultants Jacobs who are leading the EA, and the public realm consultants LANDInc and Martha Schwartz Partners, on behalf of Infrastructure Ontario (IO) and the Ministry of Infrastructure (MOI).

Attendance

700 registered for the event, with 247 members of the public in attendance and about 47 government and consultant partners joining.

Design concepts workshop agenda

The following agenda was used for the two-hour public consultation event:

1. **Setup** (5 min.): The host provided land acknowledgments and outlined the agenda for the session.
2. **Project Updates** (10 min.): Participants were informed about the public consultation process, the Category C Class Environmental Assessment and the design of the public realm.
3. **A Bold New Vision** (10 min.): The vision for Ontario Place was shared with participants, including the government's intention to recognize and celebrate the legacy of Ontario Place while expanding and improving waterfront access, parkland and free public spaces.
4. **Environmental Assessment Overview** (10 min.): A general overview of the Environmental Assessment process that highlighted the primary objectives and public engagement process of the Category C Environmental Assessment was provided to participants.
5. **Design Concepts Workshop** (75 min.): Participants were introduced to the methodology and format of the breakout sessions, and instructed on how to provide feedback on the public realm design concepts.
6. **Wrap Up and Next Steps** (10 min.): The session closed with an outline of next steps and informed attendees that additional feedback on the design concepts and the Environmental Assessment evaluation can be provided through the Virtual Public Engagement Room.

Facilitation approach for the design concepts workshop

Preliminary design concepts were shared for five zones within the public realm:

- **Zone 1:** The Water's Edge
- **Zone 2:** The Marina
- **Zone 3:** Brigantine Cove
- **Zone 4:** The Mainland
- **Zone 5:** The Forum

Participants were provided information on all five zones in Ontario Place, outlining the geographic area, the issues and opportunities for the designs, and two proposed design concepts for each zone. Participants were then directed to one of 15 breakout rooms for three 15-minute breakout sessions where they provided input on the presented design concepts verbally or by using the chat feature. Each group consisted of a facilitator and a note-taker from the project team who guided conversations and recorded public feedback. Subject matter experts from IO and consultant design teams were also scattered throughout breakout rooms to help answer project-related questions.



During the breakout sessions, facilitators asked members of the public what features of the proposed design concepts were of interest to them, and if they had other ideas that they would like to see in each of the five zones. The primary aim of the workshop was to obtain public impressions, input and ideas, which will be used to inform the next phase of the public realm design.

The consultation approach for the virtual event was informed by public input from the previous consultation events held on December 14, 2021 and April 12, 2022. When asked in December 2021 about public consultation preferences, participants stated that they wanted digital participation and the opportunity to participate in small groups.

Key findings

Please note that these key findings capture both the public's perspectives as shared in breakout group conversations, as well as in the written comments submitted in the chat. The comments documented in this report are focused on public realm feedback related to the current scope of work. This synthesis reflects a long list of key findings that emerged across 15 breakout groups. Feedback has been organized by zone and in the order that zones were discussed during a sequence of three breakout sessions focused first on Zones 1 and 2, then Zones 3 and 4 and finally Zone 5. More general comments and topics of interest have also been documented.

Zone 1: The Water's Edge

Concept A: Stone Lookouts	
Likes	Concerns
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stone lookouts Seating Direct access to water Flood protection Hough lookout design 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safety concerns with stone lookouts Inaccessible for people with accessibility and mobility needs No mention of swimming access Need to clarify intended use of walkway Overcrowding

Concept B: Planted Piers	
Likes	Concerns
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raised shoreline Boardwalk Emphasis on natural environment and nature conservation Planted edges Quiet and calm atmosphere Safe access to water Soft landscaping 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lack of direct access to water Lack of seating Inaccessible for people with disabilities or mobility issues No mention of swimming access Narrow pedestrian paths

Longlist of Recommendations	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain public access • Safe and direct access to water, e.g. ladders • Seating with shade and shelter • Child-friendly landscape and design • Safe and accessible design • More green spaces and plantings • Flat green spaces • Accessibility accommodations, e.g. handrails, ramps, etc. • Entry points into the water for swimming, kayaks, paddleboards, non-motorized watercrafts, etc. • Plantings • Expanded beach • Separated cycling paths • Cycling infrastructure, i.e. bike parking, bike share stations • Spaces for small group gatherings • Wildlife-friendly area • Maintain bird habitats and protection areas • Support presence of native species • Ability for public interaction with birds, wildlife and native plants • Year-round access to washrooms • Picnic tables/areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to swimming • Diving board • Educational programming and materials, e.g. swimming lessons, signage • Yoga • All-year activities • Winter activities • Youth activities, e.g. art, wildlife preservation • Storage and rentals for kayaks, paddleboards, etc. • Public art • Amphitheatre space • Community-owned gardens or urban farms • Winter-proof shoreline • Canopies • Address concern about impacts on the natural environment, wildlife, bird habitats and protection areas • Address concerns about changes to shoreline • Address concerns about water quality, sewage and unpleasant odour • Address concerns about noise pollution from nearby venues or events

Zone 2: The Marina

Concept A: Park Marina	
Likes	Concerns
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More green and public space • Less emphasis on commercial activities • Natural environment • Terraced seating • Open-air canopies • Pop-up event plaza • Wide public appeal • Quiet and calm atmosphere 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selection process and the type of businesses and commercial tenants

Concept B: Ontario Port	
Likes	Concerns
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Plaza Commercial opportunities along the water 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concentration of activities may be inconsistent with other naturalized areas in Ontario Place Too focused on commercial activity Selection process and the type of businesses and commercial tenants. There was a particular concern about the selection of high-end retail and dining. Commercial spaces may not appeal to a wide variety of people

Longlist of Recommendations	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maximize public and non-commercial space Direct access to water Public access to dock Allow space for visiting boats Entry points into the water for kayaks, paddleboards, non-motorized watercrafts, etc. Paths for kayaks and paddleboards Integration with cycling paths Bike racks/parking Lockers and storage Storage and rentals for kayaks, paddleboards, etc. Year-round access to washrooms Small food and beverage vendors and retail spaces Well-lit public areas during evening hours Connection to Trillium Park Public event spaces Entertainment, e.g. concerts, events Focus on local talent for arts and entertainment programming Focus on small and/or local businesses Year-round retail and dining, e.g. restaurants, bars, stores Spaces for community organizations Spaces for arts programs, e.g. artist residencies, art and maker spaces, creative workshops for children, clay workshops 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public art and design installations/exhibitions Food and dining vendors that focus on waste reduction Affordable restaurants run by culinary programs from local colleges Canadian brewery Youth programming related to watersports, e.g. kayak, canoe, sailing, etc. Programming that showcases Indigenous history and culture Sustainable architecture and design Design collaborations or partnerships with Indigenous communities Address concern about “deteriorating break wall (sunken ships)” Consult with current users of marina Restrict vehicle access Consider creating a positive social and economic impact on communities Job opportunities for BIPOC communities Address concerns with viability of businesses during off-peak season Address concerns about noise pollution from nearby venues or events, motorized watercrafts and increased use of marina

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spaces for arts programs, e.g. artist residencies, art and maker spaces, creative workshops for children, clay workshops 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address concerns about noise pollution from nearby venues or events, motorized watercrafts and increased use of marina • Commercial spaces should be complementary and secondary to the naturalized areas in Ontario Place
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Zone 3: Brigantine Cove

Concept A: Events & Activities	
Likes	Concerns
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children Play Zone • Children's activities integrated with nature • Outdoor playgrounds • Reminiscent of Children's Village 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Too focused on events • Potential odour of putrid water with wooden boardwalk or wooden design elements

Concept B: Wetland & Nature	
Likes	Concerns
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natural environment • Wetland creation • Improved water circulation and quality • Floating boardwalk • Playground • Could be fun for children • Non-linear paths • Water access • Enhanced ecosystems and ecology • Allows for birdwatching • Allows for larger playgrounds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dislike for non-linear boardwalk • Wetland overgrowth

Longlist of Recommendations	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximize green space • Direct access to water • Expand on children's play areas, e.g. water park, playgrounds, naturalized play areas, inclusive playgrounds, "destination playground", reminiscent of original Children's Village 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spaces for people to stay and socialize • Sculpture gardens • Lighting • Silence • Access to swimming • Swimming pool • Swan boats

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build innovative play areas or structures that encourage organic, imaginative, explorative, free and creative play • Hands-on learning for children • Playgrounds that cater to different children • age groups • Use of natural materials for playgrounds • Family-friendly spaces • Attractive for all-day and year-round use • Softer and naturalized boardwalks • Wildlife observation areas • Year-round activities and public access • Outdoor sports and recreation, e.g. cycling, skating • Winter activities and sports, e.g. ice skating, hockey • Paths for walking and cycling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paddleboards • Paddle boats • Year-round access to washrooms • Sustainable design and innovation in relation to areas such as water management, waste management, solar and wind energy • Address concerns about water quality, sewage and unpleasant odor • Address concerns about noise pollution from nearby venues or events • Address safety concerns with regard to swimming • Engage Indigenous arborists, horticulturalists and subject matter experts
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Zone 4: The Mainland

Concept A: Urban & Active	
Likes	Concerns
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urban beach • Promenade • Connection to Martin Goodman Trail 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No solution to minimize or eliminate surface parking • Overcrowding and noise • Could be a “party space” or space for large gatherings • Unclear if public access to water and swimming are allowed • Too much paving • Too focused on summer activities

Concept B: Green Gateway	
Likes	Concerns
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promenade • Non-linear paths • More green and park space • More quiet and contemplative environment • Natural connection to Trillium Park • Increased surface permeability 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No solution to minimize or eliminate surface parking

Parking	
Likes	Concerns
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some were in favour of underground parking • Few were in favour of surface parking for accessibility purposes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many expressed a need to minimize or eliminate parking • Underground parking will be a challenge for users transporting large and heavy equipment such as paddleboards • Flooding with underground parking • Vehicular traffic and congestion • Increase in demand for parking • No solution to minimize surface parking in both design concepts • Above ground structure parking will obstruct sightlines to the water

Longlist of Recommendations	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More green space • Improve access via public transportation, e.g. transit terminal, ferry service, TTC and GO service connections, shuttle or express bus from Union Station • Integrated pedestrian corridors with public transportation • Encourage walking, cycling and ridesharing • Cycling infrastructure, e.g. bike share, parking, storage, rentals, repair • Prioritize accessibility, e.g. wheelchair access, chargers, parking, storage for mobility devices, etc. • Access to swimming • Entry points into the water for swimming, kayaks, paddleboards, non-motorized watercrafts, etc. • Stairway access into the water • Better connection to Exhibition Place • Consider water transportation • Expand beach areas • Beach sports • Volleyball courts • Spaces for skating, e.g. skating rink • Mountain biking • Skateboarding • Large play areas for children 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rentals for canoes, kayaks and paddleboards • Equipment transport and storage services • Soft water's edge • Public access to electricity for water sports equipment, e.g. air pumps, etc. • Spaces for urban agriculture • Canals • Boardwalks • Year-round access to washrooms • Open and unprogrammed public spaces • Flexible spaces for public events and festivals • Convert parking lots into programmed spaces • Educational programming, e.g. swimming lessons, sailing lessons, signage • Youth sports and recreation • Renewable energy lighting • Green roofs for raised parking • Sustainable design • Remove 'no swimming' signs • Address concerns about water quality, sewage and unpleasant odour • Address concerns about noise pollution from nearby venues or events

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winter activations • Warming stations in the winter • Tent rentals for private events • Food trucks with flexible licenses or permits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address concern with removal of protective railings to the water for people with mobility issues • Address concern on vehicular and pedestrian access because of construction on site • Consult with nearby residents on pedestrian flows and connections along the waterfront • Commemoration of Remembrance Drive
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Zone 5: The Forum

Concept A: Fountain & Flexible Space	
Likes	Concerns
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play fountain (also referred to as splash pads or spray jets) • Moveable tables and chairs • Activities for children • Family- and child-friendly • All-season use • Flexible and multi-use spaces, e.g. arts and culture events, festivals • Caters to a broad range of people • Attractive water features for summer use • Continuing main promenade 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Too focused on summer activities • Focused on passive activities • Fountain maintenance • Winter maintenance, e.g. snow removal • Stone fines may not be winter-proof • (Note: Stone fines are crushed rock used for surface cover or landscaping. This can also be referred to as gravel.) • Lack of flexible or open space

Concept B: Sports & Recreation Hub	
Likes	Concerns
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ice track in the winter • Running track • Skating track (non-winter skating) • Basketball court • Hockey rink • Addresses the increasing demand for sports and recreation amenities from nearby residents • Public access • Connection to Martin Goodman Trail • Year-round activities • Consistent with Trillium Park and surrounding areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caters narrowly to specific sports and recreation users • No flexibility to allow for other uses or activities, e.g. farmers' markets, yoga • Running track may impede pedestrian access • Lack of flexible or open space • Some elements may already be present in other areas of Ontario Place

Longlist of Recommendations

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More green space • Allow for both sports and leisure activities • Child-friendly spaces and activities • Naturalized play areas, e.g. rock climbing • Flexible spaces for public/ community use, e.g. festivals, events, community programming • Flexibility of use with running track and courts, e.g. for other uses appropriate for the winter season • Winter sports and activities, e.g. skiing, Christmas lights, indoor downhill/alpine skiing, ice skating • Consider users of different age groups • Intergenerational activities/ experiences • Consider user experience of people with large and heavy sports equipment • Storage for large sports equipment • Year-round access to washrooms • Change rooms for swimmers and lake users • Change rooms with showers, lockers and storage • Year-round access to change rooms • Heated change rooms • Maintain volleyball and table tennis courts • Concession stands/food and drink vendors • Wildlife areas and habitat protection • Fire pits • Water-permeable surfaces • Free or low-cost public sauna, steam rooms, hot tubs • Large swimming pool • Year-round swimming • Giant chessboard | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pickleball • Entertainment, e.g. jazz, dance, music • Benches and seating • Charging stations • Shaded areas • Cooling stations • Restaurants • Ceremonial space for Indigenous groups • Outdoor theatre • Outdoor library • Wayfinding • Programmable lighting for safety and events • Access to electricity, lighting and water for programming partners • Public art • Food and drink vendors • Dog areas • Connections to other public realm zones • Educational materials, e.g. signage • Interpretative education areas on topics such as wetlands, climate change, microplastics, flowers, algae, etc. • Activities for seniors • Ensure AODA compliance • Consult with current users of East Island Commons • Release the estimated number of planted trees • Address concern for preserving the heritage, history and archaeological value of the site • Address concerns about noise pollution from nearby venues or events, particularly Budweiser Stage and Live Nation • Elevated play areas to improve sightlines to the lake |
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Next steps

Feedback received from the October 27th engagement event, as well as at previous public engagement events, will be used to inform the design for Ontario Place's public spaces and Environmental Assessment process. More opportunities for public feedback are being planned and public consultations will continue as part of the Environmental Assessment and public realm design process until Fall 2023. The next public consultation event on the public realm design and Environmental Assessment process is planned for Spring 2023. At this event the public realm preferred design will be shared with the public for comments, feedback and input.

Virtual Public Engagement Room (VPER) 2.0

1: Bold new vision for Ontario Place



The Ontario Place opportunity

Ontario Place is being brought back to life by making it a remarkable world-class, year-round destination. New recreation and entertainment tenants are anchored around the revitalized central Pods and Cinesphere complex, while a modernized public realm will connect and integrate destinations across the site. Recreation is a key focus of the new Ontario Place, supported by a fully retained Trillium Park and marina, an expanded William G. Davis waterfront trail, upgraded park space and more waterfront access.

Once redeveloped, Ontario Place will once again be a centerpiece of the Province's tourism, recreation and culture sectors.

The vision

"A world-class, year-round destination with global appeal that would attract millions of visitors to its landmark entertainment, sports, commercial, recreational and/or leisure attractions. These landmarks would be complemented by public space and parks and would include the existing amphitheater."

As the Government of Ontario considered potential redevelopment opportunities, a vision emerged that was guided by the following principles:

- An emphasis on recreational and cultural programming across the entire site
- No land sale – site to remain in public ownership
- No casino uses
- No condominium or residential uses
- Restoration and adaptive re-use of the Pod complex and Cinesphere
- Preservation of Trillium Park
- Upgraded public realm, with a focus on accessibility and sustainability
- Site-wide public access
- Enhanced waterfront access and activities (swimming, boating, dining, recreation, etc.)



The Government of Ontario announced a new vision for Ontario Place that is anchored by new tenants and the existing and successful Trillium Park. Over the coming years, the private and public sector will work together to deliver the new vision. This will include:

1. **Recreation and entertainment-based attractions** provided by anchor tenants.

- Therme Group
- Live Nation
- Announced in July 2021, discussions are also underway with the Ontario Science Centre to explore potential opportunities to have science-related tourism and educational programming in the Pods and Cinesphere.

2. **Upgrades to the parks and public spaces across the entire site** that all visitors can access for free. The design of the public spaces will create a unified, safe and cohesive landscape across the entire Ontario Place site, seamlessly integrating tenanted zones with the rest of the lands.

3. Enhanced and **modernized infrastructure** to support the vision, including new transit connections, improved site access, soil remediation and site-wide flood mitigation measures.

Construction will be phased with an expected build-out of 10+ years. Replacement of site servicing (water, gas, electrical, stormwater, telecom) is expected to start in Spring 2023. It will be followed by tenant and public realm construction in 2024, after the completion of the Category C Environmental Assessment (EA) and municipal development approval process.

Government-led works

To facilitate redevelopment and achieve the vision for Ontario Place, the province is working to make the site 'development ready'. To reach this state various activities need to be completed, such as:



Environmental Assessment + Approvals



Remediation + Soil Management



Environmental Investigations



Heritage



Building Repair



Public realm + Landscape Design



Shoreline Restoration + Protection



Flood Mitigation



Modernizing Site Services



Supporting Infrastructure

Although private sector tenants will deliver and fund their own concepts, the government has oversight of the overall Ontario Place design and is responsible for securing high-level approvals (Official Plan and Zoning). Oversight is important to ensure seamless integration of our tenants' concepts into the broader site plan and Ontario Place experience.

Although some of the facilities on site – such as Budweiser Stage and the main Therme building – will require tickets to access, the government has committed that the majority of the site – more than two-thirds – is to remain free and fully publicly accessible. No paid admission will be required to access these publicly accessible lands.



Public realm study area

To ensure that Ontario Place will support a unified landscape across the entire site, the Public Realm Study Area covers the entire site:

- The **primary study area** is the area where government is solely responsible for the design, approval and construction.
- The **secondary study area** is the area where the landscape design team is collaborating with tenants to ensure integration.

The LANDinc/MSP design team has oversight of the design of the Ontario Place public realm and is working closely with the tenants to ensure seamless integration and transition between tenanted areas and the rest of the site.

Once finalized, the public realm of Ontario Place will be a unified experience that connects anchor tenants and activity zones across the site.



Note: This map is an approximate depiction of the land areas and is subject to change.

Description of the undertaking

One of the requirements of the Category C E.A process is that a description of the undertaking (project) must be included in the Environmental Study Report (ESR). The description serves the purpose of providing an understanding of what the various components of the project are. It is typical that over the course of the E.A process a detailed description will be developed for inclusion in the ESR. The undertaking will be refined as the preferred alternative design is selected. The current 'Description of the Undertaking' for the purpose of the E.A process is as follows:

As part of the redevelopment project, the Government of Ontario will be undertaking the following activities:

1. **Site preparations** across the entire site (prepare site for leasing and future development) with the exception of Trillium Pak and trail.
2. **Site development** of the non- tenanted lands.

The key types of activities included in the government-lead cope of work include:

- Planning approvals and realty activities
- Building decommissioning and removal
- Grading and landscaping

- Development of parks, trails and open spaces
- Shoreline repairs and flood mitigation
- Site access and parking
- Construction of new buildings and supporting site infrastructure.

The project's work area is defined as the area where the project activities will be occurring. Site preparations will be occurring across the entirety of Ontario Place. Development work led by the tenants on leased lands are not included in the Category C E&A. Government-led development activities subject to the Category C E&A are limited to areas outside of those leased boundaries but within Ontario Place.



Project updates

Pod + Cinesphere repairs

- Work has recently begun to repair the exterior of the Pods and Cinesphere and is expected to continue until early 2024.
- To ensure important heritage features are preserved, a heritage advisor and natural heritage experts have been hired as part of the construction team.
- Most Pods have been vacant for decades and need extensive interior and exterior renovation.
- Urgent repairs are needed to protect these structures, prevent further deterioration and prepare them for future redevelopment.
 - In 2022, Infrastructure Ontario (IO) retained a contractor to undertake repairs to the exterior of the Pods and Cinesphere.
 - No interior repairs are being undertaken at this time.
 - Site mobilization work has started, including:
 - Regrading Cedar Cove to accommodate construction preparation works.
 - Installation of scaffolding for Cinesphere repair.
 - A crane has been installed on site to support the repairs being done on the elevated Pod structure.



The Cinesphere at Ontario Place.

Heritage work

- Since opening in 1971, Ontario Place has hosted millions of people from far and wide. Between opening and closing in 2012, the landscape of Ontario Place has evolved and undergone a variety of changes. The redevelopment work represents another step in the ongoing evolution of Ontario Place.
- Ontario Place is a Provincial Heritage Property of Provincial Significance. The site is also listed on the City of Toronto's Municipal Heritage Register.

- Following the *Ontario Heritage Act* requirements, a draft Strategic Conservation Plan (SCP) has been completed and has been shared with heritage stakeholders and Indigenous communities for review and comment
- Based on the feedback received, the SCP is currently being updated and finalized.
- Informed by the draft SCP, a site-wide Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) is being prepared to assess the proposed redevelopment.
- Once completed, you will be able to view both the SCP and HIA at www.engageontarioplace.ca.



Aerial view Ontario Place, 1971. Toronto Star Photograph Archive

Creating new wildlife habitat

- Ontario Place is home to many different species of plants, animals and fish.
- Provincial and federal regulations require construction work to mitigate any impact on protected wildlife.
- In Spring 2022, three new habitat structures for barn swallows were installed in Trillium Park.
- Trilingual interpretive signage has now been installed on site.
- Wildlife surveys remains ongoing on site, including investigations for any 'Species at Risk'.
- Wildlife surveys and field work will continue as the project progresses to mitigate any impacts related to construction.



Barn Swallow (*Hirundo Rustica*) Habitat Nesting Structures at Trillium Park.

Servicing upgrades

- Utilities at Ontario Place were installed more than 50 years ago and they are now at the end of their life. Services in need of replacement include water, sewer, gas, and electrical systems.
- The project, which is supported by a design team led by FoTenn, TYLin and DPM Energy, includes a comprehensive program to renew all services at Ontario Place to ensure continued operation of existing attractions and prepare it for redevelopment. The scope of work will include the decommissioning and removal of out-of-date infrastructure as applicable and replacement with new infrastructure that meets current standards and codes.

- To confirm what needs to be replaced, a Functional Servicing Report (FSR) was completed in May 2022.
- Detailed design work is underway, including consultation with servicing stakeholders and authorities having jurisdiction (i.e., Toronto Water, Toronto Hydro, etc.).
- A Category B Class EA for the required site servicing upgrades was completed and made available online in July 2022. The Consultation and Documentation (C&D) Report can be accessed at: <https://engageontarioplace.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/OP-Cat-B-EA-Site-Servicing-CD-Report-July-8EN.pdf>
- Servicing replacement construction is targeted to commence on-site in Spring 2023.



Corroded plug valve under Cinesphere bridge connecting to west marina. Photo from TYLin, June 2022.

Environmental due diligence

- Ontario Place was constructed using urban fill materials, which has resulted in poor quality soil and groundwater.
- Environmental investigations and fieldwork were required to better understand site conditions.
- In 2021, a baseline environmental analysis was completed across the entire site to fully understand its environmental condition.
- Based on the findings from this analysis, a Risk Assessment (RA) was completed in 2022.
- The RA process is being used to identify all required mitigation measures that must be incorporated into the public realm design to ensure the site is safe for everyone.
- The RA required drilling and soil/ water sampling across the site.



Drilling on site.

2: Environmental Assessment process

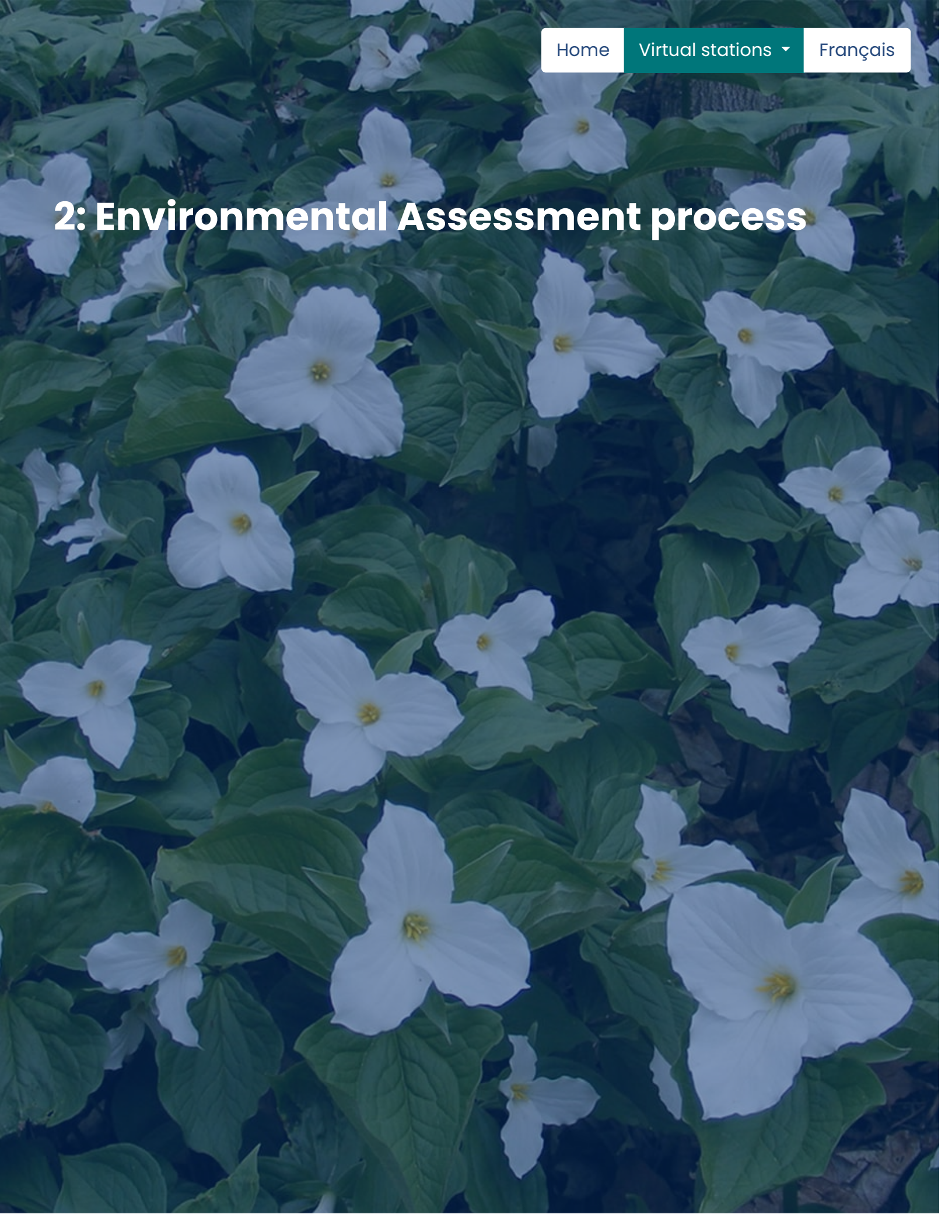
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2: Environmental Assessment process



What is an Environmental Assessment?

- An Environmental Assessment (EA) is the provincial planning process for public infrastructure projects in Ontario.
- EAs are governed by the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act*.
- EAs provide a framework for assessing the impacts of a project on the natural, socio-economic and cultural environments. Decision making and project outcomes are influenced by feedback provided by the public, stakeholders and Indigenous communities.

What is a Class EA?

Class EAs set out a standardized and streamlined planning process for activities that are carried out routinely and have predictable environmental effects that can be readily managed.

About the EA process

- The Public Work Class EA will be followed for the Ontario Place redevelopment project and is being conducted as a Category C undertaking. It focuses on provincial government realty and infrastructure projects.
- The Category C EA study area includes the lands on-site that are subject to *the Environmental Assessment Act* and is defined as the area where **government-led** activities will occur. Private sector (tenant) developments are **not subject to the EA process** as *the Environmental Assessment Act* is the planning framework for public sector developments.



Note: This map is an approximate depiction of the land areas and is subject to change.

- The planning framework that applies to private sector (tenant) developments is the *Planning Act* and the municipal planning process. The private sector developments will be required to secure zoning and site plan approval, as well as meet all the federal, provincial and municipal environmental permits and approvals.
- All government-led activities supporting the Ontario Place redevelopment are included in the Category C EA process, including:



Public Realm and Landscape Design



Shoreline Restoration and Protection



Flood Mitigation



Remediation and Soil Management



Any New Public Buildings and Structures



Supporting Infrastructure



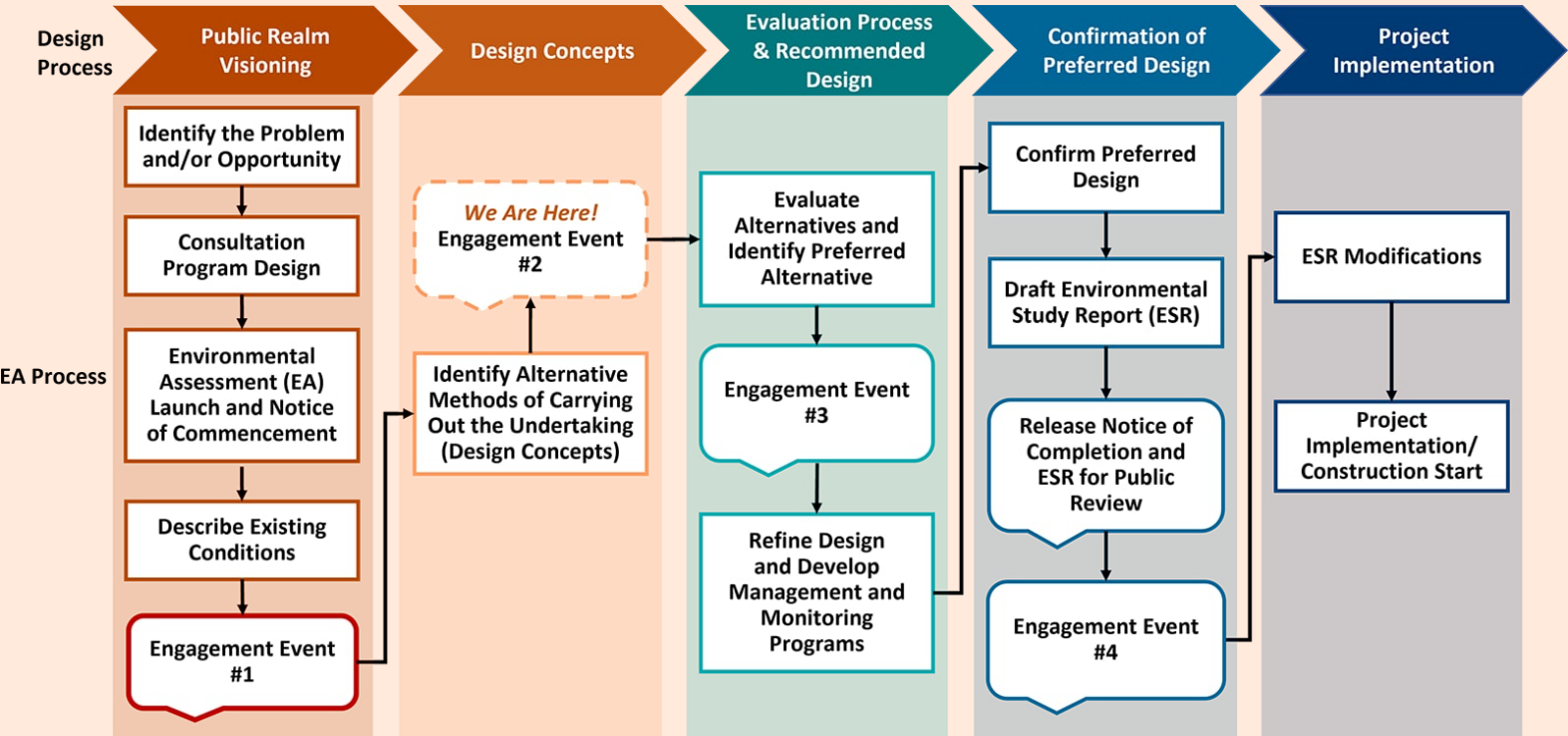
Service Modernization

The Category C EA process includes:

- Consideration and assessment of alternative concepts;
- Evaluation and selection of a preferred design;
- Development of mitigation and monitoring measures;
- Mandatory consultation at key milestones; and
- Documentation in a comprehensive Environmental Study Report (ESR).

Where we are in the Category C EA process:

- The Category C EA for Ontario Place is expected to run from early 2022 through to mid-2023 and is comprised of 5 key steps, as shown below.
- Our current stage of the Category C EA process is the **development and assessment of design concepts**, as shown in the process flowchart below. This stage tests different design concepts against a set of evaluation criteria that considers the natural, social, cultural, technical and economic environments, as well as sustainability. The concepts included in this engagement event (i.e., Engagement Event #2) are not final design and are only used for illustrative purposes, to inspire feedback and inform the creation of a final preferred landscape plan.
- Completion of the Category C EA is required before major construction for the development of new parks and public spaces can be implemented on site.



**Design
Process**

**Public Realm
Visioning**

**Identify the Problem
and/or Opportunity**



**Consultation
Program Design**



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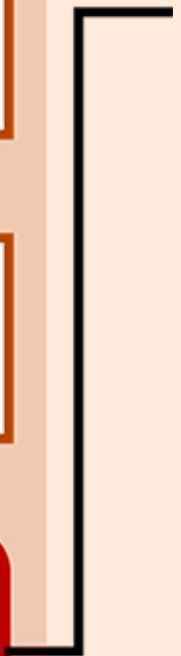
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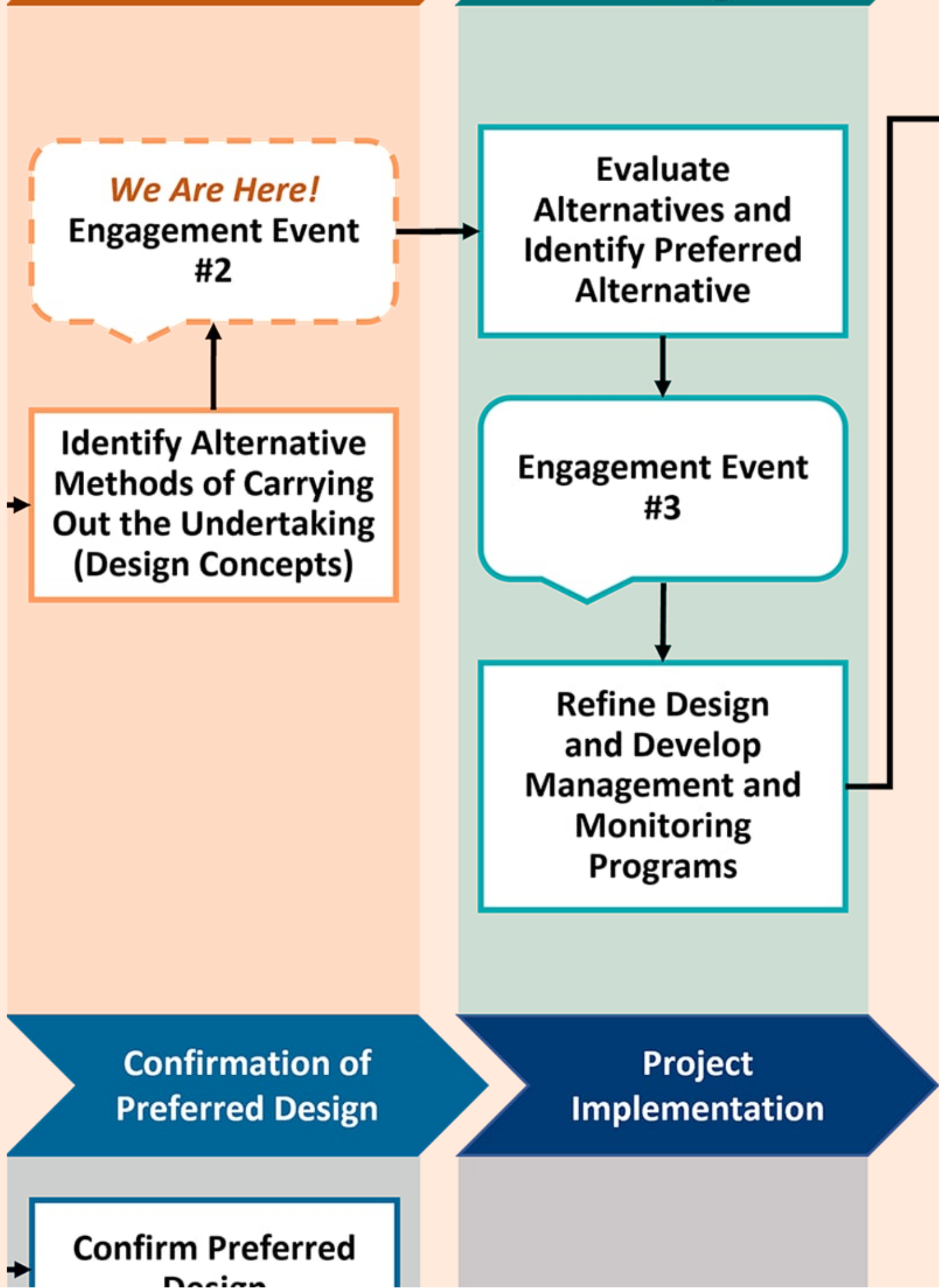


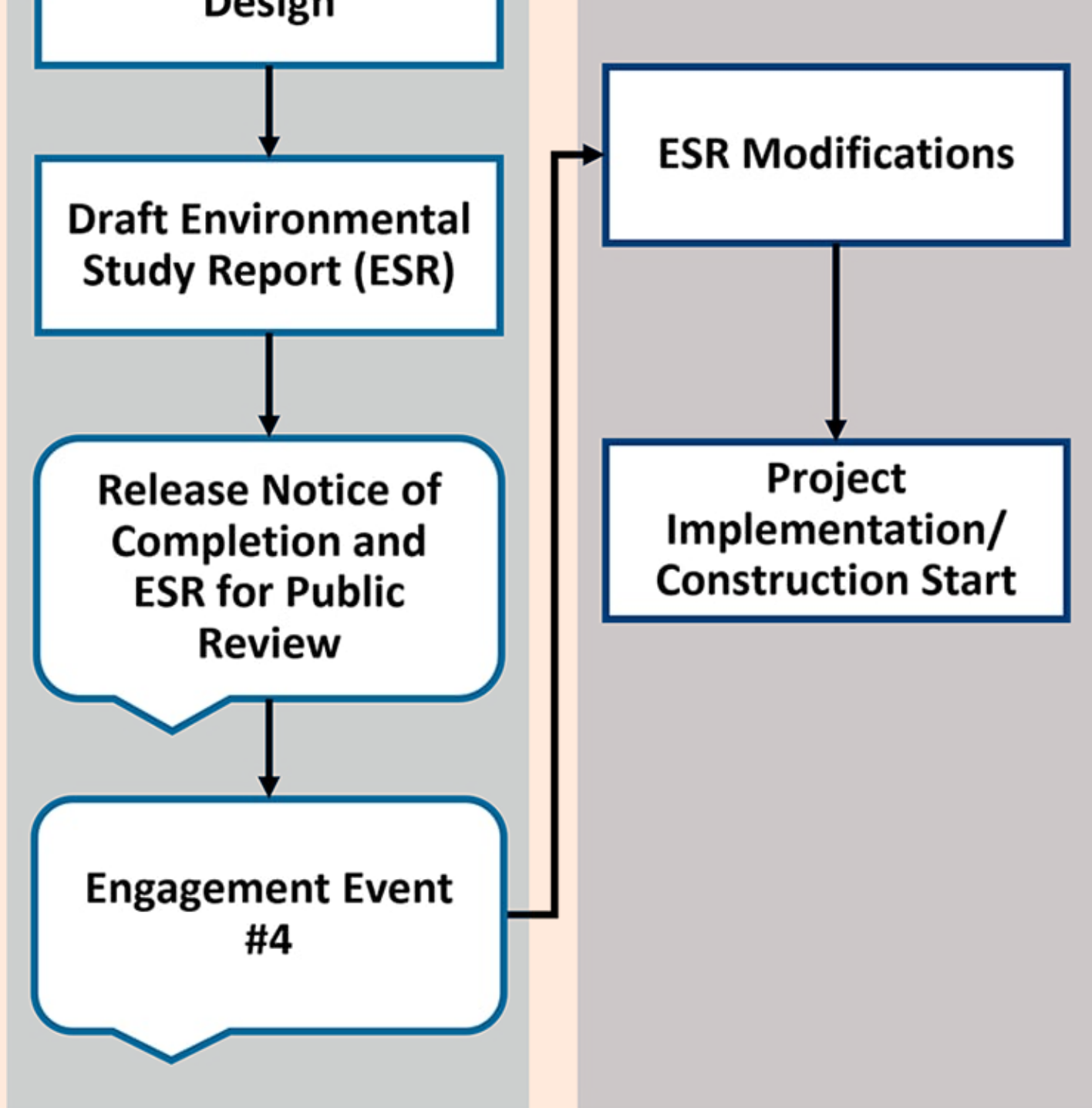
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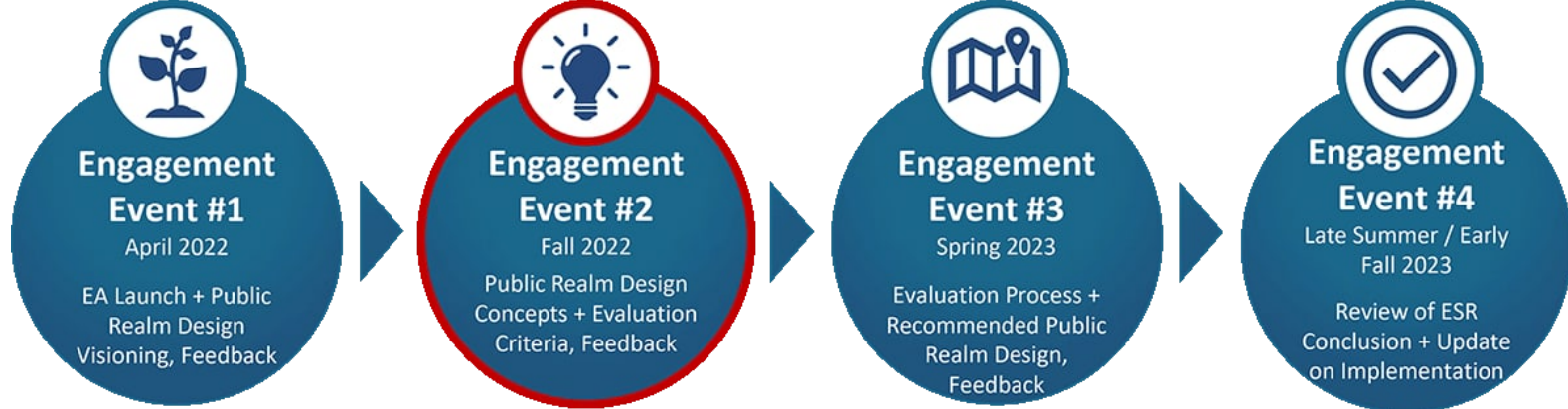
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Public engagement

- The Category C EA will use public and stakeholder input to assess impacts and identify preferred mitigation measures.
- Public engagement began in Fall 2021 and will be continuing throughout 2022 and 2023.
- Summary reports for each event and feedback received will be prepared and posted on the project website and will be documented in the ESR.



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3: Existing Site Conditions

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Socio-economic environment

Community Context

- The map below shows the neighbourhoods surrounding Ontario Place. It is situated in the southwest of Toronto in the Central Waterfront Area and near Exhibition Place, Fort York, Liberty Village, Parkdale and Niagara communities. Over the last two decades, the waterfront has undergone substantial change with projects like Sugar Beach, the WaveDecks, and Queen's Quay.
- North of Ontario Place is the 192 acres of the Exhibition Place grounds that act as a barrier between Ontario Place and the more fine-grained fabric of the city to the north (including Parkdale and Liberty Village). Exhibition Place is a Toronto landmark serving as an entertainment, sports, tradeshow, and business destination. Attracting more than 5 million visitors a year, Exhibition Place is a unique destination in the City and the province.
- Located north of Exhibition Place is a large area comprising the Liberty Village neighbourhood. The area contains many older warehouse and industrial buildings, dating from the early 20th century, now housing many media and technology related companies. Significant growth and residential construction has occurred in the neighbourhood over the past decade.
- Fort York is an emerging neighbourhood located immediately east of Exhibition Place and is comprised of former industrial lands that included the Molson Brewery and St Marys Cement plant. In the past decade it has undergone significant redevelopment of primarily residential uses located along a new grid-oriented street system.
- North-west of Ontario Place is Parkdale, an older established neighbourhood, primarily composed of mid-rise apartment buildings, duplexes, and single-family homes. In addition to a node of mixed-use development, the neighbourhood has seen significant population growth in recent years.



Community context map

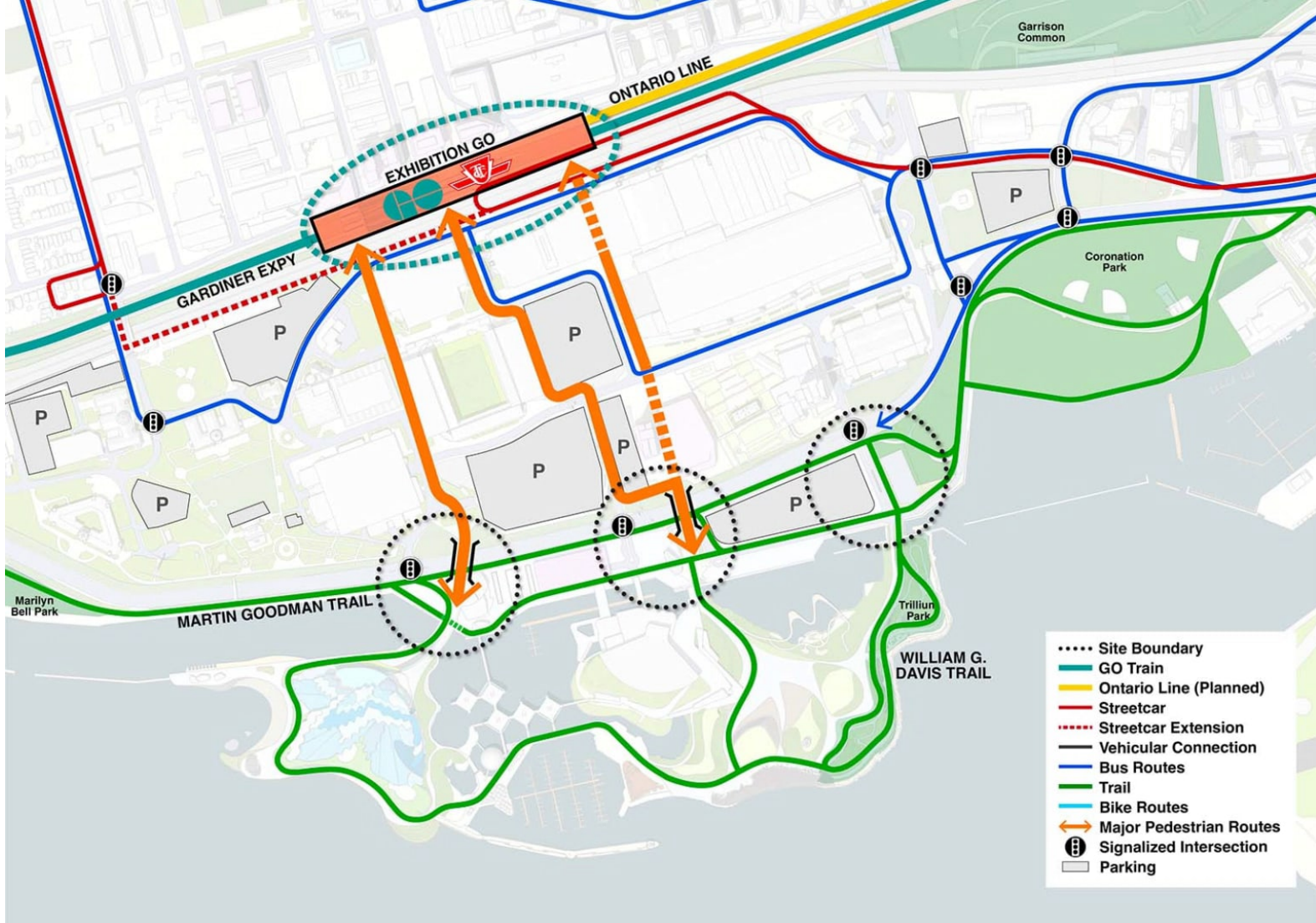
Circulation

- Ontario Place is situated in the southwest of Toronto, at the gateway to the western waterfront. There are many ways to access the site from within the city and beyond. Ontario Place sits at a prominent focal point on Toronto's waterfront, connected to parks networks that reach through the city and adjacent to existing and planned transit.
- At a district level there are three key transit nodes that provide access to the Eastern, Central, and Western portions of the Toronto waterfront, as shown in the map below.



Transit node map

- Zooming in to the local context, there are connections to transit at Exhibition GO, through Exhibition Place, and to the park networks east and west.
- A key issue for the redevelopment of Ontario Place is improving transit to the site, including enhancing access through Exhibition Place to the GO/TTC hub and the planned Ontario Line terminus.
- Cyclists and pedestrians also present a key consideration to design for strong active transportation linkages across the mainland and onto the islands.



Circulation map: This map shows how Ontario Place is connected to the rest of the city and the on-site trails at Ontario Place. Included below are photographs showing examples of the pathways amongst the Ontario Place Islands.



Public pathways throughout the west island, east island and Trillium Park.

Site activities

Cultural programming

Ontario Place has a long history as a venue to promote and celebrate arts and culture. There are permanent art installations such as those from the Provincial Art Collection and the Coh Ohn Pavilion (Japanese Temple Bell), but also temporary or seasonal installations such as the seasonal light installation. Cultural events such as concerts, festivals, movies and theatrical events have also featured prominently at Ontario Place. A few examples are highlighted below.



Maracatu Mar Aberto performing as part of Music in Trillium Park



The Coh Ohn Pavilion (Japanese Temple Bell) by Raymond Moriyama



The Passage by Kosso Aloul (part of the Government of Ontario Art Collection)



Dialogue by Akio Murasawa (part of the Government of Ontario Art Collection)



Winter light exhibition



Budweiser Stage



Drive-in movie screening



Music Festivals

Recreational programming

Beyond cultural uses, Ontario Place continues to be a unique destination for recreation and relaxation – where visitors have access to a variety of indoor and outdoor activities. These images show some of the many activities that people enjoy at Ontario Place.



Multi-use pathways



Birdwatching. Image by Albrecht Fietz from Pixabay.



Water activities outside the pavilion



Hardscape (pavement) being used as a basketball court.



Yoga classes



Swimming

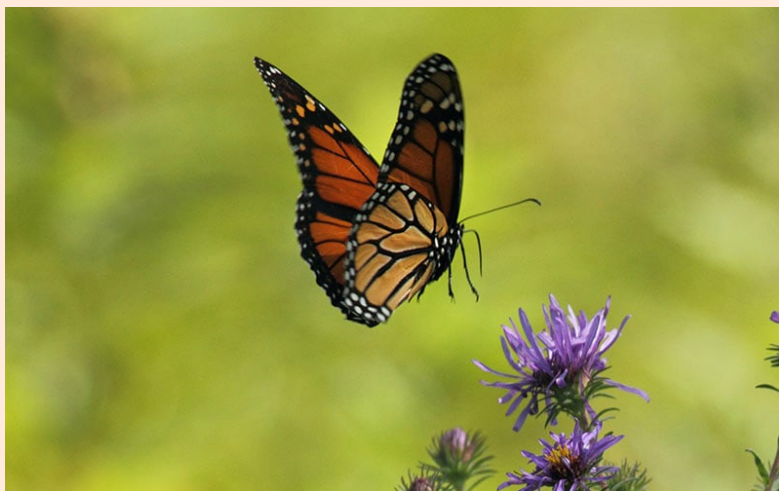
Natural environment

Natural environment: Terrestrial

- The overall vegetation composition on-site is largely non-native and ornamental but still provides habitat.
- There are some known invasive species. The site is an island of urban greenspace providing a unique habitat for terrestrial species because of its varied vegetation and proximity to the lake.
- The site provides habitat for mammals that are adapted to urban environments and shorelines (e.g., gray squirrels, raccoons and American mink).
- Birds are attracted to the vegetation on site and the proximity to the lake for foraging and nesting, and to the buildings for nesting habitat. See Protected Species panel below for more details.
- The site also supports a high abundance of insects.



The map provided shows the existing tree coverage and naturalized areas (softscape) of Ontario Place that provide habitat to terrestrial species of wildlife and vegetation.



Monarch Butterfly

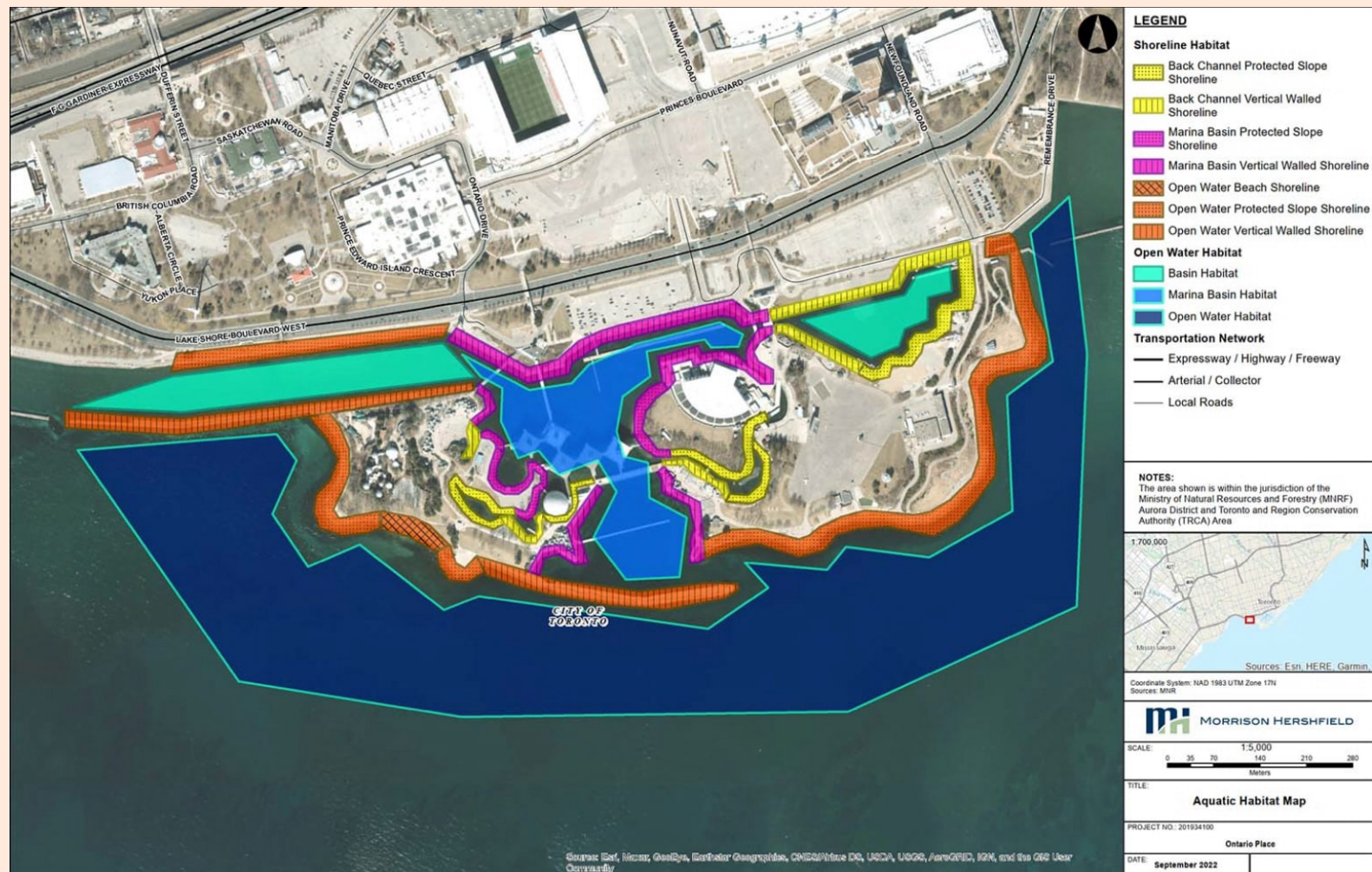


American Robin Nest

Natural environment: Aquatic

- There are a variety of aquatic habitats on site including open water, and more sheltered areas such as the lagoons and channels.
- The site provides waterfowl staging areas for numerous species such as geese, ducks and swans.
- This near shore area of Lake Ontario supports a variety of warm and cool water fish species throughout their life stages. Examples include brook stickleback, largemouth bass and northern pike.

- The shoreline provides habitat for reptiles such as the northern map turtle and snapping turtle.
- Through the redevelopment, there are opportunities to enhance fish habitat around the site through habitat structure placement, shoreline enhancements and other approaches.



The above map shows the types of aquatic habitat associated with the Ontario Place islands' shoreline and internal waterway system.

Natural environment: Protected species

Endangered Species Act

- Barn swallows are threatened species and are protected under the *Endangered Species Act*. Barns swallows can be found nesting on buildings at Ontario Place.
- Chimney swifts are threatened species and were found foraging at the site. A Species at Risk Habitat Assessment identified no suitable roosting or nesting habitat.-
- Along the site's shoreline there is coarse rock, suitable for cover and refuge habitat for the American eel (Endangered).
- To date, no [Species at Risk](#) bats have been observed on site.
- To date, no [Species at Risk](#) trees have been identified on site.

Migratory Birds Convention Act

- Ontario Place is a known migratory flyover area, provides nesting areas for Cliff Swallows and may offer suitable nesting habitat for other migratory bird species.



Barn Swallow

Natural Environment: Soil and groundwater conditions

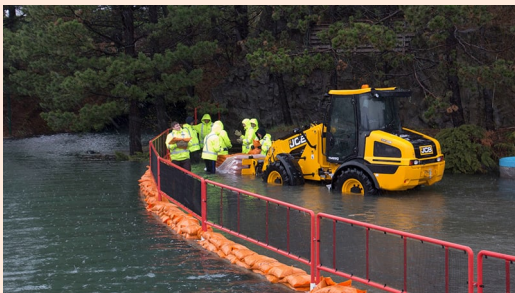
- Ontario Place is a constructed island situated on Lake Ontario. The fill used to create the island was taken from other projects within Toronto. It is of poor quality with some potential low-level contamination.
- The site has a shallow groundwater table and the groundwater flows towards the shoreline of the island. It is protected under the Credit Valley – Toronto & Region – Central Lake Ontario (CTC) Source Protection Plan.
- Environmental investigations have been undertaken to better understand the subsurface conditions. They found that the fill generally consisted of approximately 10 to 25% construction debris content. No underground storage tanks or other metallic items, or remnants of previously demolished infrastructure were identified.
- The government will apply best practices to address any contamination on site and work with the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks to meet statutory requirements consistent with the science and intent of the Record of Site Condition process.

Natural Environment: Floodplains

The map below shows the lands at Ontario Place that have been subject to flooding. Shoreline repairs and flood mitigation are an important component of the public realm design and site preparation work. In many areas, significant modification of buildings, grades and landforms may be required to bring the site to modern environmental standards and to mitigate flooding.



Map depicting land subject to recent flooding, including flood hazard limits, wave overtopping, and flood hazard assumed shoreline.



Flood repairs on site.



Flooding on site.



Flooding on site.

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4: Design process



Master planning and municipal review process

- Ontario Place's municipal planning and development framework is out-of-date and does not reflect the historic or proposed uses on site. To implement the redevelopment vision for Ontario Place, an updated municipal planning framework (Official Plan and zoning) is required for the entire site, including tenant and non-tenanted areas.
- The Application for planning and development approvals will follow the standard City of Toronto Development Review process based on a collaborative approach described in the [Ontario Place Redevelopment – Priority Areas for Collaboration and Development Approvals Process Staff Report](#), adopted by City Council on February 2, 2022.
- Municipal planning approvals for this project are being sought concurrent to other related processes which will inform and support a planning application submission, including the Category C Class EA and *Heritage Act* approvals.
- Planning approvals are being pursued in a phased approach:

Phase 1:

- A combined development application including a site-wide **Official Plan Amendment (OPA)** to allow proposed new uses across the site plus a **Zoning By-law Amendment (ZBA)** specific to the early phases of redevelopment, including Therme, the Pods/Cinesphere and Mainland areas.
- The municipal development application submission is targeted for late November 2022 .

Phase 2:

- Following the OPA and ZBA, each tenant will submit Site Plan Applications to the City for their individual projects and will also seek future building permits.
- It is important to understand that the initial development application is not final. All design work included in the initial November development application will continue to evolve based on City comments, the EA process, and on-going public feedback received through to Spring 2023. A final development application is planned for early Summer 2023.
- Following the next Category C EA public engagement event in Spring 2023, a final public realm design will be prepared and submitted as part of an updated development application submission.
- A final City Council decision on the OPA / ZBA application is anticipated by the end of December 2023.

Materials to support Phase 1 Municipal Development Application

Planning

- Planning Rationale
- Comprehensive Plan
- Draft Official Plan Amendment
- Draft Zoning By-Law Amendment
- Public Consultation Strategy Report

Technical

- Energy Strategy
- Strategic Conservation Plan and Heritage Impact Assessment
- Natural Heritage Impact Study
- Pedestrian Level Wind Study
- Shoreline and Hazard Assessment
- Sun/Shadow Study
- Toronto Green Standard Checklist and Statistic Checklist
- Geotechnical Study/ Hydrological Review
- Servicing Report
- Stormwater Management Report
- Transportation Impact Study
- Parking and Loading
- Traffic Operations Assessment
- Arborist/Tree Preservation Report
- Environmental Site Assessment (ESA)
- Record of Site Condition (RSC)
- Risk Assessment (RA)
- Marine Archaeology Assessment

Drawings & Plans

- Context Plan
- Topographic Survey
- Scale and detailed colour elevation

- Consolidated Site Plan
- Site and Building Sections
- Floor plans
- Underground Garage Plan
- Roof Plans
- Site and Building Elevations
- Erosion and Sediment Control Plan
- Site Grading Plan
- Concept Site and
- Landscaping Plan (Public Realm Master Plan)
- Tree Preservation Plan
- Landscape and Planting Plan
- Soil Volume Plan
- Public Utilities Plan
- Sustainability Plan

These materials will be made publicly available by the City following the development application submission.

Vision

The government's vision for Ontario Place will provide people of all ages with something to enjoy, including enhanced public spaces that will make up approximately two-thirds of the 155-acre site, as well as increased access to the waterfront, beach, pools, health and wellness services, as well as an indoor-outdoor live music and performance venue. Once complete, the redeveloped site will be open 365 days a year, bringing friends and families together right here in Ontario, while also attracting tourists from around the world.

Ontario Place will have more than two-thirds of the site being fully publicly accessible (at no charge). Through the development of a shared landscape design, all parts of Ontario Place will be fully integrated. The new public realm at Ontario Place is envisioned not only as the setting for a diversity of new attractions and experiences, but also supporting greater biodiversity, natural habitat and environmental resiliency.

Our starting point for the design concepts

The design progress to date has incorporated feedback from all public engagement events, website comments and the April 2022 virtual public engagement room (VPER). Below is a sample of some of the feedback and key messages the design team has heard to date:

- Unrestricted, free, and accessible entry to the site on a year-round basis is important.
 - Access to the shoreline and water should be accommodated for all.
 - Much of the site has been paved and efforts should be made to create new opportunities for greenspaces.
 - Original 'green' landscape features should be recognized and integrated into the redevelopment.
 - Retain as many trees as possible and strive to increase canopy cover where possible.
 - Protect wildlife including species at risk (migratory birds and aquatic species.)
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- Ensure there are pathway connections throughout and make the site more accessible for people of all ages and abilities.
 - Incorporate sustainability and solutions for climate change such as flood mitigation.
 - Make better use of the parking lots.
 - Expand opportunities for recreation in a public park such as swimming.
 - Honour Indigenous cultures.
 - Respect the legacy of the site and the principles of Hough and Zeidler designs.



Since spring, several design concepts have been created to show how this feedback could be represented across the site. These concepts are shown in Station 5. Simultaneously, the EA team has reviewed feedback to ensure this information will be taken into consideration during the EA process (such as, evaluation criteria), where applicable.

Design inspiration

The design of Ontario Place's public realm is an iterative process, and the design team has been working to address feedback received to date from the public, project stakeholders and Indigenous communities. The design will continue to evolve and be refined to incorporate public and stakeholder feedback through to Spring 2023.

The preliminary design concepts build upon the rich and innovative legacy of Ontario Place as a visionary public space with groundbreaking architecture. The design concepts seek to reflect this legacy while providing necessary upgrades to tackle issues of accessibility, climate change and economic sustainability. Eberhard Zeidler and Michael Hough, the architect and landscape architects of Ontario Place, created a unique and unforgettable place where the architecture and the landscape embrace water to create a fully unified experience. The design concepts presented here reflect many of the design principles of Michael Hough to create an updated landscape at Ontario Place that can better meet the challenges of today. Specific design features from the original Ontario Place are also

represented in the new design concepts, including the armoured waterfront outlooks, landforms to shield visitors from the wind ('micro-climates'), a range of shoreline typologies, a hierarchy of public pathways, and the choreography of large open spaces with intimate wooded spaces. The Zeidler pavilions remain a central feature of the site and are fully restored and reinvigorated with new educational and cultural programming. The Marina is upgraded and diversified to create a destination that celebrates the water and connections between East and West Island. Combined, these preliminary design strategies restore Ontario Place and advance its focus as an innovative, active, diverse, and fun place for all.

With input from Indigenous communities, the design work strives to recognize the enormous contributions that Indigenous communities of the Great Lakes bring to Toronto, the region and across Ontario. The goal is to create a seamless narrative that educates the public on First Nations traditions and contributions to our province. Spaces within the design concepts reserved for education, ecological healing, and ceremonies create a layered approach which will honour the rich traditions, cultures and heritage of Indigenous peoples year-round.

Below are images of some of the design inspirations for the site.



Hough Illustration of East Armour point looking towards Ontario Lake c. 1970
(Credit: OP Dev. Report)



A stone lookout on the West Island in 1971



Stone Lookouts



Zeidler West Village Canopies



Zeidler West Village Canopies



Hough Texture and Scale of Stone



Natural and Man-Made Water Features



Canadian Shield Texture and Materials

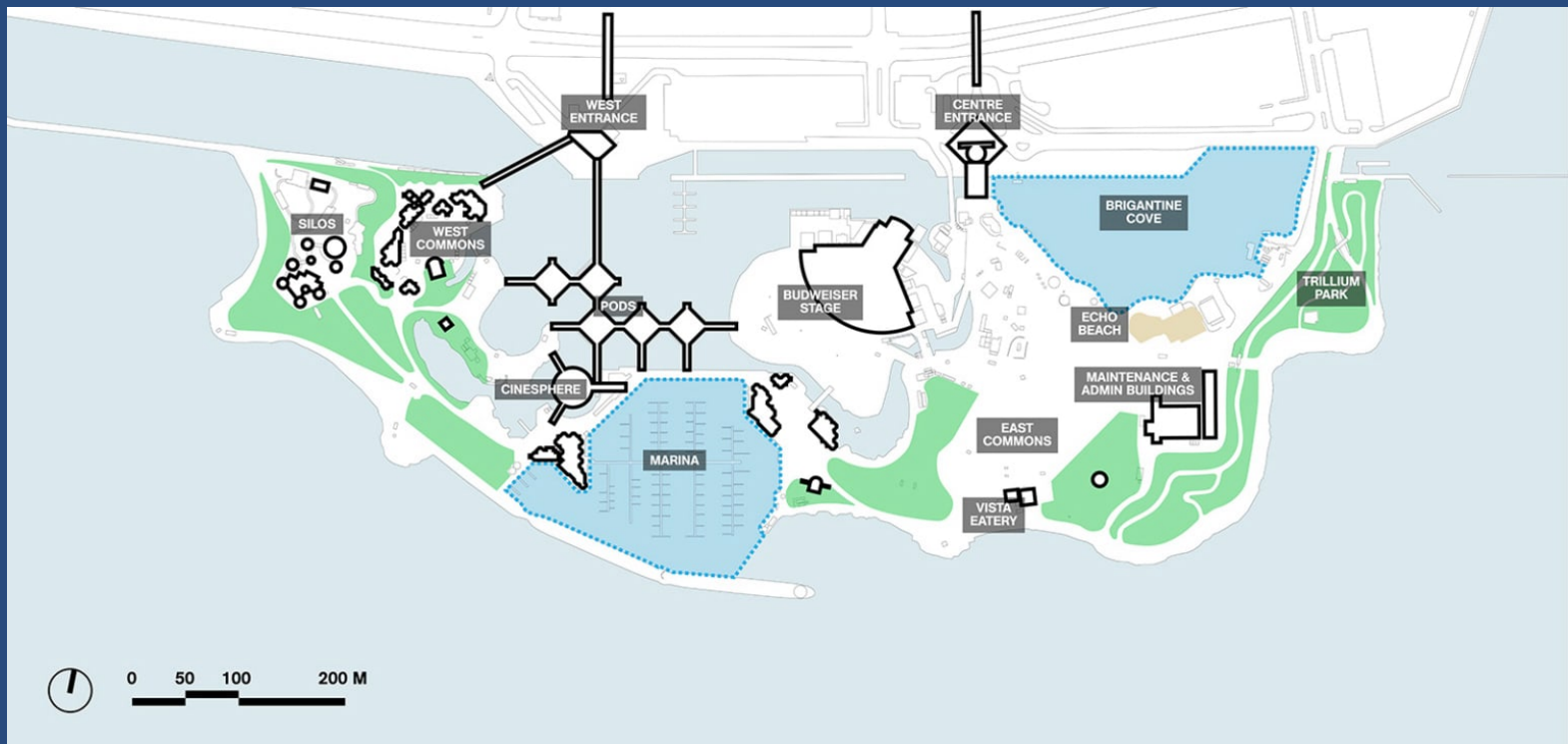


Forest Regions of Ontario

Design analysis

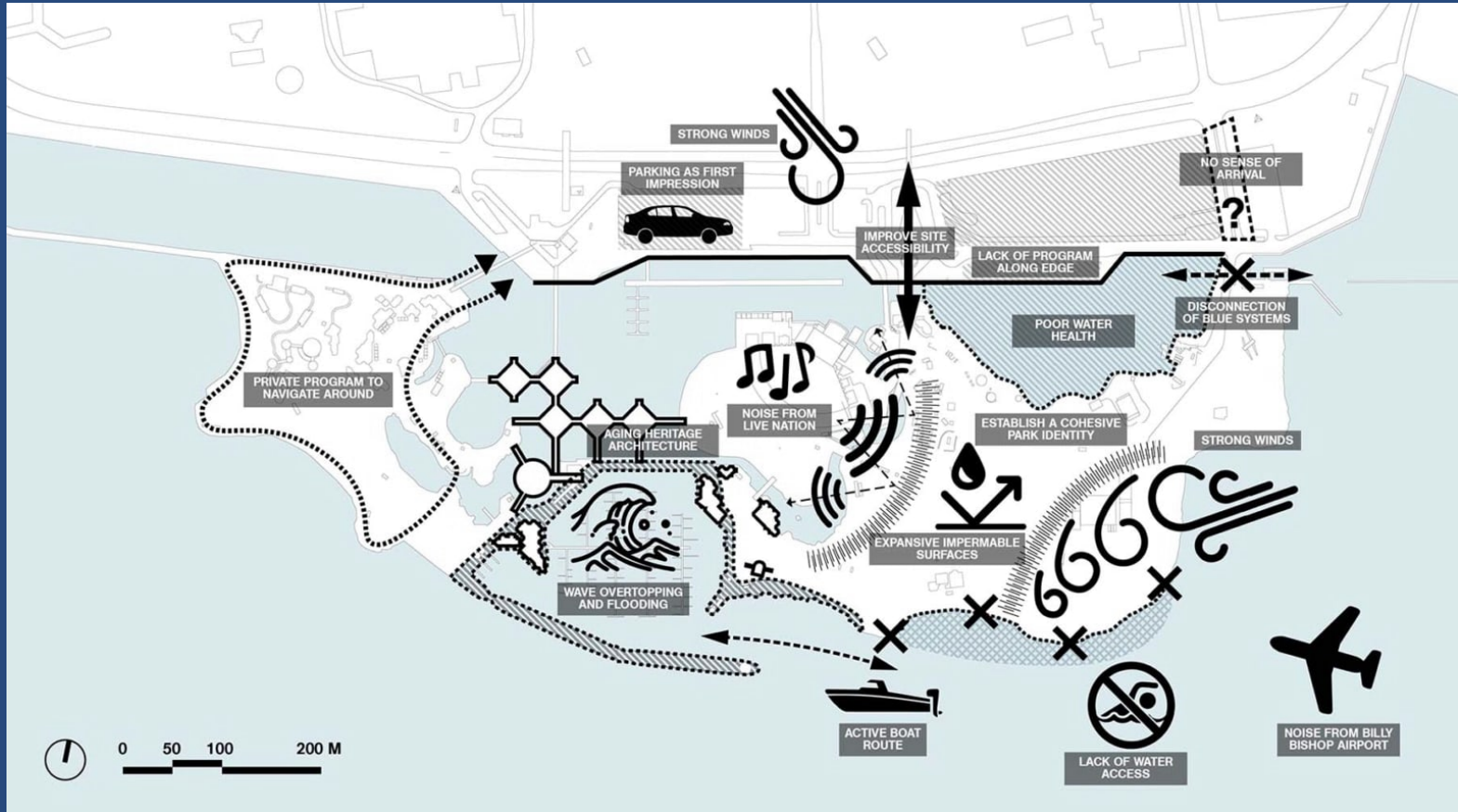
Current site plan

This plan helps orient people to what is currently located at Ontario Place. The site is defined by three islands, each with its own character and set of uses, as shown below.



Design challenges

As part of the initial site analysis when beginning the project, several factors have been identified that the landscape must address. Environmental challenges, such as flooding and wind, can be solved with a landscape approach. Buffering from noise between entertainment spaces and the nearby airport is also a challenge that the landscape can help address. Restoring Eberhard Zeidler's Pods was a primary goal along with rethinking the entry sequence to Ontario Place in the form of new architecture. Together these challenges begin to build a design approach for how to best restore Ontario Place.



Brining it all together: Emerging framework plan

The framework plan below shows how the site will be organized to accommodate all the planned uses. The framework plan identifies the key systems that will shape Ontario Place, including:

- Circulation network
 - Open space plan
 - Access point and gateways
 - Activity zones
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- Tenanted areas
 - Key views
 - Water access / routes

The framework plan sets the stage for the several design decisions will need to be finalized. The framework plan remains flexible and strives to establish the relationship of spaces and circulation, but does not develop the character, materiality, look and feel, or architectural quality of the project. These are items that design input is desired to take this to the next layer of refinement.



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5: Design concepts

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5: Design concepts



Introduction to the design concepts

The design of Ontario Place's public realm is an iterative process, and the design team has been working to address feedback received to date from the public, stakeholders and Indigenous communities. Public feedback received during this public engagement event and virtual public engagement room will be considered as the design work advances through to Spring 2023.

Since Spring 2022, the design team has created several design concepts that show how feedback from the public, Indigenous communities and stakeholders could be represented across the site. This Virtual Public Engagement Room will explore these conceptual designs with you. As Ontario Place is such a large site, to help you navigate this process, the Virtual Public Engagement Room has been split into five different zones. Within each zone the design team has created different design concepts for you to comment on. The conceptual design drawings are supplemented with precedent images from other parks that help illustrate how designs could be realized at Ontario Place.

The design concepts under consideration are not only helping to create beautiful spaces but will also resolve key issues impacting the site. These issues are presented for each zone and should be considered when you are providing feedback on which design aspects you think are most appropriate. Your feedback for each concept will help refine the thinking and design of the public realm.

The design concepts shown are conceptual and are not final. These are intended only to inspire an opportunity for comment and feedback. Public feedback received during this public engagement event and virtual public engagement room will be considered as the design work advances through to Spring 2023. Feedback will also be used to update the criteria that each option will be evaluated against by the Environmental Assessment (EA) team. In Spring 2023, preferred concepts for each of the five zones will then be brought together as an overall site plan for final review, comment, and refinement.

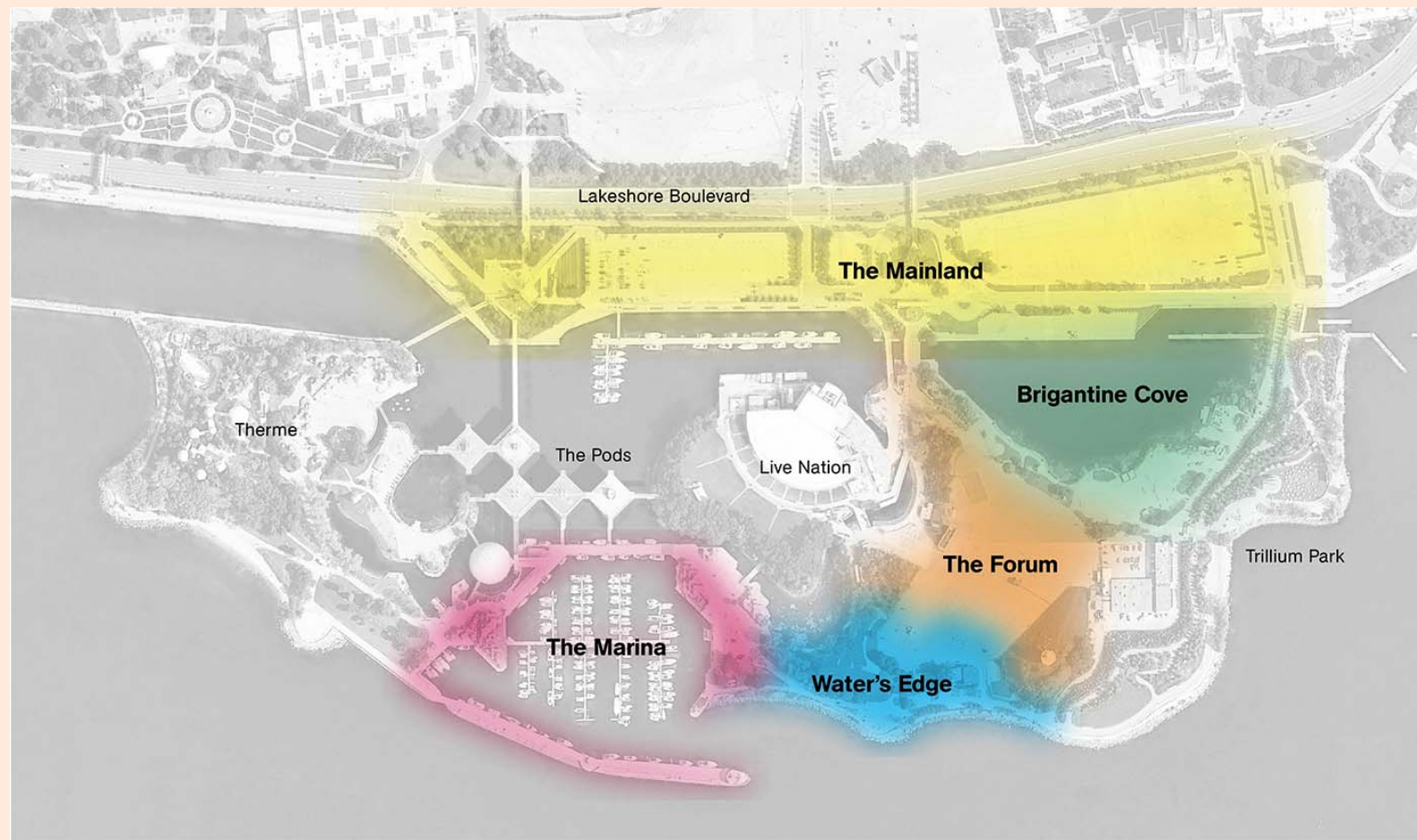
Understanding design concepts

- The Ontario Place Design team has participated in all consultation events to date. Their job is to **distill your many ideas** into a variety of design concepts for further consideration and assessment.
- Today's design concepts are being used to **test how the input we received from you in April might be realized** on site in the future.
- These design concepts are being used to show you **a range of potential uses** and design features.
- Based on feedback from today, the design team and the EA team will work together to **assess the different design concepts** to identify what features should be considered further as the design work evolves.

The design assessment is a mandatory component of the Class EA process and all, part or none of the conceptual design plans for each zone may be carried forward following assessment. Feedback will also be used to update the criteria that each concept will be evaluated against by the EA team.

The Zones

The five zones are the key spaces that define the character of Ontario Place and are captured by the current EA process:



Zone 1: Water's Edge



Water's Edge



Current conditions of the southern waterfront on the east Island.



Pathway along the waterfront at Ontario Place.

Design considerations

Issues

- Aging infrastructure.
- Flooding.
- Inaccessible shoreline.

Opportunities

- Update infrastructure.
- Create water access and maintain views to the water.
- Improve public spaces
- Maximize flood and storm protection.
- Create an ecologically sensitive shoreline.

Concept A: Stone Lookouts

- Widened shoreline edge.
- Using shoreline protection to physically expand public realm.
- Accessible during all seasons.
- Raised elevation for flood protection.

- Lookouts and access to water for swimming and other recreational uses.



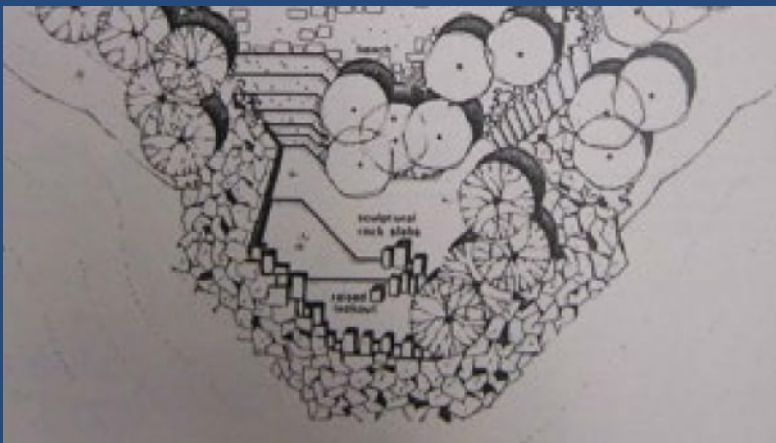
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Access to the water



Expanded water's edge



Hough lookout design, 1970



Original lookout on the West Island in 1971.

Concept B: Planted piers

- Planted, greener edge condition.
- Less access to water for users than Concept A.
- Raised shoreline for flood protection.
- Stormwater management.

- Lookouts and access to water for swimming and other recreational uses.



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Hard and soft shoreline



Stormwater management



Planted edges



Natural stone and plant mix

Feedback/comments

This section is now closed.

Zone 2: The marina



Existing Marina looking east

Design considerations

Issues

- Flooding.
- Stagnant water and poor circulation.
- Vacant buildings in poor condition.

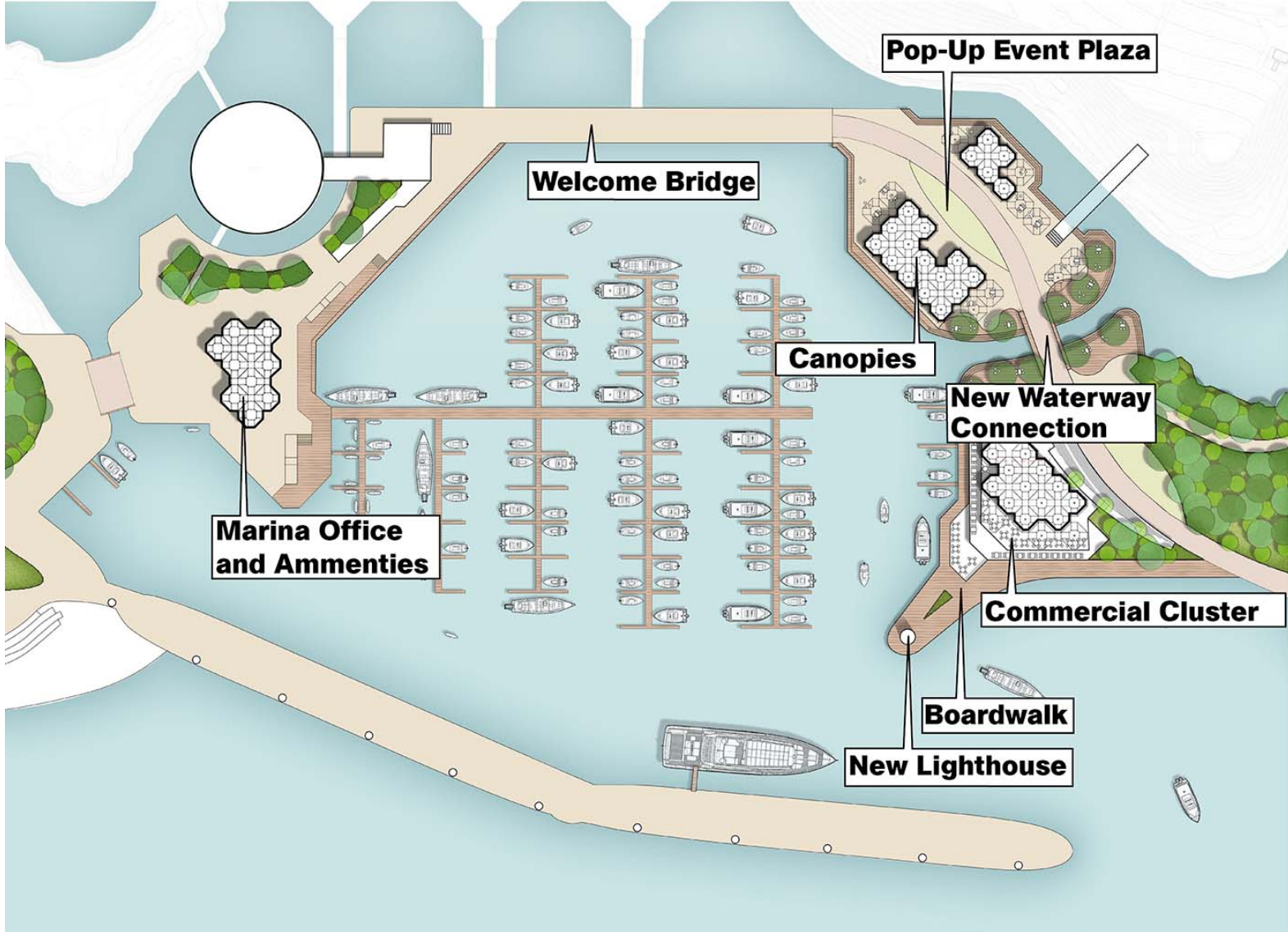
- Deteriorated public realm.
- Lack of amenities and commercial activity.
- Lack of shaded areas and places for public seating.

Opportunities

- Improve water quality.
- Diversify boating slips / users.
- Preserve heritage structures.
- Generate commercial opportunities and increase activity.
- May be subject to modifications in future.

Concept A: Park Marina

- Recreate marina buildings as open-air park canopies for picnics, barbeque and shade along the waterfront.
- Rebuild existing buildings, as necessary.
- Create a greener marina with more shade.
- Focus on maximizing public space.



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Public spaces + pop-up

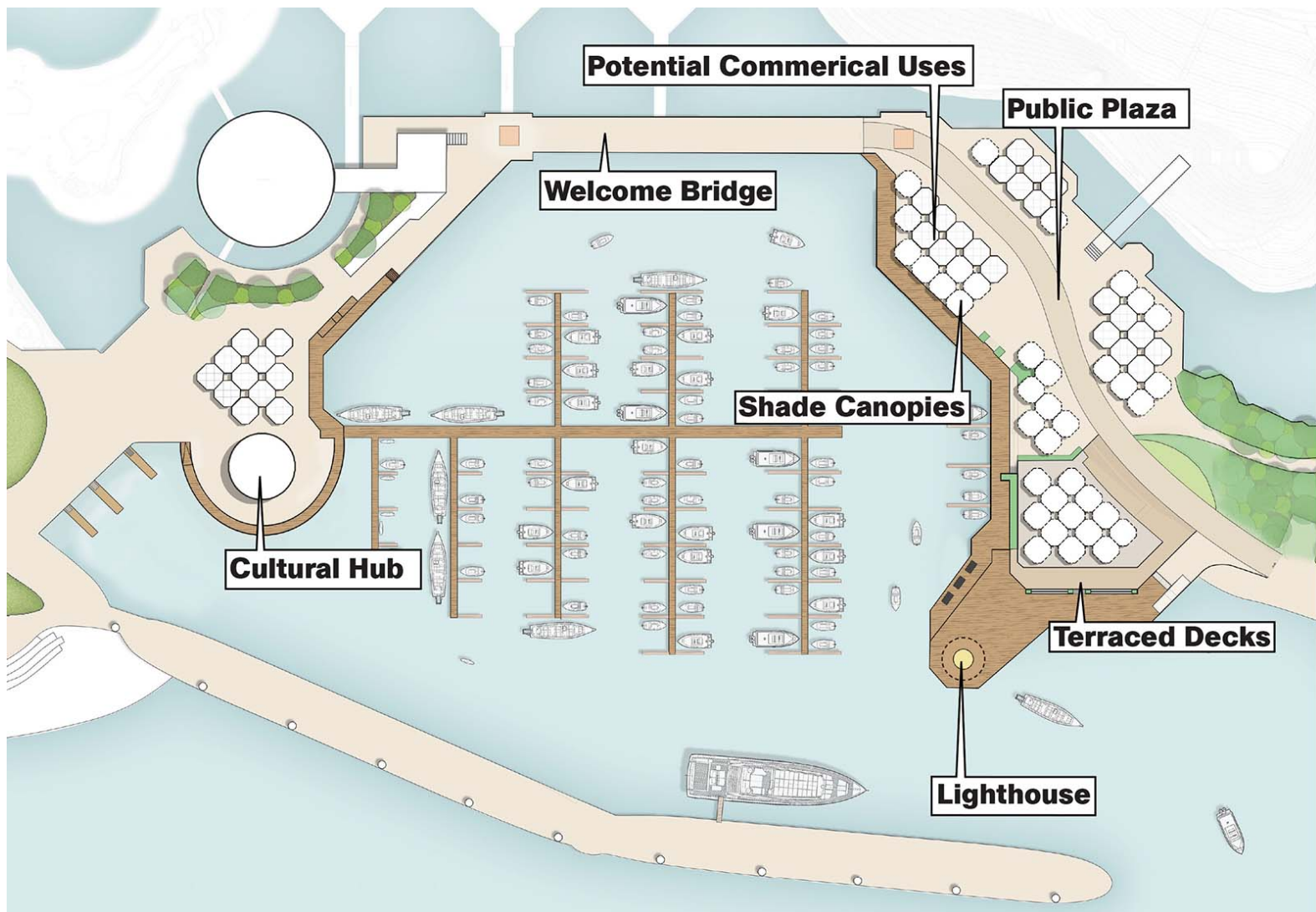


Open air canopies



Concept B: Ontario Port

- Cultural hub for various place making opportunities
- Diversify or expand boat slips
- Vibrant commercial activity
- Wood boardwalk along both side of the marina for water's edge experience



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Marina food and beverage



Active water uses



Boat docking

Feedback/comments

Zone 3: Brigantine Cove



Current conditions of Brigantine Cove.

Design considerations

Issues

- Poor water circulation.
- Edged by parking and paving.
- Flooding.
- Very limited access to water.

Opportunities

- Water access.
- Increased tree canopy.
- New water's edge.
- May be subject to modifications in the future.

Concept A: Event + Activities

- Reinstates original Hough edge boundary.
- Large lawn becomes a place for events and activities.
- Landscaping and trees used to mitigate weather.
- Land-based boardwalk edge.
- Improved water circulation and quality.



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Land-based boardwalk



Reinstated Hough edge



Event space

Concept B: Wetland + Nature

- Evolved Hough design, altering shape of Cove.
- Floating boardwalk system.
- Wetland creation.
- Focus on creating new opportunities for enhanced ecosystems and ecology.
- Improved water circulation and quality.



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Passive recreational nooks



Floating boardwalk



Evolved Hough design



New wetlands

Feedback/comments

This section is now closed.

Zone 4: The mainland





Paved surfaces on the Mainland at Ontario Place.



Paved surfaces on the Mainland at Ontario Place.

Design considerations

Issues

- Expansive parking and asphalt area.
- Aging infrastructure.
- Under-utilized water's edge.
- Poor waters' edge experience.
- Limited greenery.

Opportunities

- Consolidation of roads and parking areas
- Waters' edge promenade.
- Reduced paving and increase surface permeability.
- Flood and storm protection, stormwater management.
- Martin Goodman trail connections.
- May be subject to modification in the future.

Concept A: Urban and Active

- Active and diverse experiences.
- Hard and soft landscape, including plazas and an urban beach.
- Waters' edge promenade.
- Dedicated pick up and drop off.





Urban beach



Active public promenade



Urban planted plaza spaces



Sports fields

Concept B: Green gateway

- Focus on passive recreation uses and less active zones.
- More green character with extensive planting and minimal hardscape.
- Sheltered, enclosed public spaces.
- Extends 'park feel' onto mainland.
- Dedicated pick up and drop off area.





Planted plaza



Passive recreation

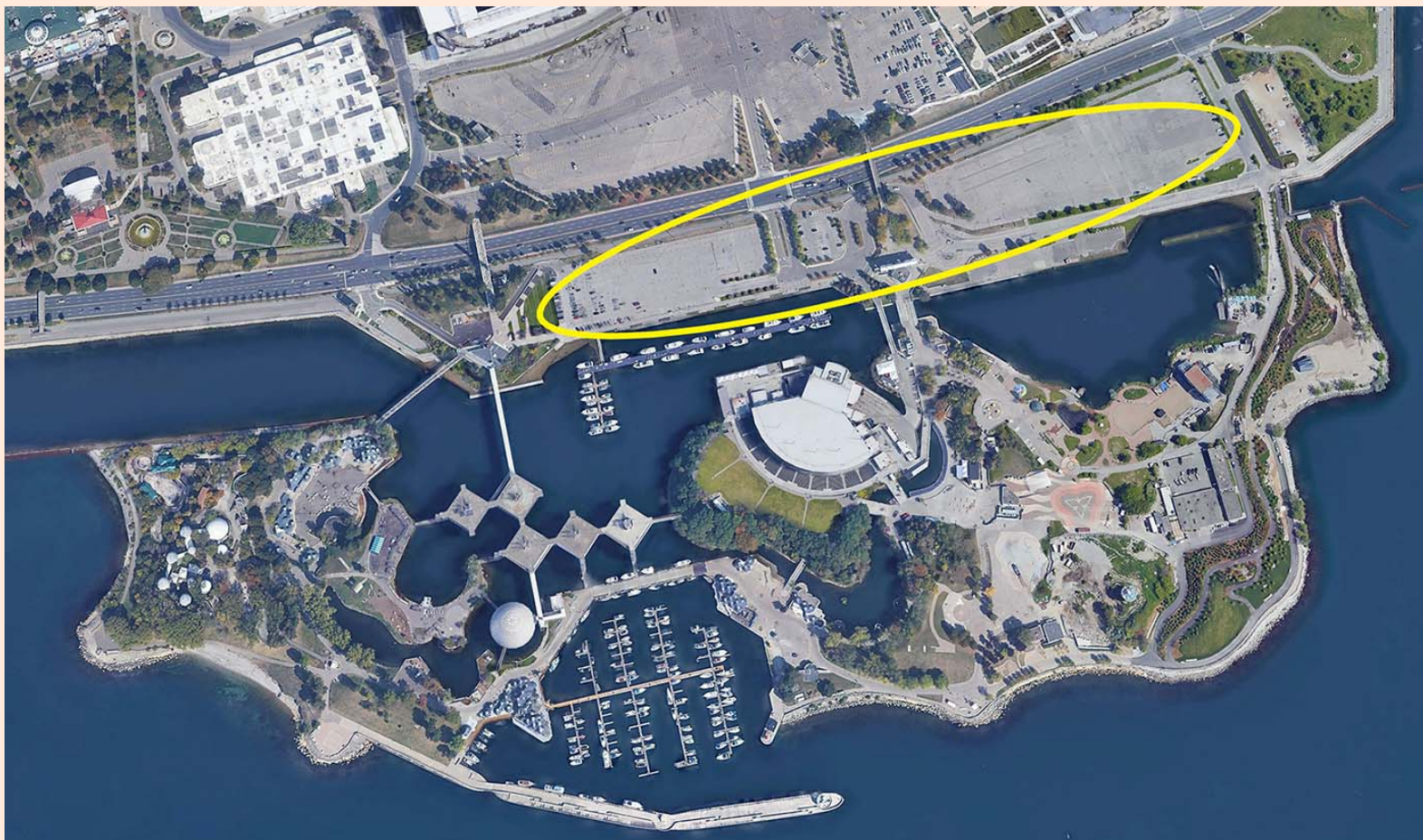


Naturalized stormwater management

The mainland parking

Within the Mainland focus zone, there are three potential solutions for parking: surface parking (existing), above ground parking, and underground parking. Any mainland parking solution considered should meet the following project objectives:

- Not limit or negatively impact new public spaces on site.
- Protect for heritage views of Pods and Cinesphere from Lakeshore Blvd.
- Meet municipal policies for waterfront development.
- Allow for increased provision of parking to meet demand.



Feedback/comments

This section is now closed.

Zone 5: The forum



Current conditions of the central area of the east island.

Design considerations

Issues

- Poor quality landscape (asphalt)
- High degree of run-off, flooding, and storm water management issues.
- Requires adequate space for large scale events and celebration.

Opportunities

- Provide open, flexible gathering space for outdoor events.
- Connections from the mainland to the southern waterfront.
- Restore existing and add new public washrooms.
- May be subject to modifications in future.

Concept A: Fountain + flexible space

- Highly flexible space able to accommodate wide range of programming and users.
- Mix of soft and hard landscape.
- Offers high-level of accessibility.
- Moveable furniture creates outdoor rooms and spaces.
- Central fountain becomes all-season destination (for example, ice rink in winter).



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Water Plaza



Flexible and moveable seating



Animated water

Concept B: Sports + recreation hub

- Defined space with specific sports activities contemplated.

- Primarily hard landscaped.
- Structures would be required for amenities such as change rooms, washrooms and Opportunity for an ice track in winter months.



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Recreational fields and courts



Unique surfacing



Skating track

Feedback/comments

This section is now closed.

Next virtual station

6: Evaluation process

Previous virtual station

4: Design process

Accessibility

Privacy

Notice of collection



6: Evaluation process



The evaluation process follows a standard EA approach through the development of a comprehensive set of criteria. The design concepts, displayed in Station 5, will be evaluated using public feedback and the EA evaluation criteria to determine a preferred design of the public spaces.

Feedback from the October 27, 2022 public engagement event and this Virtual Public Engagement Room will be considered in the next design iteration and updating the evaluation criteria in which each concept will be evaluated. Preferred concepts for each of the five focus zones will then be brought together as an overall site plan for final review, evaluation, comment and refinement.

Objectives

The primary objectives of the evaluation process within the Category C Environmental Assessment (EA) are to:

- Ensure that impacts on the natural, socio-economic and cultural environments are **identified** and **mitigated**.
- Solicit **feedback** from the public, stakeholders and Indigenous communities into the decision-making process.
- Ensure that the **most appropriate design concepts** are tested and considered, while retaining flexibility for future design iteration and refinement.

How are we evaluating and selecting a preferred design?

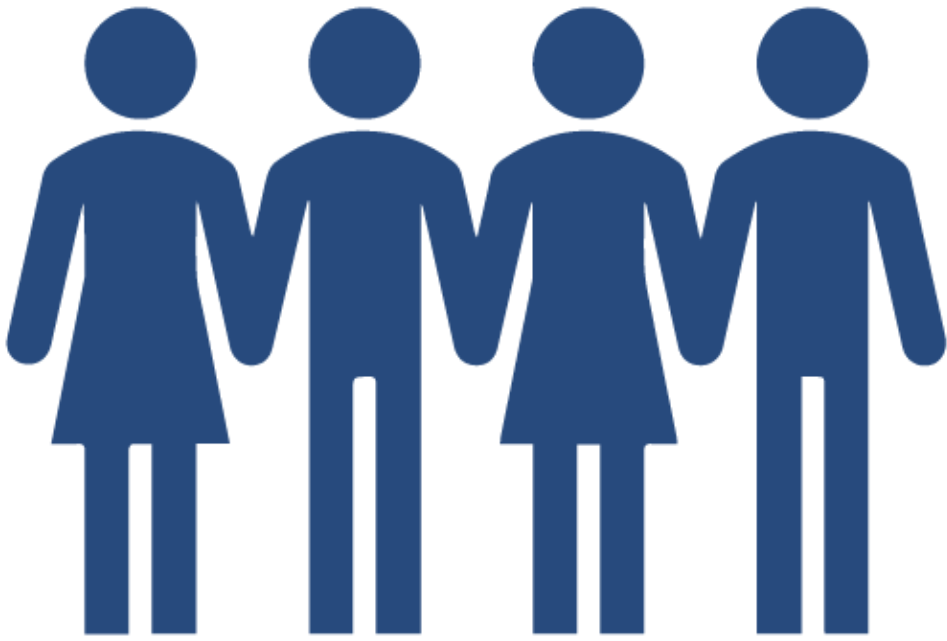
1. The design team has developed conceptual designs for evaluation.
2. Prior to formal evaluation, the EA team will be working with stakeholders and the public to help establish appropriate evaluation criteria that:
 1. reflect the goals and objectives of the project, and;
 2. can be measured against performance thresholds.
3. Once finalized, the EA team will evaluate how each conceptual design performs against the criteria.
4. Through the evaluation, potential modification(s) to conceptual designs will be identified to help mitigate any negative impacts realized through the evaluation process.
5. The EA team will then re-evaluate modified concepts ('alternatives') based on revised design.
6. Finally, the preferred design will be recommended and presented for feedback, including mitigation measures.

Criteria development

Evaluation criteria for the Category C EA evaluation process are grouped into six main categories:



Natural Environment



Social Environment



Cultural Environment



Technical Environment



Economic Environment



Sustainability

Each category includes a set of study-specific objectives in which each design concept will be evaluated. Objectives for each of the six main categories are outlined below.

Table 2. Objectives for the six main categories.

Natural Environment	Protect and enhance terrestrial and aquatic natural features and linkages. Protect terrestrial and aquatic species including birds, mammals, fish and insects. Maintain or improve air quality.
Social Environment	Social acceptability (i.e., outcome of a collective judgement or opinion of a project or plan). Facilitate recreational opportunities. Facilitate educational opportunities. Provide a comfortable environment for site users.
Cultural Environment	Heritage: Conserve ¹ and promote the cultural heritage value and attributes of the property, including built heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes. Cultural: Protect traditionally used or Indigenous valued components (e.g., water, air, land)
Technical Environment	Potential for the concept to be easily implemented. Facilitate multi-modal access. Floodplain management. Sediment management. Remediate existing contamination. Upgrade or replace infrastructure and buildings. Maintain flexibility for future programming.
Economic Environment	Construction costs. Operation and maintenance costs. Economic benefits.
Sustainability	Reduce contribution to climate change. Include sustainable infrastructure and buildings. Incorporate Sustainable Communities (solution-based approach for sustainable urban renewal and climate action).

Footnote:¹ Conservation (conserve) is defined as all actions or processes that are aimed at safeguarding the character defining elements (heritage attributes) of a cultural resource so as to retain its heritage value and extend its physical life. This may involve “preservation,” “rehabilitation,” “restoration,” or a combination of these actions or processes.

Evaluation criteria

In order to evaluate and compare the conceptual design concepts, category-specific criteria were developed to measure each objective.

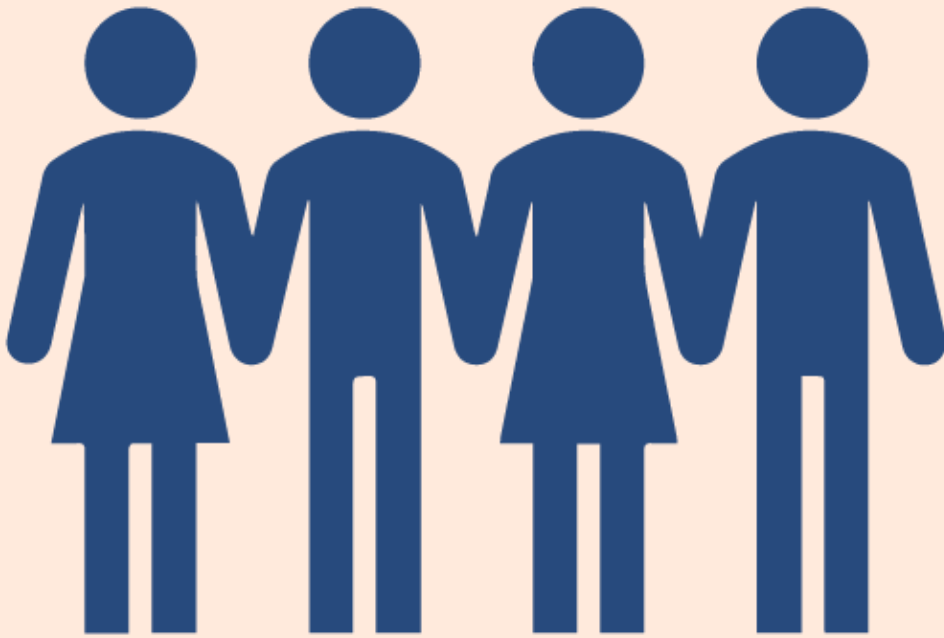
The full list of draft criteria can be viewed at the links below. To provide an overview, examples for each category are:



Natural Environment

- Protect and enhance terrestrial and aquatic natural features and linkages, criterion includes:
 - Riparian/aquatic systems and habitat, measured by the overall area of habitat;
 - Surface water systems, measured by an increase or decrease in water quality parameters (e.g., contaminants);

- Terrestrial systems and habitat, measured by the area of habitat created or removed including trees, native vegetation, wetlands and structures.



Social Environment

- Social acceptability (i.e., outcome of a collective judgement or opinion of a project or plan), criterion includes:
 - Create a concept that is acceptable to the public and area users that is guided by feedback during consultation and engagement.



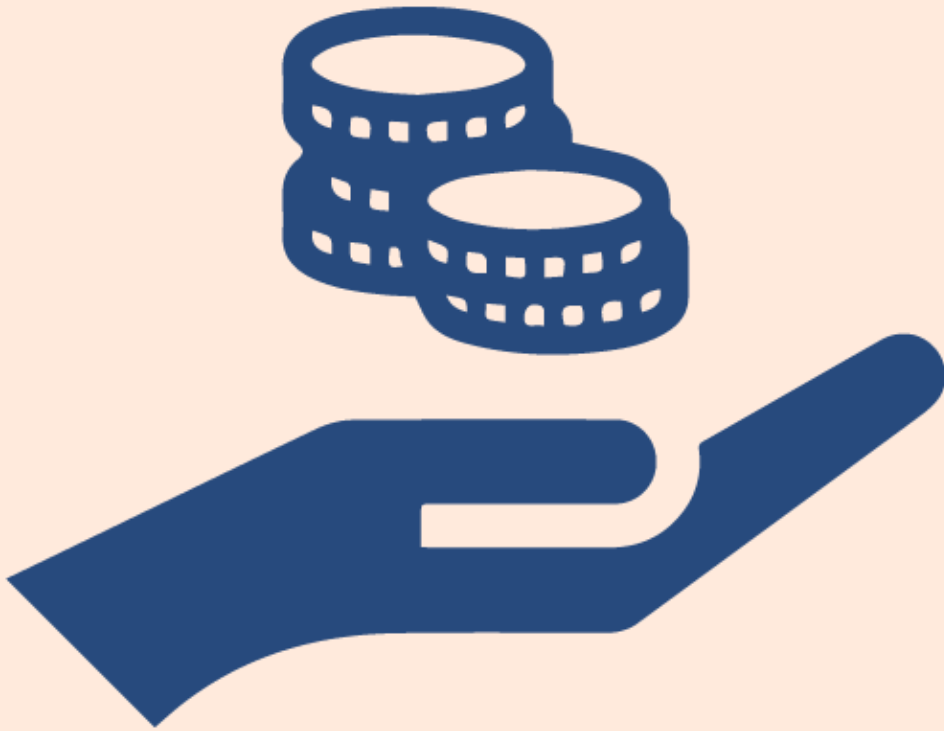
Cultural Environment

- Conserve and promote the cultural heritage value and attributes of the property, criterion includes:
 - Compatible use with identified built heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes, measured by the design's ability to meet conservation strategies and reduce negative impacts on resources and landscapes.



Technical Environment

- Potential for the concept to be easily implemented, criterion includes:
 - Constructibility, measured by the ease of construction and construction techniques;
 - Alignment with regulatory standards, measured by permitting requirements and timelines for permits and approvals.



Economic Environment

- Construction costs, criterion includes:
 - Estimated cost of construction compared to other design concepts.
- Economic benefits, criterion includes:
 - Ability to offer contract procurement, jobs, or economic benefits from operating the park, measured by the number of opportunities with each concept (e.g., rentals, food and beverage sales).



Sustainability

- Reduce contribution to climate change, criterion includes:
 - Low atmospheric emissions (e.g., air, greenhouse gas) associated with each option, measured by a change in emissions compared to baseline conditions;
 - Heat island effect, measured by the overall area of vegetation, ability to provide shade throughout the site, and overall area of hard surfaces.

Input gathered from various sources (e.g., City of Toronto), agency consultation (e.g., Toronto Region Conservation Authority), and feedback from the public and Indigenous communities is being used to refine the criterion and the respective measures throughout the Category C EA process. Evaluation criteria will continue to be refined through the Fall 2022 engagement stage.

Links to the complete draft evaluation criteria tables for each category are below.

[Natural Environment table](#)

[Social Environment table](#)

[Cultural Environment table](#)

[Technical Environment table](#)

Feedback/Comments

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Next virtual station

7: Applying the evaluation criteria to the concepts

Previous virtual station

5: Design concepts

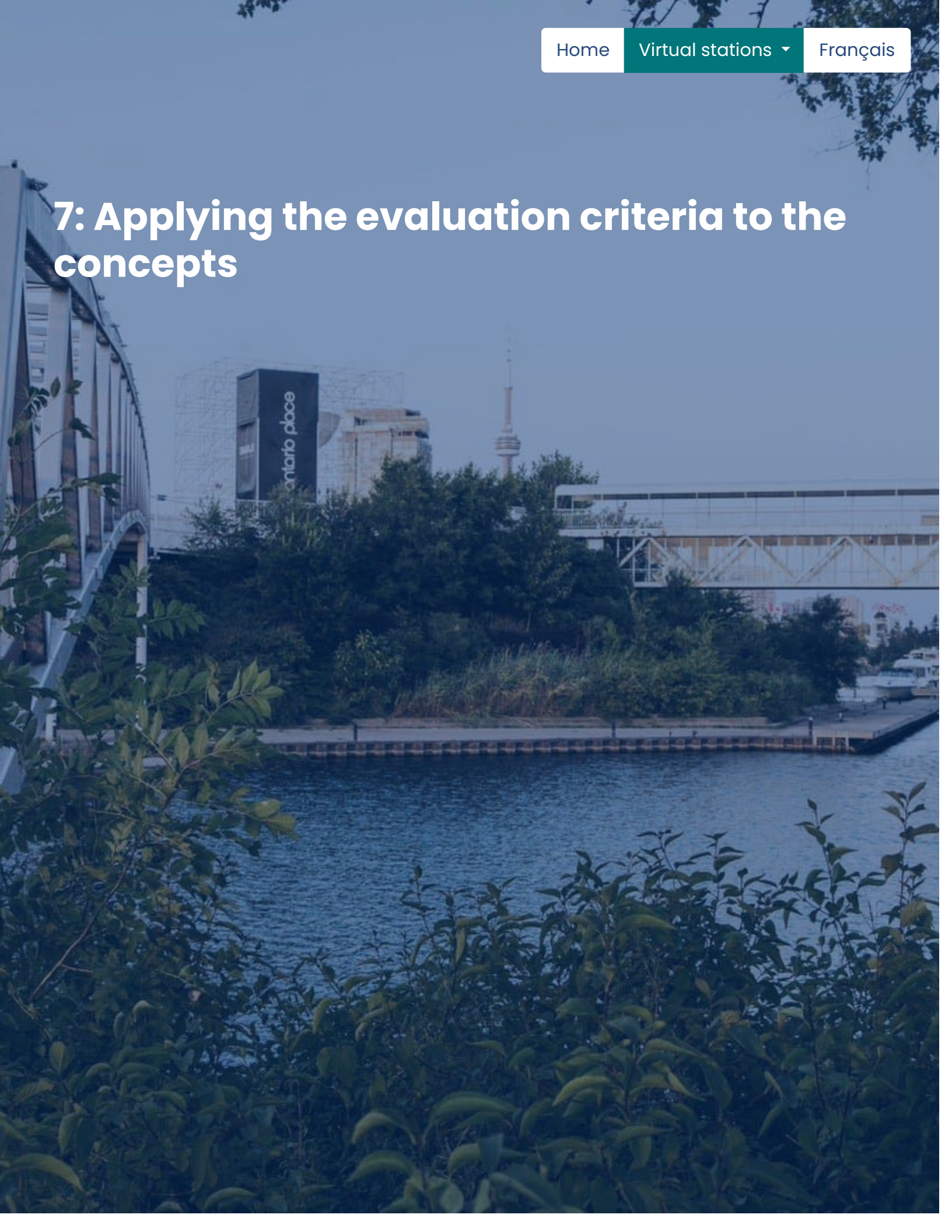
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7: Applying the evaluation criteria to the concepts



As the Fall 2022 engagement period comes to a close, the study-specific evaluation criteria will be finalized. Each design concept identified for each of the five zones will be evaluated using the evaluation criteria to create a preferred design that ultimately meets the overall vision of the site and redevelopment concept. Results of this evaluation process and the preferred design will be presented to the public in Spring 2023.

Each conceptual design concept proposed will be evaluated by the Environmental Assessment team according to the study-specific evaluation criteria, and its potential effects on the following:



Natural Environment



Social Environment



Cultural Environment



Technical Environment



Economic Environment



Sustainability

An example of how the evaluation criteria will be applied to each focus zone is presented for **Zone 1: Water's Edge** to provide an understanding of the evaluation process. An example from the Natural and Social Environment categories has been included.

Concept A: Stone Lookouts



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Concept B: Planted Piers



Conceptual design only – subject to further consultation

Applying the Evaluation Criteria to the Concepts – Example.

Category	Natural Environment	Social Environment
Objective	Protect and enhance terrestrial and aquatic natural features and linkages.	Facilitate recreational opportunities.
Criteria	Terrestrial systems and habitat.	Provide recreational opportunities for users.
Indicator(s)	Change in the quality of available habitat.	Ability for users to participate in recreational activities.
Measure/Parameter	Increase or decrease of tree cover.	Number of recreational areas and/or opportunities.
Potential Effect	Baseline: No change Option A – Urban and Active: Increase in tree cover. Option B – Green Gateway: Significant increase in tree cover.	Baseline: No change. Option A – Urban and Active: Increase in pathways, access points and recreational areas. Option B – Green Gateway: Increase in pathways.
Preference	Baseline: Least preferred Option A – Urban and Active: Less preferred. Option B – Green Gateway: Preferred.	Baseline: Least preferred. Option A – Urban and Active: Preferred. Option B – Green Gateway: Less preferred.
Rational	Per the evaluation criteria, Option B is preferred as it has the potential to increase tree cover more than Option A.	Per the evaluation criteria, Option A is preferred as it has the potential to provide more recreational opportunities for users.

Next virtual station

8: Schedule and next steps

Previous virtual station

6: Evaluation process

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8: Schedule and next steps



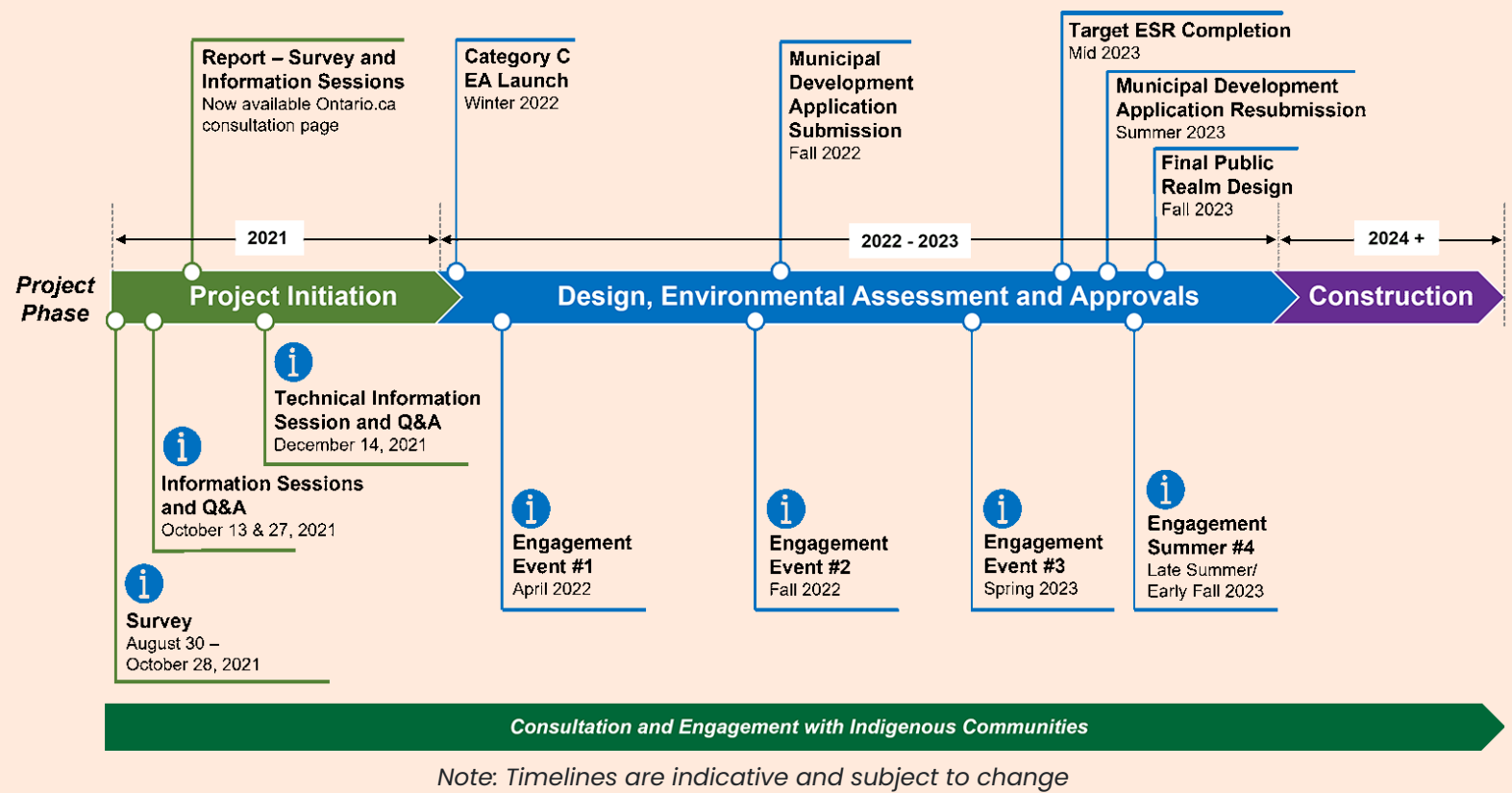
Thank you for participating in the Virtual Public Engagement Room

This room will remain open for comments until November 18, 2022. Once the comment period is closed, the room will be archived but will remain accessible until the end of the EA and public realm design process in late 2023.

Between now and Spring 2023, the project team will be evaluating the conceptual public realm design concepts with public feedback and the evaluation criteria to present a preferred alternative. Results of the evaluation process and a preferred public realm design will be presented for additional feedback at the next public engagement event in **Spring 2023**. Following that session, a refined and final public realm design plan will be included as part of the development application resubmission to the City of Toronto (Summer 2023).

Please visit the [Updates section](#) of the project website regularly for details.

The current timeline for the project is shown below:



Comments/Feedback

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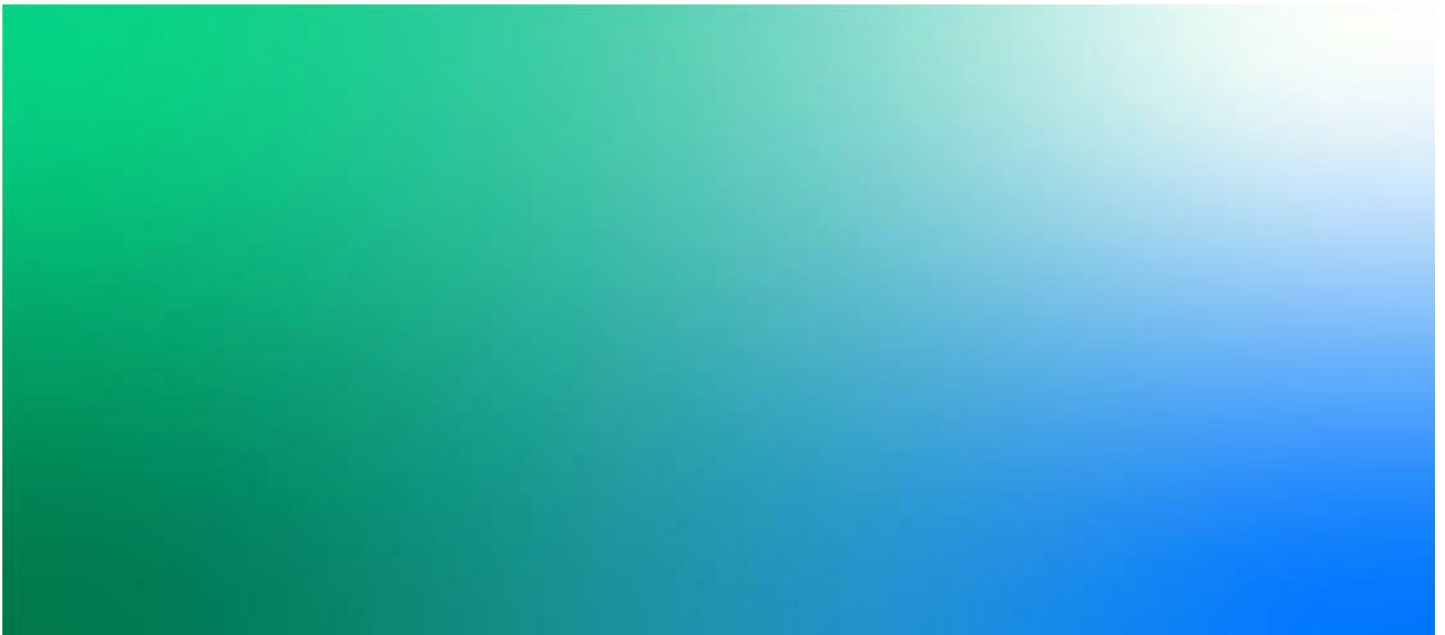
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1. Introduction

In March 2022, a Notice of Commencement was issued for the Category C Class Environmental Assessment (EA). The notice was related to the redevelopment of Ontario Place, located at 955 Lakeshore Boulevard West in Toronto, Ontario. Over the next several years, Ontario Place will once again become a centrepiece of the province's recreation, tourism, and culture sectors. A redeveloped Ontario Place will provide an accessible and inclusive experience for all Ontarians that reflects the diversity of the province and celebrates the legacy of its waterfront location.

Site preparations will take place across Ontario Place, apart from Trillium Park and the trails. Development work led by the private sector will occur on tenanted lands, while government-led development activities are limited to areas outside of tenanted boundaries. The government-led scope of work includes the following key types of activities:

- Planning approvals and realty activities
- Building decommissioning and removal
- Grading and landscaping
- Park, trail, and open space development
- Shoreline repairs and flood mitigation
- Site access and parking
- Science-based learning programs
- New building and supporting site infrastructure construction

The *Environmental Assessment Act* applies to the government-led activities on site. These will be assessed using the Ministry of Infrastructure's Public Work Class EA guidelines for a Category C undertaking. A Class EA is a study that examines the potential effects (positive and negative) of a proposed project and identifies ways to manage negative environmental effects before the project is implemented. Private-sector-led developments are not subject to the *Environmental Assessment Act* but are subject to the Ontario *Planning Act* requirements.

A key component of the Class EA process includes consultation, which provides opportunities for Indigenous communities, stakeholders, and members of the public to contribute to and influence decisions relating to the project. The consultation activities outlined in this report were specifically designed to facilitate comments and feedback from the public about the draft EA evaluation criteria and the design concepts for the public realm. General feedback was also requested. At this stage of the study, consultation was intended to test design ideas and encourage feedback regarding environmental information, and the recommended methods of carrying out the project. Consultation will continue throughout the EA process.

In April 2022, there were two opportunities for public input, including a virtual public engagement room (VPER), and a live, online public realm design workshop. Feedback from this event was used to create design concepts for the public realm spaces at Ontario Place, which were then used to gather additional feedback in fall 2022.

A second live virtual engagement event was held on October 27, 2022 and was supplemented by a VPER 2.0 that was launched at www.engageontarioplace.ca. Comment forms were open until November 18, 2022, but comments were accepted until November 21, 2022. Opportunities for comment and feedback were provided at both events. This report documents the VPER 2.0 and the feedback received through that platform. An overview of the live, virtual engagement event is documented here, but more

detail can be found in the *October 27 Virtual Public Consultation Event: Design Concepts Workshop Summary Report (November 22, 2022)* prepared by Bespoke Collective (Bespoke) (2022).

2. Virtual Public Engagement Room 2.0

The VPER 2.0 launched on October 25, 2022, at www.engageontarioplace.ca. This platform provided an overview of the Ontario Place redevelopment vision and the Class EA and design process, shared key project information, and gathered feedback on the draft EA evaluation criteria and the public realm design concepts. The engagement room provided an opportunity to participate and provide input, and consisted of eight virtual stations (Appendix A):

- 1) A bold new vision
- 2) Environmental Assessment process
- 3) Existing site conditions
- 4) Design process
- 5) Design concepts
- 6) Evaluation process
- 7) Applying the evaluation criteria to the concepts
- 8) Schedule and next steps

The user had the option of clicking each station to access detailed information and to provide feedback through comment forms linked to three of the stations. Comment forms were provided throughout Station 5 (for each design concept) and at the end of Stations 6 and 8. The comment period extended from October 25, 2022 until November 18, 2022; however, comments were accepted until November 21, 2022. Access to the VPER information continues to remain available in the documents library at www.engageontarioplace.ca.

There was a total of 861 distinct users on the VPER. There was a total of 1,415 views of the main page, averaging 1.64 views per user. The Station 5: Design Concepts page had the most views (1,833) and most distinct users (846). The views and users of the remaining stations are summarized here:

- Station 1: A bold new vision had 506 views and 370 distinct users.
- Station 2: Environmental Assessment process had 285 views and 198 distinct users.
- Station 3: Existing site conditions had 233 views and 173 distinct users.
- Station 4: Design process had 233 views and 181 distinct users.
- Station 6: Evaluation process had 332 views and 221 distinct users.
- Station 7: Applying the evaluation criteria to the concepts had 161 views and 107 users.
- Station 8: Schedule and next steps had 339 views and 193 distinct users.

The project team reviewed the comments received from site users to gain an understanding of what is important to the public (Table 2-1).

Table 2-1. Summary of Comments Received

Station	Topic	Number of Comments Received
5	Design Concepts - Zone 1: Water's Edge	112
	Design Concepts - Zone 2: Marina	91
	Design Concepts - Zone 3: Brigantine Cove	81

	Design Concepts - Zone 4: Mainland	143
	Design Concepts - Zone 5: Forum	157
6	Draft Evaluation Criteria	50
8	General	53
Total	--	687

As Ontario Place is such a large site, to help navigate the design concepts, the public realm area was divided into five different zones, with two design concepts presented for each zone. Within Station 5, participants were provided an opportunity to comment on each design concept. Two questions were posed to facilitate meaningful feedback:

- 1) What features of the proposed design concepts interest you?
- 2) Do you have other ideas that you would like to see in this zone?

Table 2-2 summarizes the comments, interests, and concerns associated with these questions.

Table 2-2. General Comment Themes on the Design Concepts

Zone	General Comment Themes
Zone 1: Water's Edge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Maximize natural areas ▪ Increase access for swimming - safely and in areas where motorized vessels cannot be used ▪ Incorporate features such as, seating and picnic opportunities, nighttime lighting, and safety features (such as emergency phones) ▪ Provide access to healthy food and water refill stations ▪ Provide reasonable parking rates and bike rentals ▪ Incorporate recreational opportunities for youth (like a skatepark) ▪ Design for year-round, all-season access ▪ Note: there was a general preference for Concept B (Planted Piers) with some preference for Concept A (Stone Lookouts) (others prefer a hybrid of both).
Zone 2: The Marina	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provide a variety of affordable food and beverage options ▪ General approval of providing commercial or vendor opportunities (but reliable options; proper waste management; local vendors) ▪ Expand natural areas to this zone – "green" the space ▪ Provide rentals and storage for canoes, kayaks, bikes ▪ Include better wayfinding ▪ Protect swimming areas from boats, fumes, and noise from motors ▪ Incorporate native trees and plants ▪ Provide seating areas with shade ▪ Incorporate sustainable practices (like renewable energy) ▪ Provide water drinking fountains and washrooms

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note, there was a general preference for Concept A (Park Marina)
Zone 3: Brigantine Cove	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Include accessibility accommodations Create wildlife habitat, wetlands and green areas with native trees and vegetation Increase nature, green space, tree canopy, etc. Water quality, circulation and management is important Good location for washrooms and play area Incorporate wayfinding throughout the entire area Note, there was a general approval of the floating boardwalk, and a general preference for Concept B (Wetlands & Nature) and the incorporation of passive recreational and children's play opportunities
Zone 4: The Mainland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce parking lots and roads and "green" the currently paved areas – underground parking is ideal Increase or improve transit options and efficiency Improve cycling connections and infrastructure (including bike racks) Provide recreational opportunities (e.g., beach volleyball, ball courts, soccer, softball, roller skating, skateboarding, ice skating in winter months) Widen walkways and improve walking connections from Exhibition Place Include benches, shaded seating, and picnic opportunities Note, there was a slight preference for Option B (Green Gateway) but also many favouring Option A (Urban & Active) and possibly a combination of both concepts
Zone 5: The Forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incorporate recreational opportunities for all ages (like skateboarding, roller skating), abilities, and genders Provide amenities near recreational area (such as washrooms, changerooms, food and beverage, seating areas) Reduce paving Increase green and natural areas surrounding the zone Provide a flexible space that a range of people can use Consider year-round and seasonal activities Note, there was general approval of the skating rink or track idea and a general preference for Concept B (Sports & Recreation Hub), but some comments include ideas for a hybrid

In Station 6, participants were given the opportunity to comment on the draft EA evaluation criteria. The main themes from the feedback given by users on the draft evaluation criteria were:

- Incorporate sustainable technologies and innovation.
- Protect and enhance the natural environment.
- Maintain publicly accessible space.
- Incorporate Indigenous perspectives.

Station 8 of the VPER provided a form for general feedback. The participants' main interests and concerns included:

- Provide public spaces rather than private fee-based use.
- Increase naturalized area and reduce paving.
- Continue current usages of Ontario Place in the new vision.
- Include a combination of naturalized space and recreational opportunities.
- Reduce surface parking and increase transit efficiency.

- Design for all ages and all abilities.

Many additional comments were provided about the issue of private (tenant) developments. Because the private developments are not within the scope of this public realm design project, they are not being considered by the EA team and public realm design team; however, these comments have been shared with the applicable proponent.

Appendix B provides the log of comments. The EA team has incorporated the feedback into the evaluation criteria, where applicable, and is using feedback in the evaluation process to assist in determining the preferred design(s). The design team will review the public's feedback and the evaluations tables produced by the EA team to develop design drawings for the preferred design(s).

3. Live Virtual Engagement Event

On October 27, 2022, a live virtual engagement event was held for 2 hours. The event took place over Zoom and its purpose was to seek input, ideas, and preferences related to the design concepts for the public realm spaces at Ontario Place. The goal of the session was to provide participants with an overview and updates on the government-led component of the Ontario Place redevelopment, and to share ideas and facilitate feedback on the public realm design concepts. Over 240 participants attended the live event. The event consisted of the following agenda:

- Setup (5 minutes)
- Project Updates (10 minutes)
- A Bold New Vision (10 minutes)
- Environmental Assessment Overview (10 minutes)
- Design Concepts Workshop (75 minutes)
- Wrap Up and Next Steps (10 minutes)

A front-end presentation was given to provide an overview on the redevelopment project and context on the government-led works and the integrated EA and design process. The design concepts workshop portion of the event consisted of three breakout sessions. In the main Zoom room, the design team presented the first two public realm zones and associated design concepts. This was followed by breakout sessions, where public participants were randomly divided into 15 breakout groups. The breakout groups each consisted of a facilitator to encourage feedback on the design concepts, either verbally or through the chat function, as well as a note-taker. Participants then returned to the main Zoom room, where the design team presented the second set of two public realm zones and design concepts. This was followed by a second breakout session, where participants returned to the same breakout group as before. The same process was followed for the remaining public realm zone.

The note-takers documented information offered by participants during the breakout rooms was documented, which Bespoke then reviewed and summarized. Key findings capture the public's perspectives as shared in breakout group conversations, as well as in the written comments submitted in the chat. Bespoke's summary reflects a long list of key findings that emerged across the 15 breakout groups. Feedback was broken down into likes and concerns for each design concept per zone, followed by a list of additional recommendations for each zone. The key findings can be found in the *October 27, 2022 Virtual Public Consultation Event: Design Concepts Workshop Summary Report (November 22, 2022)* (Bespoke 2022).

Similar to the VPER, the project team has reviewed the feedback obtained during the breakout rooms. This has been incorporated, where applicable, into the EA evaluation criteria and evaluation process and in the development of the preferred design(s) for the public realm.

4. Next Steps

Consultation and engagement activities will continue throughout the life of the project. Public feedback and ideas are an important part of the process and will help the project team as they prepare the preferred design(s) for the public realm spaces at Ontario Place, to be presented to the public in spring 2023.

5. References

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Appendix A. Virtual Public Engagement Room Stations

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Virtual stations



1: Bold new vision for Ontario Place

There is an exciting opportunity to create a world-class, year-round destination with a focus on family-friendly entertainment and recreation at Ontario Place. Learn more about the redevelopment vision and project updates here.



2: Environmental Assessment process

An Environmental Assessment is underway at Ontario Place. Learn more about the Environmental Assessment and where we are in the process here.



3: Existing Site Conditions



4: Design process

Learn about the existing social (and cultural), physical, and changing environments at Ontario Place here.

Learn about the municipal planning and development process, the public realm design vision, design inspiration, feedback incorporated into the conceptual design to date, and the framework plan here.



5: Design concepts

The design team has created design concepts, split onto five zones across the public realm, that show how feedback could be represented across the site. The design concepts for each zone are presented here for comment and feedback.



6: Evaluation process

The design concepts will be evaluated using public feedback and the Environmental Assessment evaluation criteria to determine a preferred design of the government-led public realm space.



7: Applying the evaluation criteria to the concepts

An example of how the evaluation criteria will be applied to each zone is presented here for Zone 1 to provide an understanding of the evaluation process.



8: Schedule and next steps

The Environmental Assessment and public realm design process will be ongoing until mid-to-late 2023. View the current project schedule and learn how to stay updated here.

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Appendix B. Virtual Public Engagement Room Comments Received

Table B-1. Station 5 Comments

Entry Date	Zone	Comments	
Question:		What features of the proposed design concepts interest you?	Do you have other ideas that you would like to see in this zone?
11/21/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge		A skatepark
11/19/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	People like to sit by the water so I like the access to the water. I like lookouts and seating. I think lots of users will be riding bikes so lookouts with this in mind are good.	As much naturalization as possible
11/19/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	Skatepark	
11/19/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	Skatepark	Skatepark
11/19/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge		Build a skateboard park
11/18/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	I like the idea of people being able to touch the waters edge, but the stone steps in concept A do not look accessible. I am also very interested in the opportunity mentioned above to "create an ecologically sensitive shoreline" - however this is such a small portion of the site, that it's hard to imagine how this can successfully be implemented when the rest of the shoreline isn't subject to environmental checks?	
11/18/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	A widened water edge with a combination of stone and sand beach would be more accessible to public swimming. But need to ensure there is sufficient plant edges for stormwater management.	Need some shaded areas. Keep this area public.
11/18/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge		Honestly I would just love to see a proper skatepark here, with some ramps & a bowl, bonus if there a portion with some kind of overhead protection from rain
11/18/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	Concept A: All-season access Concept A: Lookouts and water access	
11/18/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	All good, naturalistic is good	Just access to water, possibly something resembling sand dunes to replace lawns Shale rock beaches of craigleith provincial park would be a good natural precedent
11/18/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge		Build a skatepark to help our youth. Our youth needs more positive affordable things to do.
11/18/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	None. I think a skate park would be a nice addition.	Yes a skatepark.
11/18/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	It's quite hard to understand what the final outcome will look like of these two proposals, or how they differ really since the list of their perks are short and broad and mostly overlap with one another. From what is visible, the second option seems like what is currently there but just cared for. It seems like a better idea to include plants in the shoreline here.	- Meaningful public consultation about the whole shoreline around the whole perimeter of Ontario Place. - Canoe/kayak/pedal boat rentals. - Art, sculpture - permanent and rotating.
11/18/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	I like the concept to reduce causes of flooding	I feel this is a great opportunity for the city to add a well equipped skatepark so less people will be skating on the roads and on private property.

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Question:		What features of the proposed design concepts interest you?	Do you have other ideas that you would like to see in this zone?
11/18/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	Access to the water and stormwater management is also important. Option B	No
11/18/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	Swimming and water access needs to be prioritized. At previous consultations, the west island coast was part of the public space, why is that not included here? The west island water access must also be public, no matter what.	
11/18/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge		I hope there continues to be firepits, and extensive seating areas as there are now. Extending out from Trillium, this waters edge is already getting a lot of use. It would be nice to add water access to it, but I hope we don't lose what's already there. Also enjoy when there's basketball and other recreational activities here as well.
11/18/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	A skatepark at Ontario Place would really represent the diversity and creativity of the city (and wider province) well in my opinion.	A skatepark is something I believe needs to be implemented here at Ontario Place. Accompanying green space and park designations could certainly be added as well, but a skatepark absolutely needs to be here to serve the community and represent the city/province well!
11/18/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	We need a roller skating path or area.	
11/18/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	The potential for a sizeable, concrete skateboard park. There needs to be better permanent, year-round and accessible skateboard infrastructure available in the city, specifically in the downtown area and the westside. There aren't enough facilities in the area to aid in helping skateboarders practice through all seasons. Other than that the green planted areas and creating more access to the water are attractive.	I would like to re-emphasize the dire need for a sizeable concrete skateboard park in the downtown area. As an avid practitioner in the area, we don't have adequate facilities for people like myself who practice all year. The lack of year-round and available skateboard spaces is almost pitiful for a world class city and the largest in Canada. You look at any other major city in Canada and all of them have at least a 10,000+ sq/ft skatepark in their downtown core. It is time for Toronto to step up.
11/18/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	I like the original Hough design, and feel the beach should be left as is, in its natural condition.	See above
11/18/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	Skate park	 skate park
11/18/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	Skate park	Skate park
11/18/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	Skateboard park	Skateboard park
11/18/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	Please build a skatepark	
11/18/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	Mix of hard and soft shoreline maintains beauty while being use-friendly. Distinct zones allow for defined spaces and activities/expectations within.	Would love to see a Skateboard park. It's extremely central with incredible access from all directions of the city.
11/18/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	Skate park	Skate park
11/18/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge		Skatepark for bikes and boards. Or a paved pump track. Or a skate bowl.
11/18/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	I believe concept B is perfect because of the amount of shared green space and common area	
11/18/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	Skatepark	Skatepark
11/18/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	skatepark !!!	skatepark!!!
11/18/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge		add traditional benches and lamps with character. Not soulless blocks please ♥ https://youtu.be/Js8y-04VkYg

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Question:		What features of the proposed design concepts interest you?	Do you have other ideas that you would like to see in this zone?
11/18/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	Build a skatepark	Skatepark
11/18/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	These design concepts look interesting, particularly the planted piers. The water's edge really needs to be inviting with places for people to stop and sit. The stone edge option can be harsh and uninviting...not to mention an environment that invites graffiti.	Currently there are tables for picnics here. The ability to have picnics throughout the site is essential. I would like to see this expanded.
11/18/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	My favourite part of both designs is access to water for swimming. I think this is super important in the summer when many folks don't have the resources to get out of the city to escape the heat by enjoying lakes and beaches, so having spaces to swim and enjoy Lake Ontario safely in the city adds so much to quality of life. I enjoy the greenery of concept B as planting adds both visual interest and I like that it's a natural form of storm water management.	
11/18/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	Please build a skatepark	A skatepark
11/18/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	the planted edges	skate spots
11/18/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	Natural stone and plant mix	Just make it beautiful!!
11/18/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	I like the expanded waters edge idea. With the natural stone and planting as well, it would be an amazing outdoor public space.	
11/18/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	None	Skatepark
11/18/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	It's all very interesting. Especially the activities area. It would be nice to offer some skateboard focused space or even a "pump track" which is a fun and interactive attraction for a variety of different riders.	Skateboard and longboard and roller skate specific space. Many people use these for recreation and transportation so why not make a destination.
11/18/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	Waterside seating!	No this looks okay
11/18/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	Planted edges are pleasing to the eyes, needs upkeep so there's jobs, and I'm sure it would help wildlife.	Love to see a skatepark that would be sweet
11/18/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge		Would love to see a skatepark as there is a growing community of skaters in Toronto and existing areas are becoming overcrowded
11/18/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	The skateboard park	Skateboard features throughout the park
11/18/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	PLEASE TURN INTO SKATE PARK. PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE We need more skate infrastructures in the City, this is right in the middle therefore easily accessible to so many skater residents and visitors. They also look nice and cool so a great design idea !	1.SKATE PARK 2.SKATE PARK 3.SKATE PARK
11/18/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	Increased naturalization is very attractive and good for water management and wildlife species. If this can include some public access points that would be good.	I would like to see some willow trees added similar to the waterfront west of Sunnyside. These are wonderful shade trees and soak up groundwater.
11/18/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge		Add swimming pier like Kingston.
11/18/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge		All zones should be publicly accessible.

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Question:		What features of the proposed design concepts interest you?	Do you have other ideas that you would like to see in this zone?
11/18/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	Option A appeals most to me in concept. I think that Toronto's waterfront is lacking space where visitors can access the water due to various physical and/or engineered barriers. I like that this concept provides shoreline protection, but also a connection to the water.	This concept is fairly one note and lacking in accessibility, programming, and creativity. Its only feature is essentially the stone wall/shoreline. It would be a wasted opportunity to build this area, as currently proposed. I'd find opportunities to make this space more accessible for folks with mobility issues. Ramp and stair access into the water's edge for folks who can't navigate the rocks, and shoreline seating. Look to Kingston, Ontario's Breakwater Park for inspiration. There is no programming, or connectivity between the shoreline and the water, other than the actual water's edge itself. People should be able to get their feet wet without entering the actual lake. I'd suggest an interactive and kid-friendly water feature to provide a visual connection/link between the shore and the lake itself. Could include educational elements related to engineering like pumps, Archimedes' screws, mills, etc. An opportunity to show a connection between Toronto within the Great Lakes could also be provided - perhaps a scale model of the Great Lakes basin that water can flow through, before spilling into the actual lake where the St. Lawrence outflows. Looks to Smale Riverfront Park in Cincinnati, Ohio where a replica of the City's shoreline along the Ohio River provides a demonstration on how historic flooding has occurred in the city. Smale Riverfront Park also has great examples of fun seating like giant swings and loungers that would be a great addition to this area.
11/18/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	As long as there's public access to the water and a beach, I don't see any issue with Therme	
11/18/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	I love the idea of trying to make an innovative greenspace along the waterfront. One that is multi-purpose and able to integrate human interests (eg protection against flooding, wave action and storm surges; access to trails; physical activity) with habitat that can restore some of what has been lost in southern Ontario.	
11/17/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	Improve public and I emphasize improve. As much public space and less or no corporate space.	Beach Volleyball courts
11/17/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	I like the use of plants and natural features that will create habitat for animals and birds	
11/17/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	Lookouts and access to the water for recreation and swimming. Accessible during all seasons Continuous, wide multi-use paths throughout the zone	
11/17/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	Water access, more naturalized-looking shoreline.	Maintain significant and primary-priority water access on West Island. Including maintenance of all tree cover and naturalized areas.
11/17/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	Widened shoreline edge Prefer greener edge to stone lookouts. Access to swimming	Possibly picnic areas near swimming areas Ensure walking trails remain accessible and continuous throughout the site Ensure maintenance and integration of natural social environment on site (bird, animal habitat)
11/17/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	.hard and soft shoreline creates levels at the waterfront to accommodate different mobilities .expanded public walkways . as much public access as possible . attractive public walkways that link throughout the site, lessening the space taken by corporate tenants	. inclusion of wild space which humans cannot access, to provide protected environments for birds, animals and insects

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Question:		What features of the proposed design concepts interest you?	Do you have other ideas that you would like to see in this zone?
11/16/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	Create water access and maintain views to the water. Improve public spaces Maximize flood and storm protection. Create an ecologically sensitive shoreline. Concept B: Planted piers Planted, greener edge condition. Raised shoreline for flood protection. Stormwater management. Lookouts and access to water for swimming and other recreational uses. There needs to be a beach for swimming. There needs to be a lifeguard. There needs to be a drinking water fountain.	There needs to be a beach for swimming. There needs to be a lifeguard. There needs to be a drinking water fountain. The public realm Master Planning Team has been told to find ways to increase, not decrease, the parking available on Ontario Place. I demand a reduction of parking and hard landscaping. More trees must be planted here and throughout the site Renewable energy (solar / wind / hydro) must be used for power and lighting and transport.
11/16/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	Maintaining this land as a publicly accessible park should be the first priority, so I am opposed to the "vibrant commercial facilities" proposed for much of Ontario Place. What is the design vision for Ontario Place as a whole? Why are we being asked to comment only on this tiny patch of waterfront? Is there no overall vision?	There should be an emphasis on native species in this and in all the zones. Maintaining the area as publicly accessible parkland is my only desire for Ontario Place.
11/16/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	Option B - planted edges to soften the look of the waterfront. Armor stones are just plain ugly. Planted edges are also much better for storm water and flood management. There's no need for a continuous stone lookout/water access if there is a lot of boat traffic from the adjacent marina.	Walkway that is not concrete or asphalt. Softer/more permeable walking surfaces. Trees for natural shade and windbreaks. Plantings to break up the sameness of the shoreline and provide visual interest.
11/16/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	This area should be low-key - I like concept A.	
11/16/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge		Your initial slides spoke about a "bold" visioning for Ontario Place. While I actually think Ontario Place already is a landmark, exemplary public space which is enjoyed by thousands already, if you do feel the need to make changes I suggest you look to the next door Trillium Park which is a beautiful example of a perfect, passive, public park. There is no need to overprogram space. Citizens will find their own ways to activate space as they have already in Trillium with outdoor concerts, yoga, etc. I prefer to continue to see simple, passive parkland with water access for the public to have opportunities to enjoy not only hustle and bustle, but also peace, quiet, and escape.
11/15/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	Concept B looks a bit better. I would like to see a much green as possible. Capturing and creating natural green space where possible is a good goal. Not much parkland is going to be produced as we grow up and increase population density.	This may not be the best area for bird and wildlife habitat, but making it as welcoming to birds would be my priority. We need more 'natural', as much of Ontario Place will now be more commercial.
11/14/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	I prefer concept B in regards to green plantings along the shoreline and less access to users - in order to provide more natural environmental conditions and a more ecologically sustainable environs.	

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Question:		What features of the proposed design concepts interest you?	Do you have other ideas that you would like to see in this zone?
11/13/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	I like the fact that visitor accessibility to the waterfront via stone outcrops is being considered in both Concept A and B designs. However, the planted piers in Concept B provide a nicer balance and green transition to the shoreline, as well as a more diverse habitat for wildlife. Considering that the original Toronto shoreline likely consisted of marshes, reeds and grasses, Concept B seems to more closely replicate the original habitat of the area.	Seating, that ensures a view of the water, would be important. Seating does not need to consist of formal chairs, but could be integrated into the materials and natural contours of the boardwalk, stone outcrops or other areas of the shoreline.
11/13/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge		Transit must be improved to this area. What about recreational uses? Basketball courts, outdoor ice rink, markets, trails, seating, fire pits, wildlife habitats, picnic areas, public restrooms and water fountains, gardens, performance space, public art installations (permanent or temporary), exercise opportunities
11/12/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	Access to the water for swimming is very important. The expanded water's edge is great. Also including more plants is important. Making the water accessible all seasons.	The fire pits are a great feature currently. Keep or add more of those.
11/12/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	The access to the water for swimming is the most important feature to me. Making the shoreline more accessible for all seasons is great too.	Including plants along the edge and maybe more trees to provide shade.
11/12/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	I walk here about 3 times a week. I prefer the 2nd option. The first one looks "designed" and fake. The less it looks like we intervened with nature the better. I like the access to the water that would be a nice change.	
11/12/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	Je voudrais qu'Ontario Place reste un site public qui mettrait en valeur le bord de l'eau, c'est a dire un parc public qui serait ouvert toute l'annee. La partie parc proposee est beaucoup trop petite dans le projet actuel. Le projet de spa privatiserait ce lieu qui appartient a tous les Ontariens. Je vais souvent me promener par la-bas en velo en famille et nous aimerions continuer a profiter de cet espace. Il y a deja beaucoup de monde certaines fins de semaine. Merci d'agrandir plutot que de reduire la partie parc	
11/11/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	Ontario Place should not become a private operation. I was so sorry when the Forum was taken over. Ontario Place was such great spot before it was taken over. Please leave it alone. Very few residents will be able to afford the changes. It should be a park	
11/11/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	Would like to see expansion of the lookout and to provide greater water access for swimmers. Instead of stone steps that will become slippery and slimey, why is sand not an option being considered to make it more of a public beach area that is more accessible? Access all seasons is important too.	Seating areas, lighting and small container type food and beverage shops to encourage outdoor picnic/cafe type atmosphere. Also, is there an opportunity to install a skating rink so that there are winter activites as well?
11/10/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	Access to water, beach.	Plants, nature. Seperate walking and cyclists.

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Question:		What features of the proposed design concepts interest you?	Do you have other ideas that you would like to see in this zone?
11/10/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge		Keep it green, keep it public, keep it free. Invest in Ontario people - not Austrian billionaires.
11/10/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	Most of the study area should parks and marinas should be left undeveloped. There is too much concrete, steel and glass downtown. Ontario Place should be a free large park or conservation area for relaxation, major celebrations or protests.	Planting of many trees, shrubs and flowers. Replacement of the large parking tarmac with a 5 to 7- floor parking tower.
11/10/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge		Separated bike lanes with surface difference
11/9/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	concept B has planted features which would provide habitat and/or food source for more animals than concept A, so my preference is for concept B. both have lookout areas over the water.	
11/8/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge		
11/8/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	Access to water Concept A	
11/8/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	Mixture of hard and green edges, Concept B is preferable.	Make sure there is easy access to this area by foot or bicycle from the public park and all other areas on the site. Avoid having a dead end.
11/8/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	Access to water and naturalized elements. Retention of mature trees in this area!!	I would love to see natural wetland areas and mature trees preserved in this area of Ontario place! Native plants and natural landscaping. A combination of lawns for public use, and naturalized areas
11/8/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	I like the planted option, but in the samples I can see plants being trampled by People trying to sit on the rocks.	
11/7/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	I'd like to see a lot o green space planted with native plants. Reintroduction of nature to encourage the retune of wildlife. People need a place of quiet and peace.	
11/7/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	There are very few opportunities to get down to the water's edge in this waterfront area. The chance to stick your toes in the water! Keep that idea front of mind. This includes people with mobility issues.	Expand the width of the paths along the waterfront with consideration for people with mobility issues.
11/7/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	Concept B	

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Question:		What features of the proposed design concepts interest you?	Do you have other ideas that you would like to see in this zone?
11/7/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	Storm/flood management. Like the idea of returning plants to the lookout.	
11/7/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	I like Concept B, particularly if the plantings are native species. No only would this be visually nicer, but the softer look (less harsh angles) is more calming. The planted edges would also be beneficial to the wildlife in and beside the lake. For one thing, it would improve access for them—since they wouldn't have such a large open expanse to cross to get to natural cover. The stone tiers seem cold and uninviting. I also don't see how they would be a good place to sit and enjoy the lake since they would quickly get covered in goose poo.	
11/7/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	Hard and soft shoreline. I think it is vital that flood management be a priority while giving access to recreational craft. It is also important that we include wildlife attractors ie: butterfly and bee favourable plants while making the landscape attractive and manageable.	This initiative should be a tourist magnet. We want our visitors to explore and capture their experience of the waterfront.
11/7/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	I love concept a. A great public area for people to meet and enjoy the waterfront.	
11/7/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	I like concept A as it encourages more people to come and utilize the space. There are plenty of other trails in the area already similar to concept b.	Community fire pit, some covered shelters.
11/7/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	Planeted edges and making sure the citizens of Toronto have access to the water front. Where are the plans for the west islands?? That land should be a public park.	More greenspace and trees to help keep the shoreline from eroding. I recently visited and the park and greenery were so beautiful.
11/7/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	I'm interested in a balance between shoreline access and environmental considerations such as stormwater protection and shoreline protection from flooding. I'm also interested in what is meant conceptually by “shoreline access” as an Ontario citizen/member of the public, if I want to go swimming there can I do so for free or is there going to be some absorbent charge that will make it inaccessible to the average Ontarian? Finally, I'm concerned that the West Island doesn't seem to be included in these concept drawings. From what I understand West Island has become quite the wildlife sanctuary, and I want to ensure its preservation.	I understand the temptation to create big business here from an economic perspective, but as someone who has travelled to places that have very little public infrastructure and green space, I think we would be missing a real opportunity here if we completely privatized Ontario place. Why not explore the possibility of a blended approach? Again, I think there's also an opportunity for some wildlife preservation, especially on the west island. Why not set up a series of outdoor classrooms that school boards can book for free, or members of the public can utilize to engage in education and preservation activities? A bit of a throwback to Ontario north now and similar exhibit from when Ontario Place first opened, and a bit of a health and offsetting whatever privatization activities are planned, Which will inevitably create environmental challenges.
11/7/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	Concept B is most suitable for the area. It provides a great balance of nature and accessibility. We need more native plants planted for butterflies and habitats for shore birds.	I think nesting boxes for swallows and bats would be a great addition to this area. There is a lot of wildlife on Ontario place and this area could be treated as more if a natural area with education about the flora and fauna for the public.
11/6/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	The planted piers are more visually appealing and would provide much needed wildlife habitat. Hopefully the plants would all be native and would include milkweed and other pollinator friendly plants.	
11/6/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	I like concept B better. I think the shoreline should be kept as natural as possible, with native plants and a natural home for native animals, birds, insects and fish.	
11/6/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	naturalized shoreline, access to water,	
11/5/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	The naturalized shoreline	Concept A creates seating for people on the shoreline, but reduces the naturalized vegetation. Could the the south lawn be heavily planted with native plants for birds, bees and butterflies if Concept A is chosen, to provide seating for people.

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Question:		What features of the proposed design concepts interest you?	Do you have other ideas that you would like to see in this zone?
11/5/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	Natural looking features and habitat for wildlife are just as important as the human uses. They will also look better in the long run and be better for the environment especially if native plants species are used.	Indigenous plants used instead of imports for sustainability/maintenance of plantings. Such types of plantings also help wildlife. An education area can also be installed teaching folks about local plants and wildlife that would visit and use the area.
11/4/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	I prefer the more planted /naturalized look off concept B.	
11/3/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	I like aspects of both concepts. I think the stepped feature leading down into the water in concept 1 is interesting and I like that it provides lots of seating for viewing the water, but I really like the inclusion of more plantings in concept 2. If there was a way to combine them both that might be ideal.	I think there are other interesting treatments that could be considered in these concepts. A great example is the sea organ in Croatia that play sounds as the waves crash into it.
11/1/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	I prefer Concept B: planted piers. I'm interested in the greener edge, with more vegetation, that will offer more habitat for shorebirds and other wildlife. I like the more natural look of Concept B. I like that there will be access to water for swimming.	I would like to see some native shrubs and trees offering scattered spots of shade along the water's edge; such as aspen and cottonwoods.
10/29/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	Maximize and expand natural area footprints.	Build several beaches and make them blue flag monitored.
10/27/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	More water accessibility!!!	With more access to shoreline and the immediate water area, I would propose restrictions of small motor boats and seado like vessels, if not in number than for sure speed limits for swimmer safety and to reduce noise pollution.
10/27/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	Naturalizing the shoreline with features to enhance protection from erosion and storms is preferred. Access to the water in several locations is needed (for people, dogs, canoe/kayak/stand-up paddleboard launching and rentals, etc.).	Interpretive panels, etc. highlighting significance of Toronto's location on Lake Ontario for Indigenous people and settlers drawn to this unique waterfront setting AND the natural history of wildlife along the shores, including information about migratory and year-round resident bird populations. On Sunday, October 23/22 my Merlin Bird Sounds app identified ten different bird species on the Michael Hough lookout above the shoreline. This is after the main fall migration south. Celebrate and enhance awareness of Ontario Place as an urban nature centre. I was astonished how frequently planes were approaching Billy Bishop Airport from the west and drowning out all sounds of nature at Ontario Place. How can this be resolved? A lot of people in the Toronto area live with less access to nature and green spaces. Mental health is improved by spending time in parks. See article from The Guardian that supports this practice. Toronto needs more naturalized and green spaces year round: https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2022/oct/27/bird-birdsong-encounters-improve-mental-health-study

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10/27/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge		<p>October 27, 2022</p> <p>Thank you for asking..</p> <p>1. People need seating...ideally comfortable and at least two different styles, ie: Muskoka chairs > these are super comfortable and are fine for many people to use easily, but they're unsuitable for those who can't bend their legs past the approximately 60-degree angle. It's hard to sit down in and harder to get up out off.</p> <p>>1b. a second seating style that has a standard 90-degree seat.</p> <p>2. Some seating needs to also be in the shade.</p> <p>3. Installing water bottle refillable stations would be received very well.</p> <p>4. I don't know what this is called...There needs to be raised areas on pathways for the blind to walk safely, too.</p> <p>5. There needs to be landmark Information posts and these should include braille and a main Ontario Indigenous language - the most commonly spoken being Mohawk, if I'm not mistaken.</p> <p>6. Do you have an Indigenous Chief as part of your planning committee?</p> <p>7. There needs to be really effective night-time lighting - everywhere. The lighting on the bridge connected to the ice skating area is horrendous and dangerous. It's so dark!</p> <p>8. Emergency phone posts..connected to Ontario Place Security for example.</p> <p>9. I assume some new tenants will be food vendors. There must be HEALTHY FOOD options - not just fried, fattening oh so boring, greasy, low quality: hot dogs, burgers, pizza and fries.!!!!</p> <p>10. You have to do something about making the parking fees REASONABLE. Paying \$30 for an event is RIDICULOUS and takes advantage of people forced to pay it due to a lack of parking options within a reasonable walking distance!!!</p> <p>11. Wayfinding - not all wayfinding is designed equally. sometimes it's really poor. Please ensure your signs are well planned.</p> <p>12. This might already exist - will you have bike rentals on site?</p>
10/26/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	<p>I like the idea of making more of a hybrid option where there are stone terraces for seating, shoreline protection, and water viewing and access; but also adding some more plantings and if possible, plantings for shade. I think option B does not have enough stone seating and water access; but option A is too bleak and needs a bit more green and shade, but not as much as option B shows which is too much greening and not enough stone steps and seating.</p> <p>An inspiration is the Grotto in Tobermory (Bruce Peninsula). It would be amazing to create a version of the Grotto here at Ontario Place, where many people can sit, view and access water, and yet there's some privacy among so many people enjoying the natural beauty of the water; and yet there are some trees, shrubs and some greenery/shade.</p> <p>Overall, a hybrid of options A and B would be amazing and balance all the other goals for the shoreline and stormwater management.</p>	<p>It would nice to have some sort of focal point or attractive sculpture or distinct feature that could be lit at night (or have lighting on it that illuminates it) and also be used to greet and welcome boaters coming into the marina. It would need to be sturdy and take into account views from different vantage points...</p>

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10/26/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	<p>Swimming and recreation areas are crucial - but so is water quality. Also I'd like to understand how your proposals will limit use of the water under the bridge and in Ontario place. As a rower and coach, we often use the water (Because it's usually nice and flat) for training with our young athletes and I'm concerned the construction and proposed changes will narrow our already narrow rowable water.</p> <p>None of these concepts explain the plans for the WATER - they are all focused on the land. Swimming is also very important.</p> <p>We also need a protected and clean open water swim area on the Western waterfront - and the sewage there has been disgusting this summer. Are there plans to make a clean swim area at the lake?</p>	<p>A wide flat rowing channel for water activities under the bridge and into Ontario place (rowing). We don't have another good stretch of flat water on the lake - and can't host regattas (we need 2000m and the current big breakwall area is 500m). A big safe swim area on the Lake with shower/washroom facilities and a walk in to the water. A large, swimming pool for exercise and training (we need more 50m pools in Toronto! why aren't we building one in the parking lot???) MORE PARK SPACE -</p> <p>More space for children and families - all the currently proposed spaces appear to be for adults - Live Nation and Therme - both expensive and not family-friendly. Where are additional playgrounds? Where is the vision for giving children more space to play and enjoy the waterfront? What about seniors? If they want to swim, how will they get there? Will the swim areas be accessible?</p>
10/26/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	Some Rocks for sitting, yes, but also pebble beach for children to explore. The creation of beach for swimming and wading as the water quality and clarity on the west shore seems GOOD. It is cleaner there than along the west lakeshore shoreline and invites swimming or wading.	A swimming friendly beach where there is already a cove. It looks to be cleaner for swimming than the west lakeshore beaches. Access to water on hot summer days where the water quality is best is important. A swimming and wading area would be ideal. There is less green algae in the west cove than along the west lakeshore beaches. It is beautiful, clear water and should be accessible.
10/25/2022	Zone 1: Water's Edge	I like both the large stone terracing in the stone lookouts concept and the picture of the hard and soft shoreline. I feel that too many of the new shorelines in Toronto look like the storm water management shoreline picture and do not offer enough to the large number of visitors to this location.	I can't see the access to swimming, nor anywhere to change. If you are going to have swimming, more must be done to keep Seadoos and other motor boats away from the shore-- this is also necessary if water birds are to nest on/near the shore.
11/21/2022	Zone 2: Marina	A place for polluting boats to gather is not a good idea.	
11/20/2022	Zone 2: Marina		WE WANT A SKATEPARK
11/19/2022	Zone 2: Marina	Skatepark	Skatepark
11/18/2022	Zone 2: Marina	I would prefer to see this as a greener marina with more shade and the focus on maximizing public space. There was a comment made by one of the speakers in the recent virtual engagement session about indigenous art here - I haven't seen that mentioned elsewhere and they didn't have any other details, but that would be a strong preference.	It would be nice to have an affordable (not Therme) spot to have a coffee/bite to eat somewhere on the site - this seems like the most appropriate area. I would also potentially like to see a spot for individuals to store canoes and kayaks (like the system at the Harbourfront Centre).
11/18/2022	Zone 2: Marina	Concept A: Maximize public space and green space. Improve water quality and protect wildlife.	
11/18/2022	Zone 2: Marina	Restoration of historical structures	<p>Permit houseboats for community and security</p> <p>Diving/jumping area on pier</p>
11/18/2022	Zone 2: Marina	Skate parks	Skate park.
11/18/2022	Zone 2: Marina		A skatepark
11/18/2022	Zone 2: Marina	I don't care for the boardwalk water's edge experience, but I do overall prefer B because I think Ontario Place needs more restaurants, bars, refreshment stands and this is a central area for that. And I do think that the placemaking idea is a good one in this area.	I don't know why this area says "May be subject to modifications in future" under Opportunities. What does that mean? Will this not stay the marina area and will the buildings around it not stay put as well? The vague broad wording is confusing and alarming.

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11/18/2022	Zone 2: Marina	Option B but also like the “planting opportunities “ from option A	Shaded sitting areas for the summer months.
11/18/2022	Zone 2: Marina		I would like to see the park as naturalized and non-commercial as possible.
11/18/2022	Zone 2: Marina	Skate park	Skate park
11/18/2022	Zone 2: Marina		Please add a rollerskating path or area. There are not any skating areas with smooth surfaces in Toronto. This is such a popular sport now.
11/18/2022	Zone 2: Marina	Water accessible	Skatepark for the youth! A paddle board launch area would be great...Check out my polar vortex paddle at Ontario place here: https://youtu.be/ybwOsU8pzt4 Love the Muskoka chairs access too
11/18/2022	Zone 2: Marina	Improved water quality.	Less private areas restricted for just marina. Better mix of both accessible and marina use
11/18/2022	Zone 2: Marina	I like concept B more due to the accessibility for all ages actives however I do believe we should allow more pop up places and provide more comfortable/ private seating as shown on a first come first serve basis as shown in concept A	I believe a overlap of concept B and A would be ideal
11/18/2022	Zone 2: Marina		Consider Old architecture of Toronto in benches and lamp posts https://youtu.be/Js8y-04VkYg
11/18/2022	Zone 2: Marina	I like the wood board walk around the edge in concept B. I like the idea of small, locally owned commercial interests in this area allowing for a mix spontaneous/reservation decision-making on stopping for a drink, meal, or snack.	I am very concerned that this area will become extremely corporate driven rather than local-business owned and operated. Also, the reality of a marina is that it is a rarified "public" use space. Only boat owners will have access to that water space. Boat ownership excludes a high percentage of the population. What about boat rental here? Again, locally owned businesses. I do not believe this water area should be included in the free public access calculation unless there is genuinely public access available here at reasonable cost.
11/18/2022	Zone 2: Marina	Boat docking... boat canoe/kayak rental Cafe	Cool to have a small amphitheater
11/18/2022	Zone 2: Marina	active water use and food	maybe a few benches
11/18/2022	Zone 2: Marina		Skatepark
11/18/2022	Zone 2: Marina	Water activities!	
11/18/2022	Zone 2: Marina		Skateboard park!
11/18/2022	Zone 2: Marina	NA	NA
11/18/2022	Zone 2: Marina	Skatepark	Skatepark
11/18/2022	Zone 2: Marina		I think this is a dead end now? Tie it so public can walk a loop. Can public swim off the pier? Look at Centeen Park in Brockville.

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11/18/2022	Zone 2: Marina		All zones should be publicly accessible.
11/18/2022	Zone 2: Marina	Many of the shoreline features look great to me - terraced decks, opportunities for picnics, and shaded areas. I'm unclear on how access and use of the marina itself are intended to be operated. Are boat slips publicly available, private, or a combination of both? Understanding the operations of the marina is critical to understanding the best uses elsewhere in the space. I expect that a marina office would be essential to the operations of the area, regardless, and could be used to provide	I'd like to see terraced seating extend to other areas of this zone. The breakwater/pier seems to serve little purpose as a public space. I'd like to see seating or other useful features for passive activities that complement its use as an access point for boats.
11/18/2022	Zone 2: Marina		Since this is a more urban and human focused area of the site and unlikely to become naturalized the way the other areas can, why not use this as a place to showcase sustainability and innovation? A marina with no gasoline would be a huge innovation - electric or human powered vehicles only? Wind, solar and other forms of power generation for the park. Use of sustainable building materials and designs that use the natural site conditions to their advantage?
11/17/2022	Zone 2: Marina	Public land that myself , friends and family use all the time. We don't need a spa down there. There's a spa across the street at the Hotel. The only thing I like here is focus on maximizing public space. Be transparent when you say subject for modification in the future. What kind of modifications?	Less boat slips. More public space.
11/17/2022	Zone 2: Marina	Provide canopies for family gatherings such as picnics and bbqs. Access should not be controlled by any commercial interests in the zone; ie no exclusive use waterfront for any commercial activities Absolutely maximize public space with access being free Increase shade	
11/17/2022	Zone 2: Marina	Improving water quality, maximizing attractiveness and appeal of public space.	Avoid mass commercialization.
11/17/2022	Zone 2: Marina	Not much	Needs to be recognized that the marina itself is for the benefit of private interests such as boat owners and is restricted in public access. Using public funds to enhance this is just plain wrong. Docking and other fees for marina usage could be adjusted to finance this. The areas available for public use seem to be primarily concrete pathways circumnavigating the private use marina. The wooden boardwalk appears to be more for the benefit of the private interests. Would prefer to see more green areas Ensure that walking/running/cycling paths continue through this site consistent with the rest of Ontario Place. Possible use of the spit that includes sunken ships as enhanced green park land for public use for picnics, walking, etc. Ensure public consultation engaged for any possible future modifications
11/17/2022	Zone 2: Marina	. as much public accessibility as possible .private areas and walkways around marina kept to absolute minimum .spit of land to south of marina accessible to the public, not privately accessed by marina tenants . no enlargement of number of marina slips .lighthouse area and east walkways that encircle the marina to be public: dark brown indications on the map above suggest these are accessible only to marina tenants	

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11/16/2022	Zone 2: Marina	<p>Preserve heritage structures.</p> <p>Recreate marina buildings as open-air park canopies for picnics, barbeque and shade along the waterfront.</p> <p>Rebuild existing buildings, as necessary.</p> <p>Create a greener marina with more shade.</p> <p>Focus on maximizing public space.</p> <p>More washrooms.. Drinking fountain with clean water and a place to fill water bottles.</p> <p>I reject the Ontario Port idea</p>	<p>More washrooms.. Drinking fountain with clean water and a place to fill water bottles.</p> <p>More trees must be planted here and throughout the site</p> <p>Renewable energy (solar / wind / hydro) must be used for power and lighting and transport.</p>
11/16/2022	Zone 2: Marina	<p>Because so much of the parkland is being removed to make way for a spa on the west island, all the other areas will need to increase green space. If there is already a giant spa, why is additional "vibrant commercial activity" required?</p>	<p>Anything that can be done to green the space would be most welcome. More trees are needed. We do not need "vibrant commercial activity".</p>
11/16/2022	Zone 2: Marina	<p>Concept A is the more attractive option.</p>	<p>Widen the welcome bridge if possible, otherwise it's a bottleneck with all the people you are trying to bring in.</p>
11/16/2022	Zone 2: Marina	<p>The Marina is the key connection between the East and West Islands, and with the Cinesphere/pods. The Welcome Bridge needs a lot more focus - it is a key connection point. It should be fun and attractive, and also have a lot of capacity for circulation.</p> <p>The extended quay is also a fun feature and a key point that deserves a lot more attention. It's fun to walk to the end and be "in" the lake and look out over it.</p> <p>Would be great to have small food and drink vendors in fun, creative structures in this section</p> <p>The Marina is the gateway to the West Island. The West Island is the continuation of the circumnavigation of Ontario Place.</p>	<p>How about a lookout point at the end of the Quay?</p> <p>You might need to widen the bridge. How about a boardwalk along the marina side, with lookouts for people to look at the boats and the harbour? And definitely add some fun, creative structural elements to make this a distinctive space.</p>
11/16/2022	Zone 2: Marina	<p>I much prefer concept A: Park Marina. As I stated earlier, I do believe Ontario Place already is quite vibrant, and there is a very busy boat rental company on site which is even often booked up on weekends, and there are already GORGEOUS flower beds always planted beautifully. Additional greenspace and shade in this area is welcome, as long as it is focused on public access, picnic spots, etc. Again I see no need to over-commercialize or overactivate what is already a beautiful space.</p>	
11/15/2022	Zone 2: Marina	<p>Concept A is more low key. We don't need intense commercial development here.</p>	<p>I'd like to see more plantings, a more green and relaxed environment. A visit to Ontario Place can be a chance to touch base with the lake, cool breezes, and have a quiet day. Even if sharing it with others, it should be park like, relatively undeveloped. And wildlife friendly, with many trees.</p>
11/14/2022	Zone 2: Marina	<p>I prefer the "greener marina with more shade" idea in option A. Also I prefer native tree plantings to contribute to a more natural environment providing better habitat for bird and other species.</p>	

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11/13/2022	Zone 2: Marina	Concept A includes a new waterway connection. This seems preferable if it allows better circulation of the water to reduce the ongoing problem of water stagnation. This is not evident in Concept B. Active water uses (e.g., rental kayaking and canoeing), featured in Concept B, sound like a great idea to encourage non-boat owners to be able to come and enjoy the waterfront. This should be made available in Concept A as well (not specifically described there). It looks like the Marina Office and Amenities for boaters would be turned into a Culture Hub (not sure what this is), so it is not clear what services would support the boaters. This may be a drawback for boaters wanting to use the location. In these design concepts it is not clear whether priority of services/activities is for boat owners or for non-boating visitors to the site.	It would be good to see more discussion of wildlife and water quality protection as a result of marina and boat activities.
11/13/2022	Zone 2: Marina		Canoe and kayak rentals Sup rentals
11/12/2022	Zone 2: Marina	Open air pavilion whether that's incorporating existing buildings or building more. More seating is great with the terraced look. Some commercial shops would be nice, maybe a variety store and cafe. But not too commercially dense. Water access for kayak or canoes is nice. I like the idea of a cultural hub too.	Keep washroom access.
11/12/2022	Zone 2: Marina	Please preserve the views of the cinesphere as you cross the bridge. Get rid of the marina completely. Rent kayaks and other watercraft. Allow daily docking for other private watercraft but no overnight and have food and bev options. Love the idea of shaded open areas.. yes please.	
11/11/2022	Zone 2: Marina	More green space that is open to the public through cycling and walking must be developed. Supplanting of hardscaping and concrete spaces with increased tree canopy and green space is desperately needed in the downtown core.	
11/11/2022	Zone 2: Marina	Marina food and beverage sites; need to ensure it is located in the center to connext the west and east side of Ontario Place. Activer water uses needs to remain available to the public where it is affordable.	The west side of the marina also needs food and beverage spaces to be economically viable leveraging clients from Budweiser Stage. The connection from west side of Ontario Place to the East needs to ensure that the centre is an attraction with access to food&beverage and other public enjoyment spaces as well. There should be a children's play area located centrally too. Bring back the splash pad or playground for families.
11/11/2022	Zone 2: Marina	The Go Train is a fabulous way to access the island - we do NOT need more parking - we need more frequent GO train access on holidays and weekends. We may even need a "TTC" mobile bus for those with walking impairments.	We need to maintain/expand existing walking and bike trails. We should NOT increase car access and should not increase parking. Exhibition Place has hundreds if not thousands of existing parking spaces - above ground and underground. They are revenue generating. We don't need more parking.
11/10/2022	Zone 2: Marina	Public park, trees, natural seating areas, not commercial. Toronto needs more green space, not commercial.	Kayaking and canoeing options.

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11/10/2022	Zone 2: Marina		Keep it green, keep it public, keep it free. Invest in Ontario people. Giving it to privately held corporations will be a huge mistake that will haunt us for generations.
11/10/2022	Zone 2: Marina	I like the idea of the open air canopies. I am leary of the commercial activity, because generally this means overpriced food of poor quality or other merchandise that just becomes landfill. One of the things that is lovely about Toronto Island is how many people bring their own food over and have barbecues and picnics. Keep it simple, keep it green.	
11/10/2022	Zone 2: Marina	Design looks good. Rentable boats should be an offering.	
11/10/2022	Zone 2: Marina		proper public consultation!
11/10/2022	Zone 2: Marina	The wooden deck in the marina. Active water uses Greening with more shade I'm opposed to expanding the berths in the marina (as a former lake sailor) public access and marinas are incompatible. I realize there probably needs to be some food and beverage establishments but very few, the public plaza surrounded by fast food and drinking establishments would cheapen the entire concept.	A Ferris wheel 😊 😊
11/10/2022	Zone 2: Marina		In the 70s, this zone hosted many busters including performers and characturists. As a child this was a big draw
11/8/2022	Zone 2: Marina	Improvements to public spcae	
11/8/2022	Zone 2: Marina	Waterfront focus.	Publicly owned and operated park and entertainment space. I miss how Ontario place used to be and to think of such a great spot of public space being used for a private spa is not what the city needs. Toronto is in desperate need of high quality publicly accessible spaces.
11/8/2022	Zone 2: Marina	Food and beverage, all year	
11/8/2022	Zone 2: Marina	Concept B would provide more opportunities for non boaters to enjoy the area.	
11/8/2022	Zone 2: Marina	Park concept appeals to me as there is very little green space in this area. Trees and other foliage would have a cooling effect and would attract people to hang out in this area instead of just passing through.	Shade is needed in this area in the form of trees and pavilions. Make it welcoming to the public and not just marina users.
11/8/2022	Zone 2: Marina	I like option 2, the port. I think it should be prioritized for public access, water rentals, tours. Having a restaurant over looking the marina and lake would be nice. Public water fountains should be included	
11/7/2022	Zone 2: Marina	What is happening with the water portion North of the Welcome Bridge? Make sure there is access to the water by self-propelled watercraft.	Cafe and food places with lots of seating to watch life near the water go by.
11/7/2022	Zone 2: Marina	Concept B	
11/7/2022	Zone 2: Marina	Greener and shadier pier would be great. It's a long walk to get out there, picnic and other seating would be great to see for use.	

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11/7/2022	Zone 2: Marina	The cultural hub especially as well as shaded areas. It is vital that water management ie: flood control be addressed. Also, small watercraft has been accessible in more shallow areas of the shoreline. This would encourage a variety of users to this area.	Mixed uses of food vendors should be considered while ensuring that this area does not. become a receptcle for food and related waste.
11/7/2022	Zone 2: Marina	I love the idea of having food vendors and public spaces for people to gather	
11/7/2022	Zone 2: Marina	Concept B really showcases our waterfront much better. Concept a exists already in many places but there are no good areas where you can eat and play in the city like the proposed concept B.	Water taxi to island or ferry terminal.
11/7/2022	Zone 2: Marina	The board walk section. I want to see the plans for the West Islands, that land should be subject to the environmental assessment and given over to public use.	Lots of garbage cans should be around because where there is commerce there is litter and it would be a shame to see the area get dirty. . Also, i heard rumors of increasing parking at Ontario place?? How can you do that while also keeping our shrinking green space? We don't need more parking we need more PARKS. Why not more bike lanes for ppl to access Ontario place.
11/7/2022	Zone 2: Marina	Concept it would be my strong preference, due to its increased green space and public space.	
11/7/2022	Zone 2: Marina	Concept A looks like the best option. Public dpace could be maximised in this area. There is too many aging concrete buildings.	This area is really important for nesting swallows. If any disruption to the buildings are made please consider adding nesting boxes and more trees for roosting. Buildings should be greener with opportunities to add green roofs. This is a good opportunity to showcase the future of buildings by using solar panels and educting the public. Please limit the amount of glass to avoid bird collisions. A cafe in this area would work well.
11/6/2022	Zone 2: Marina	The park concept (concept A) is much more appealing. We do not need commercial activity on the shoreline. We need as much greenspace and habitat for wildlife as possible.	
11/6/2022	Zone 2: Marina	I like concept A better. In particular, I think it should emphasize Create a greener marina with more shade. Focus on maximizing public space.	
11/5/2022	Zone 2: Marina	The maximization of public space	Reduce commercial space and keep this entire area accessible to the public. Ontario Place has become an important natural area for migratory birds and the increase in commercial space will compromise that and cut off wildlife viewing areas from the public.
11/5/2022	Zone 2: Marina	More vegetation for bees, butterflies and birds.	
11/5/2022	Zone 2: Marina	More people friendly areas (shade and well organized toileting facilities) are always welcome in a highly commercialized area.	
11/4/2022	Zone 2: Marina	Concept A. More green space. We dont need more so called vibrant commercial activity as in Concept B.	
11/4/2022	Zone 2: Marina	Concept A water movement is an improvement	

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11/3/2022	Zone 2: Marina	I appreciate that the design is trying to balance private (marina, commercial uses) and public space. I appreciate the consideration of a boardwalk and shade structures. While I think it's important to maintain space that is free to access/no cost, the idea of a restaurant or cafe with seats on the boardwalk would be lovely.	Perhaps amongst the commercial uses one could be rentals - canoes, kayaks, paddle boards, etc. I own a canoe but haven't tried canoeing at Ontario Place - if I did, I would wonder where the best place is for putting non-motorized boats in. Will the marina area only be for those who pay moorage fees or would I be able to put my canoe in somewhere? Ideally it would be somewhere that I don't have to be as nervous abut interactions with motorized boats (of course they'd be going slow so that helps).
11/1/2022	Zone 2: Marina	I prefer concept A; the park marina; especially the emphasis on shade provided by trees, and the fact that public space is maximized.	
10/31/2022	Zone 2: Marina	In concept A there are some new water channels on the east and west side of the marina. These might be good for better water circulation maybe. Worth looking into. The one on the west side is exactly where my boat resides. So I hope it doesn't remove my dock. Maybe make it a tunnel and not an open channel with a small bridge. Also considering all the hydro and water has to go through there to get to all the boats out on the break wall. I also might be concerned where the Marina showers and amenities will go. We still need fuel dock and pump out station as well. It looks like they are there in Concept B but no mention of that is in the drawings.	The south marina is notoriously known around the lake as the roughest water of any marina. Special lines are required to secure the boats. Somedays you can't even sit on a 40ft boat in certain conditions. This would be the perfect opportunity to do a proper assessment of the waves and correct the problem causing these conditions. I believe it needs a additional break wall extending north -south on the east side of the current fuel dock. extending out past the sunken ship.
10/31/2022	Zone 2: Marina	I like the marina food and beverage idea. There is nothing really close and it can be a hassle when at the marina.	
10/31/2022	Zone 2: Marina	Would the new waterway access have clearance to allow most boats to go through? What would be the depth connecting it all?	<p>I believe you should leave open or create a number of commercial areas for private businesses to rent. Small ones as seasonal mostly, in a pop up style similar to stackt market. This in itself would allow private busineses spend money to help attract and service more people at the waterfront without causing burden to existing operations and add an income stream to ontario place to keep everything running and up to date.</p> <p>I also believe you should add a pool, considering the number of people around and staff available. It would be a huge value add to attract more to the waterfront and a reason to stay vs just walk through. Most marinas in every part of the world have pools alongside amenities</p>
10/29/2022	Zone 2: Marina	Around the marina area, commercial opportunities would enhance the space -- waterfront indoor/outdoor restaurants are sorely lacking in Toronto and would add vibrancy and draw people to the area. The restaurants should be of a variety of categories, not just fast food or pub quality.	
10/29/2022	Zone 2: Marina	Remove the marina from Ontario plans and expand natural green spaces and shorelines. The marina is full of fuel leaks and diesel exhaust.	Remove the marina entirely and rebuild the shoreline to a more naturalized park space.
10/27/2022	Zone 2: Marina	With all the development planned and committed to already (Therme, Live Nation), I think the priority for the public realm lands should be open, accessible and as natural as possible. I much prefer concept A over the more commercialized concept B.	Why not think about reforming this into an access point for electric only? Eliminate the gas fueled boats and remove a major source of potential contamination to Lake Ontario. Or go a step further and reframe the whole marina experience and develop the concept around non-motorized watercraft? Revamping the marina with sustainability in mind could make for a unique experience.
10/27/2022	Zone 2: Marina	Definitely improving the water quality and cleanliness. There's an area to the east of this section that's called the fish hatchery or something. It's like a hidden corner where Mallard ducks were resting last Sun. Oct. 23 but the water was full of litter (plastic bottles, etc.). Any new facilities should be leaders in 'greening' Ontario Place. Ban plastics and non-reusable containers. Solar panels and wind turbines and other cutting-edge generators of energy should be used to power Ontario Place. Environmental leadership is mandatory.	Hydroponic greenhouses producing veggies for any food service operators (year round?). Partner with the YMCA or The Stop to generate job-training opportunities in the food services. Don't let chains or fast-food companies unless they commit to zero waste and reusable food containers, etc. No power boats. Limit jet skiis.

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		Marinas tend to be sewage dumping stations for sailors. How will this be addressed in a clean and green way?	
10/26/2022	Zone 2: Marina	<p>A hybrid option would be best again that allows for lots of seating with shade for picnics; as well as a thriving restaurant(s) with shaded outdoor patios for marina members as well as the public. Lots of public space for activities that used to be provided like the large human-sized chess board, and the outdoor table tennis tables. A small playground would good for kids to be occupied, like a climbing feature (such as next door to the fire station on Ward's Island - there's a climbing dome, and an outdoor table tennis table.</p> <p>There needs to be consistency with the restaurant so that people can rely on it being there, and so it can thrive.</p> <p>Key is transportation and there needs to be a bike rental system with hubs so that people can take various types of bikes (like on Toronto Islands with quadricycles, or two seaters (side by side), etc.) from the entrances and parking area to this part of Ontario Place, and a rickshaw service.</p>	<p>A more attractive looking bridge would make Ontario Place seem more iconic. It's a desolate bridge with smelly water right now.</p> <p>Also overall, there needs to be better wayfinding in Ontario Place as things are spread out and it's not clear where to find amenities.</p>
10/26/2022	Zone 2: Marina	I'd be glad to have boat traffic directed outside of the breakwall and the water under Ontario Place which I currently use for coaching young people in rowing.	<p>I'm concerned though about new boat traffic (canoes, kayaks, jetskis) rented by people who don't know the traffic patterns or aren't strong navigators of the water.</p> <p>I also don't see on the plan where the proposed swimming areas are - they will need to be protected from the boat traffic/marina and the gas and other outputs of the marina.</p>
10/26/2022	Zone 2: Marina	The picnic areas are a good idea. Walking routes through the marina for visitors exploring the site from end to end are ideal. Are there areas for kayak rentals and for easy parking of visiting kayaks? This is a increasingly popular activity in Toronto and should be encouraged.	Walking routes through this area to give route options from East end-West end are ideal. Also, easy parking areas for visiting kayaks or kayak/paddleboard rental opportunities are a must.
10/25/2022	Zone 2: Marina	Food and beverage opportunities. Having a dining spot	Fish and chips shop, local cafes and restaurants with patios on the water
10/25/2022	Zone 2: Marina	<p></p> <p>In regards to this specific question, I prefer a cultural hub.</p>	No.
11/21/2022	Zone 3: Brigantine Cove		A skatepark

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11/18/2022	Zone 3: Brigantine Cove		I'm very conflicted about this area. I am strongly in favour of green space and the wetland suggestion. However as somewhere that has a legacy of providing free or extremely affordable areas of kids to play - that would be a potential suggestion too. Because the West Island is being privatized and we're losing a huge chunk of public greenspace, it's hard to sacrifice one idea over the other here. Who would be responsible for maintenance or something like boardwalks? Wetland area? I don't feel as though there has been sufficient detail here to convince me these areas would be maintained over the long term.
11/18/2022	Zone 3: Brigantine Cove	Concept B: Wetland and Nature would serve to improve water quality and control flooding.	Can incorporate educational activities on the role of wetland plays to protect the environment.
11/18/2022	Zone 3: Brigantine Cove	Wetlands!!!	Swamp, frogs
11/18/2022	Zone 3: Brigantine Cove	Wetlands!!!	Wetlands
11/18/2022	Zone 3: Brigantine Cove	Skatepark	Skatepark
11/18/2022	Zone 3: Brigantine Cove	The first option is quite confusing - what is the original Hough edge boundary, e.g.? But even though these items aren't listed, in the image itself the McMillan tree house and the playground sound good. They look very small and I think they should be much larger - it would be great if Ontario Place had more attractions specifically for kids.	
11/18/2022	Zone 3: Brigantine Cove		Skatepark
11/18/2022	Zone 3: Brigantine Cove		Play area should take inspiration from Children's Village concepts.
11/18/2022	Zone 3: Brigantine Cove		A skatepark
11/18/2022	Zone 3: Brigantine Cove	I would like to see the reinstated Hough edge	

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11/18/2022	Zone 3: Brigantine Cove	Concept A: Events + Activities. Improved water circulation and quality.	Brigantine Cove is an ideal location for a electric cable operated wakeboarding park. Cable Wakeboarding Parks (Wake Parks) are a well established around the world, including 11 in Ontario. They are inexpensive to install (under \$100k) and inexpensive to operate (1 cable operator + 2 assistant personnel). Cable Wake Parks are 100% electrical and as such environmentally friendly. Cable Wakeboarding is an inexpensive, high "Youth" participation, family activity, enjoyed by ages 6 - 60. A Cable Wake Park would only require a section of Brigantine Cove and can compliment other water recreation activities such as Stand Up Paddleboarding (SUP) that benefit from a protected water area. A Cable Wake Park in Brigantine Cove would be the only one in the City of Toronto. Existing Wake Parks in Ontario operate in Mt Albert, Clinton, Hamilton, Sarnia, Sherkston's Beach, Orangeville, Barrie, Bala, Huntsville and Timmins. A Cable Wake Park in Brigantine Cove could also host wakeboarding events such as the Ontario Championship. Inclusion of Wakeboarding in Ontario Place's redevelopment would also fulfill Ontario's Pan Am Games legacy commitment to support wakeboarding, which was hosted by Ontario Place in 2015. Canada won the gold medal in wakeboarding at the 2015 Games at Ontario Place. Beyond the Pan Am Games legacy, there is also significant recent history with wakeboarding at Ontario Place. Ontario Place co-hosted the 2016 and 2017 World Wakeboard Championships (boat-pulled wake boarding) in conjunction with the CNE. Canadian wakeboarders achieved several world titles and podiums the World Championships. Wake Ontario (a division of provincially funded Water Ski & Wakeboard Ontario) would be very interested to partner or consult on a Cable Wake Park in Brigantine Cove.
11/18/2022	Zone 3: Brigantine Cove	Floating boardwalk for further access across the water.	
11/18/2022	Zone 3: Brigantine Cove	I believe concept B would be a perfect addition to this location	
11/18/2022	Zone 3: Brigantine Cove	Skate park	Skate park
11/18/2022	Zone 3: Brigantine Cove	My preference is definitely for Concept B although I wonder if the treehouse could be included in that conecpt.	Including this water space as part of the free public access area is misleading and suggests that there is much greater public area for use than there actually is.
11/18/2022	Zone 3: Brigantine Cove	I prefer concept B as wetlands are such important ecosystems that are under constant threat, so naturalizing this area would not only provide wildlife habitat and a beautiful space to enjoy nature in the city, but would also be more eco friendly than a large lawn that requires watering and mowing.	
11/18/2022	Zone 3: Brigantine Cove	A cool walking space	Nature retreat
11/18/2022	Zone 3: Brigantine Cove	The wetland!	
11/18/2022	Zone 3: Brigantine Cove	floating boardwalk	maybe a few informative pannels on wildlife and nature in the area

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11/18/2022	Zone 3: Brigantine Cove		Skatepark
11/18/2022	Zone 3: Brigantine Cove		Would love to see this opened up to the lake more as it is a stagnant marsh right now
11/18/2022	Zone 3: Brigantine Cove	Skatepark	Skateboard
11/18/2022	Zone 3: Brigantine Cove	Is that the original adventure playground on concept 1? If so, agree 100%! That was my absolute favourite place in the world when I was a kid. I am not exaggerating! I like the floating boardwalk and islands but I worry they will not be kept up due to under funding.	Is there an opportunity for skating here?
11/18/2022	Zone 3: Brigantine Cove		All zones should be publicly accessible.
11/18/2022	Zone 3: Brigantine Cove	I like the playground feature of Option A and the floating boardwalk of Option B. I think we can have both very easily along with much of the shoreline planting.	The playground should have opportunities for adventure and exploration - should complement the landscape while allowing kids to be daring. The playground could also commemorate the history of Toronto's shoreline - the glacial retreat from the St. Lawrence Valley and the former Admiralty Lake, Indigenous communities, Fort Rouillé, etc.
11/18/2022	Zone 3: Brigantine Cove	There is enough concrete in the city. Bring back nature! I love the wetland concept and the idea that we could bring back even a tiny bit of what Toronto and southern Ontario has lost through rampant and irresponsible development (yes that is a dig at Bill 23). Let's bring back habitat to the city so everyone can enjoy it.	
11/17/2022	Zone 3: Brigantine Cove	Increased tree canopy. Again, what do you mean could be subject to modifications in future? Be transparent.	As much free public space as possible.
11/17/2022	Zone 3: Brigantine Cove	I like concept b - wetlands and nature Wetlands are in very short supply and it's important for ecological reasons to reinstate them where possible Also helps with flood mitigation	
11/17/2022	Zone 3: Brigantine Cove	Naturalization, improved water quality.	Opportunities for ice skating and hockey.

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11/17/2022	Zone 3: Brigantine Cove	<p>Prefer concept B</p> <p>Like the concept of floating wetlands and floating boardwalk and enhanced natural environment</p> <p>Appreciate public washrooms. Always need more of these throughout all sites.</p> <p>Appreciate the idea of increasing the tree canopy, particularly since much of the tree canopy on the Theme site will likely disappear.</p>	<p>Enhance even further the natural environmental concepts. Perhaps make the whole area wetland.</p> <p>Build playground consistent with natural environment/wetlands</p> <p>Ensure that trails for walking, etc. continue through this area consistent with the entire Ontario Place</p> <p>Ensure public consultation for all possible future modifications</p> <p>Use this site in particular to significantly enhance the tree canopy to compensate for the loss of trees that will likely occur on the Theme site. Goal should be to ensure tree canopy remains overall at equal to or more than current tree canopy on Ontario Place.</p>
11/17/2022	Zone 3: Brigantine Cove	<p>. floating wetlands</p> <p>. floating boardwalks as at the brickworks</p> <p>. washrooms</p> <p>. meandering walkways that create more solitude for humans and animals</p> <p>.native plantings to create habitat for animals, birds and insects</p>	
11/16/2022	Zone 3: Brigantine Cove	<p>Concept B: Wetland + Nature</p> <p>Evolved Hough design, altering shape of Cove.</p> <p>Floating boardwalk system.</p> <p>Wetland creation.</p> <p>Focus on creating new opportunities for enhanced ecosystems and ecology.</p> <p>Improved water circulation and quality.</p> <p>I reject the "events and activity" area.</p> <p>More trees must be planted here and throughout the site.</p> <p>Renewable energy (solar / wind / hydro) must be used for power and lighting and transport.</p>	<p>We need water bird nesting platforms and swallow boxes.</p> <p>No grass that has pesticides or fertilizer should be allowed it pollutes the water.</p> <p>The proposals for the "mainland" - especially urban and active - are in total contradiction to this area - yet they are a stones throw away.</p> <p>More trees must be planted here and throughout the site.</p> <p>Biologists and ecologists should be hired to lead the project.</p> <p>Renewable energy (solar / wind / hydro) must be used for power and lighting and transport.</p> <p>Accessiblity and support for the elderly must be considered at every site.</p> <p>THere is no unified vision to the entire plan. Why?</p> <p>We just want green space.</p> <p>The public realm Master Planning Team has been told to find ways to increase, not decrease, the parking available on Ontario Place. I demand a reduction of parking and hard landscaping.</p> <p>More trees must be planted here and throughout the site.</p> <p>Renewable energy (solar / wind / hydro) must be used for power and lighting and transport.</p>
11/16/2022	Zone 3: Brigantine Cove	<p>Anything that can be done to create more parkland and attract wildlife to the area would be most welcome. The Brickworks is a fine example of a space that was successfully regreened. There should not be beaches or other human-centric activities in this area if the aim is to attract wildlife. This should also be extended to the West island where the proposed spa is going, but unfortunately we are not allowed to comment on that area.</p>	<p>Creating a natural habitat that is accessible to wildlife as much as humans.</p>

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11/16/2022	Zone 3: Brigantine Cove	Concept B - more wetlands, better water quality. Floating boardwalks more intriguing than stone/concrete walkways. Feel more secluded from the mainland.	
11/16/2022	Zone 3: Brigantine Cove	Definitely concept A. Ontario Place is a space for recreation, not a natural habitat. Make fun things for humans. Like the idea of creative play structures. The only good thing about B is the floating boardwalk. Could integrate that into A.	
11/16/2022	Zone 3: Brigantine Cove	I STRONGLY prefer option B, focusing on preserving the wetland and nature. The first concept is too focused on human activity which will be disturbing for wildlife. I prefer to see a passive boardwalk, perhaps with some signage about the species that live there and the benefits of wetlands. Again, I do not believe that every public and natural space needs to be "activated", some can be quiet and allow space for nature and wildlife to live peacefully.	I do not support a children's playground here, it will be too noisy and disturb wildlife. It will take away opportunities for people to see wildlife and birds if they are frightened by loud children playing.
11/15/2022	Zone 3: Brigantine Cove	Concept B, with it's wetland and nature focus is great. Really great! We need to add as much nature as possible to our shoreline and parks in general.	Do it in full cooperation with biologists and ecologists. Plan carefully for the wildlife as well as for the humans. If we share the space generously, we will get more wildlife! And think shorebirds- Toronto has little good habitat for them.
11/14/2022	Zone 3: Brigantine Cove	Love the wetlands	
11/14/2022	Zone 3: Brigantine Cove	I prefer option B with a focus on providing wetlands as such environment has significant environmental importance and such areas are essential to a healthy ecosystem. Due to development, wetlands have suffered greatly. Also I support the creation and enhancement of nature as a priority.	
11/13/2022	Zone 3: Brigantine Cove	Improved water circulation was stated as being important, but neither concept clearly demonstrates how that is being achieved. The idea of ecological improvement of wetlands sounds intriguing in Concept B, but it seems contradictory to have humans walking through the wetland zones on boardwalks that could disturb nesting birds and other animals. The idea of converting the present parking lot into a green space for events (Concept A) sounds like a great idea. It looks like the Concept A design is being tailored more for families and children, whereas Concept B shows a small playground as a token idea. Perhaps more clarity is needed as to the extent to which this would be designated a children's play area on the Ontario Place site, requiring more thought as to the amenity needs of children.	It would interesting to hear more about the specific waterfowl and wildlife Concept B is trying to support and what evidence is being used to design a more desirable environment for them. This could be part of the science programming.
11/13/2022	Zone 3: Brigantine Cove	Environmental protections Wetlands and places for wildlife Increase in green spaces	
11/12/2022	Zone 3: Brigantine Cove	I like the playground and having a washroom nearby. I really like the floating boardwalk and wetlands approach. The water is too stagnant and not appealing for access to it.	What is the MacMillan treehouse? If it is a climbing area that is a great idea. A play area that older kids could also use is important.

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11/12/2022	Zone 3: Brigantine Cove	The playground is a great addition. I like the ecological approach with the floating boardwalk. The water quality is poor so improved circulation is great but it still wouldn't be water I would want to access. Make it wetlands instead. Having a washroom near the playground is important too.	A fire pit in this area might be nice
11/12/2022	Zone 3: Brigantine Cove	Like option 2. We need MORE nature and less "event space" . There is PLENTY of event space in Toronto. We need more parks, more trees, more pathways. Event space is code for occasional crowds and nothing in between. Even a dog park is a better option because it would be used every day and is desperately needed.	
11/11/2022	Zone 3: Brigantine Cove	We need to maintain walking and bike trails along the water front. We need to ensure we don't negatively effect habitation for fish and fowl.	
11/10/2022	Zone 3: Brigantine Cove	Much prefer wetland and nature option	butterfly habitats, migrating bird habitats, indigenous species gardens. Wetland habitats.
11/10/2022	Zone 3: Brigantine Cove		Keep it green, keep it public, keep it free. Invest in Ontario people. Giving it to privately held corporations will be a huge mistake that will haunt us for generations.
11/10/2022	Zone 3: Brigantine Cove	Community gardens. Pickleball courts.	
11/10/2022	Zone 3: Brigantine Cove	Naturalization of the area i.e. more shade wetland, make it an oasis away from the adjacent hard surfaces. Floating wetlands?	Plant native plants label use as teaching tool for visitors.
11/10/2022	Zone 3: Brigantine Cove		More of an adventure style playground that is completely different from any thing else in the city - check out Berlin's playgrounds
11/8/2022	Zone 3: Brigantine Cove	Environmenally focused design and focus on the public.	
11/8/2022	Zone 3: Brigantine Cove	Wetland, floating boardwalk. Lawn	
11/8/2022	Zone 3: Brigantine Cove	Playground is a good idea.	Not sure what the value is to create a wetland. The whole site is landfill , an artificial construct. It makes more sense to have wetlands at areas fed by existing rivers like the Don and Humber...maybe a Grenadier pond connection to waterfront. Look to making connections and wetlands where buried streams could be reinstated.
11/8/2022	Zone 3: Brigantine Cove	I am in favour of wetlands/naturalized landscape with opportunities to interact with water and wildlife.	Boardwalk, birdwatching, trees, shade.
11/8/2022	Zone 3: Brigantine Cove	The wetland and nature appeals to me. My concern on both of these is how would the water circulation be improved. It's often smelly and pretty full of garbage. Being enclosed is a concern as I can see the garbage becoming an issue.	
11/7/2022	Zone 3: Brigantine Cove	A combination of all of the above would be great.	Have a concern about the quality of the water in this area. Need to open up on the east side for better water flow.
11/7/2022	Zone 3: Brigantine Cove	Concept A	

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11/7/2022	Zone 3: Brigantine Cove	Concept B (wetlands) is far superior! There are treehouses and play zones all over the city, but Toronto doesn't have enough wetlands. The kids can learn about ducks and dragonflies. This design would be so calming for the people walking through it. It would be beneficial for the wildlife in the area as well.	
11/7/2022	Zone 3: Brigantine Cove	Too busy for a true nature experience in B IMO.	
11/7/2022	Zone 3: Brigantine Cove	This is a much neglected area of the waterfront and could be a showcase of our park staffs talents. The wetlands are an important aspect of this area as we have many miratroys animals that come to our shores. Flood management is an important element of this also.	Native species of plants and trees should be a priority to ensure invasive and to encourage biodiversity.
11/7/2022	Zone 3: Brigantine Cove	Since the water seems to be more for a wetland concept B may be better here.	Perhaps a fishing pond.
11/7/2022	Zone 3: Brigantine Cove	Concept B: this is a great plan. I would love to see us use this land for a wetland / nature preserve. What a perfect opportunity to have a special nature reserve in the city that everyone can see and enjoy.	Board walks are great, maybe designated photo op areas?
11/7/2022	Zone 3: Brigantine Cove	In concept B, I love The increased opportunity for supporting ecosystems. We have such diversity especially aviary, in the area, it would be nice not to chase them away, and help create migratory paths.	Perhaps butterfly, bee and other pollinator friendly spaces? And an educational component for the public, and school groups. Would be great to have a multilingual and intercultural.
11/7/2022	Zone 3: Brigantine Cove	Concept B would be fantastic and an important addition to our nature depleted city. I would love this option and planet would too.	Places for water birds to nest.
11/6/2022	Zone 3: Brigantine Cove	The wetland appeals much more. We have destroyed most of the original wetlands in the GTA and we must seize any opportunity to create more. Lawns are ecologically a disaster. Please do not create a huge lawn. Of course we need more trees and trees should be part of concept B. I wonder if you only included trees in concept A to try to sway people towards that option.	
11/6/2022	Zone 3: Brigantine Cove	I very much prefer Concept B: Wetland + Nature. In particular, I think it should emphasize Wetland creation. Focus on creating new opportunities for enhanced ecosystems and ecology.	
11/5/2022	Zone 3: Brigantine Cove	The revitalization of wetlands	The privatization of most of Ontario Place is a direct attack on its ecology and wildlife. Anything that can be done to counter the negative impact of the Therme spa and other major commercial developments should be pursued.
11/5/2022	Zone 3: Brigantine Cove	Great focus on advanced ecosystems and ecology.	
11/5/2022	Zone 3: Brigantine Cove	I like the second option of returning the area to something more natural for people to experience and for wildlife to occupy as well.	

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11/4/2022	Zone 3: Brigantine Cove	Concept B. We dont need more event space. There is enough of that in the private commercial parts planned. We need parks.	
11/4/2022	Zone 3: Brigantine Cove	Very inviting to explore nature and water.	
11/3/2022	Zone 3: Brigantine Cove	I really like concept b. I feel like concept a is more of the same that you'll see throughout the rest of Ontario place/is similar to the waterfront zone. Without knowing about the specific habitat needs of the creatures who call Ontario Place home, I feel like concept b does a better job at creating a space for flora and fauna. I also feel like the example images have a peace and tranquility you don't see elsewhere in Ontario place. I really like the floating boardwalk and nooks.	Perhaps the only thing I see missing from the example images for Concept b is a bit of seating.
11/1/2022	Zone 3: Brigantine Cove	I prefer concept B: the emphasis on wetlands and nature. I like the floating boardwalk and floating wetlands, and the passive recreation nooks. I like that the water quality will be improved.	
10/27/2022	Zone 3: Brigantine Cove	Increased water circulation and access, historical restorations, tree house	
10/27/2022	Zone 3: Brigantine Cove	Water access. Increased tree canopy. New water's edge. I support all of the above. Try to establish a wetland area with bull rushes and other non-invasive plants. What is this supposed to mean: May be subject to modifications in the future. ?	Looks like a secure water feature for teaching canoeing, kayaking, etc. for kids and beginners. If this is visible from Lakeshore, enhance the water with floating public art installations and light sculptures, etc.
10/26/2022	Zone 3: Brigantine Cove	Water quality and management features are appealing as the water seems really stagnant and smelly in this area. Naturalizing and beautification, with passive recreation sounds appealing. I like the floating boardwalk, and the network of wetland features. A floating path through the wetlands would be meditative (healing Nature)... Greenery is a priority given how much land in this area would paved, e.g. parking lots, event space etc.	This is the first area of Ontario Place to be reached, so having a pit stop is key, such as having washrooms for families to use, and good wayfinding to direct people to the different areas and amenities in Ontario Place.

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		The naturalization would tie in well with the Trillium park, like a continuation of the passive recreation and Nature that revitalizes this area. Making it peaceful with quiet nooks for resting/relaxing, like a wetland version of the Music Garden (Yo Yo Ma music garden).	
10/26/2022	Zone 3: Brigantine Cove	More recreation space and access to cleaner water	I don't really understand what is proposed here - I see some paths and things but I don't quite understand the proposal. From the current use of the concert spaces I have real concerns about the safety of egress from the sites and wonder how this proposal alleviates that?
10/26/2022	Zone 3: Brigantine Cove	<p>The ideal of creating a healthy wetland with appropriate plant life is excellent. The floating boardwalks would be loved by children. It is a good use of this space to make is useful for migrating birds, aquatic life by changing the shoreline and adding native plants and to make the floating islands that could act as refuge for wildlife. Everything in this proposal looks great, as long as the floating islands are big enough to be useful for wildlife.</p> <p>Is this accessible for kayaks from the main lake? It would be a great idea to have kayak routes that lead from one water zone to another as well.</p> <p>On the Lakeshore Drive side, are there improvements to the bike path and is it well separated from the pedestrian sidewalk?</p>	It looks great, but is there a way to create kayak routes from one body of water to another to another within the park? Is Brigantine cove cut off or is it still part of a possible kayak route? Could any of the boardwalk be elevated to see interesting wetland plantings and wildlife from above?
10/25/2022	Zone 3: Brigantine Cove	<p>In regards to this question, I prefer the wetland.</p>	No
10/25/2022	Zone 3: Brigantine Cove	<p>Just make it better and more accessible than it is now.</p> <p>What does may be subject to modifications in the future mean?</p>	
11/21/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	The idea of sports fields is definitely an interest.	I think a new skatepark would be an excellent addition to this zone. The shape is ideal for the linear flow of traffic typical of a skatepark. Considering skateboarding and bmx are Olympic sports now, this could be an opportunity to provide exposure and accessible training to many more people. I think there is ample space for accommodate everything already suggested while being able to build one of the most illustrious outdoor skateparks in the GTA.
11/21/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland		A skatepark
11/19/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	Naturalized storm-water management looks beautiful	
11/19/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	Skatepark	
11/19/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	I like the urban and active space design concepts. Allows for my communal involvement in the area.	I would like to see a skatepark or skateable features in the plaza. Skateboarding brings communities together and provides much needed "active" public spaces.

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11/18/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland		Why is this area included in the maps that indicate "70% publicly accessible space"? The area on the right is a private parking lot - Please clarify this map so the public can be correctly informed.
11/18/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	It is misleading to include this large, paid parking area as publicly accessible land. More green space is required, not parking space. Resources spent on an expanded improved beach on the islands is more worthwhile than on artificial urban beaches facing a narrow canal near a parking lot. The Martin Goodman Trail is already connected in this area and there is no need to build another connection.	Build a stacked parking lot on one side to free up land for more green public space in this zone.
11/18/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	Skatepark would be a really good addition mainly because it would attract a high amount of tourism to the area from outside the gta to come ride the skatepark and it would add a creative space for kids/youth to come and have fun and skateboard.	
11/18/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	Public plazas	Skatepark please! Safe accesible skateparks save lives!
11/18/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland		I would love to see a skatepark built in this area to provide people of all ages to come and have a nice place to get outside and skateboard by the lake and get some exercise. Skateboarding is also just really cool and breathes life into whatever space it occupies.
11/18/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland		Incorporating a skateboard park or skateboard friendly obstacles as part of the green gateway.
11/18/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	Naturalized so stormwater management	One aspect of the diamond shmidt design that i actually like is the greenhouses. I think the parking lot would be a good place for some crystal palace winter garden type areas for use and gathering in winter (without the commercial experience of other indoor spaces eaton Center etc)
11/18/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland		Skatepark
11/18/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	Skatepark	Skatepark
11/18/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	Naturalized storm water management is a must.	Plenty of room for a decent bowl for skateboarding here. We should give that a chance. There's a lack of skateboarding parks downtown.
11/18/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	A skateboard park because Toronto lacks skateparks.	Add a skateboard park.
11/18/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland		A skateboard park!
11/18/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	I do not like the idea of an "urban beach". I don't think it's appealing to sit on sand between a parking lot and water that you can't swim in. How is it that the parking section is considered public space? It's currently \$35 to park there. Is it going to become free to park there? Are the gates that limit parking when there's no attendant going to come down? The parking situation is an important part of Ontario Place, but I don't see how this large part of the map is considered part of the "70%" of Ontario Place that's public.	What about kayak/boat rentals here? Or a skating rink in the winter? (Like the Bentway or Harbourfront)

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11/18/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland		A skatepark should be considered, there are precious few permanent ones in the city and they are great inclusive community engagement spaces.
11/18/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland		A skatepark
11/18/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland		Skatepark
11/18/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	Added walk ways	This is a good chance to build a nice skate park to keep people from damaging private property as they don't have other places to skate.
11/18/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	Concept b	Skatepark
11/18/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	More greenspace is essential. I've heard there will be more parking than there was previously. We don't need more parking, we need better transit route accessibility.	Get rid of most of that parking lot space, and use that space to include elements from both concepts A+B.
11/18/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	I don't like that it seems like the parking lots are part of the calculation of public access land for the site. If this is the case, it feels very deceptive, and I hope any percentage numbers describing public use won't include the parking lots. If that parking includes Therme and Live Nation access, than it should be considered separately, or the parking lot volume consideration should be divided between Therme, Live Nation, and public use based on the expected use of each stakeholder when describing how much of the seat is being used by each use case.	There's a lot of potential in both ideas. I'd say fill the gaps of whatever the cove is like. If the cove goes the event and activities way, this space should be green. If the cove is green and wetlands, this should be urban beach. I think the cove is better suited to green and wetlands, and this spot better suited to the urban beach - but the parking lot being so large and close makes this space less appetizing in general. Do not use the parking lots when calculating public space usage, it is dishonest and shows a lack of transparency in this process.
11/18/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	I love the idea of adding in more greenery and replacing some of the often unused parking space.	Mainland would be a perfect spot for a Skatepark. Please consider building one, as skateboarding and roller skating park opportunities are highly lacking in Toronto. Skateboarding is a very accessible sport for all demographics. It's a physically active sport that builds a strong and healthy community. We've seen the popularity of roller skating and skateboarding go up dramatically since the beginning of the pandemic, and the recent addition of skateboarding in the Olympics has made a positive difference.
11/18/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	Given that plans are to increase access by public transit I do not thing that parking should be part of the plan.	
11/18/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	Sports field and promenade	Skateboard park
11/18/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland		Skatepark
11/18/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland		I think a public skatepark would be a great fit for this zone.
11/18/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	The potential for a sizeable, concrete skateboard park. There needs to be better permanent, year-round and accessible skateboard infrastructure available in the city, specifically in the downtown area and the westside. There aren't enough facilities in the area to aid in helping skateboarders practice through all seasons. Other than that the green planted areas and creating more access to the water are attractive. As well as keeping the land public and not selling out for development.	I would like to re-emphasize the dire need for a sizeable concrete skateboard park in the downtown area. As an avid practitioner in the area, we don't have adequate facilities for people like myself who practice all year. The lack of year-round and available skateboard spaces is almost pitiful for a world class city and the largest in Canada. You look at any other major city in Canada and all of them have at least a 10,000+ sq/ft skatepark in their downtown core. It is time for Toronto to step up.
11/18/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	Passive recreation	I would love to see a skatepark on this land
11/18/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	I would like to see the parking put underground and the parking area naturalized and available to the public as increased green space. This is much needed in the area.	

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11/18/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	None , we need skateparks	Yes a skateparl
11/18/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	Skateboard park	Skateboard park
11/18/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	Please build a skatepark	
11/18/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	<p>What features of the proposed design concepts interest you?</p> <p>Zone 4; The Mainland</p> <p>A number of quick general points on the Design considerations: I would have appreciated a fuller, more focused discussion exploration of the “Expansive single vehicle parking and asphalt area” (my italics and addition) as a design issue – particularly as this area consists of some 1,600 individual vehicle parking spots and comprise the bulk of the zone. I appreciate that the Team did comment on the mainland vehicle parking. However, to “Allow for increased provision of parking to meet demands” as a project objective does not seem to me to be realistic or sustainable. A fourth potential solution for vehicle parking is to reduce and restrict vehicle parking demand. I am sure there are numerous proven strategies available in Transportation and City Planning departments. Additionally I would add that the Design considerations did not raise the problematic issue of the six lane major arterial road, Lake Shore Blvd West, that is immediately adjacent to the zone.</p> <p>Both of the above areas highlight for me a number of understated concepts in the Mainland Zone:</p> <p>1) it is foremost the place of first entry, first impression for the site;</p> <p>2) provides the opening vision or statement for Ontario Place</p> <p>3) provides the first sight line and impression for the site’s singular architecture and landscape design i.e. Cinesphere and Pods, individual Ontario Landscapes (Canadian Shield, Lake Ontario). I believe the original design would have incorporated or included all of these three points. I would hope the renewal process will build and renew that vision. Architectural and Landscaping practice tells me that a site/landscape entrance can make or break the personal and communal experience.</p> <p>4) Exhibition Place/Ontario Place: a serious disconnect still exists between these two sites. I see nothing in the design considerations or public realm planning that attempts to meaningfully resolve or integrate pedestrian, vehicle, cyclist movement between the two sites. Surely there are examples elsewhere where vision has triumphed over similar constraints. The City and Province should be thinking better smarter on this one.</p>	See above.
11/18/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	<p>Concept A: Urban and Active – the concept of an “Urban and Active” zone adjacent to the heavily trafficked Lake Shore Blvd. does not set well with me: i.e. ground-level vehicle pollution -- particularly weekends and rush hours during Gardiner Expressway closures, vehicle noise levels, high volume exiting and entering traffic for proposed tenanted sites, dedicated single vehicle pick up and drop off zones. If the City or province cannot see their way to eliminating lanes or slowing traffic dramatically via partial or full “Boulevard” design I am not sure there are other solutions. An Urban and Active or Active and Urban are misnomers given existing conditions. It will not be a Sugar Beach.</p> <p>Concept B: Green Gateway – Similar issues and constraints exist as in A above. Further, neither plan offers, or complements ease of integration with the Martin Goodman Trail/Waterfront Trail.</p> <p>Concept B could, however, allow for a “park” or landscape approach. I would suggest that minimal hardscape should include the outright removal of asphalt surfaces and replacement with gravels. This treatment is found throughout Ontario Provincial parks and exists on Lake Shore Blvd West opposite Sunny Side Pavilion.</p>	
11/18/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland		A skatepark for all action sports to use

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11/18/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	Sports fields	A skatepark would be a much needed addition and perfect pairing with the adjacent bike path
11/18/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	CONCEPT A: Urban and Active Active & Diverse experiences	<p>The Mainland adjacent to Brigantine Cove is an ideal location for a electric cable operated wakeboarding park. Cable Wakeboarding Parks (Wake Parks) are a well established around the world, including 11 in Ontario. They are inexpensive to install (under \$100k) and inexpensive to operate (1 cable operator + 2 assistant personnel). Cable Wake Parks are 100% electrical and as such environmentally friendly. Cable Wakeboarding is an inexpensive, high "Youth" participation, family activity, enjoyed by ages 6 - 60. A Cable Wake Park would only require a small "Start Dock" area of the Mainland Zone and along with a section of Brigantine Cove and can compliment other water recreation activities such as Stand Up Paddleboarding (SUP) that benefit from a protected water area. Likewise, it would also compliment an “urban beach” concept. Additionally, a Cable Wake Park on the Mainland of Brigantine Cove would be very complimentary with wakeboarding's sister sport of skateboarding (now a full Olympic sport), if a Skateboard Park is a consideration for this Zone. A Cable Wake Park on the Mainland of Brigantine Cove would be the only one in the City of Toronto. Existing Wake Parks in Ontario operate in Mt Albert, Clinton, Hamilton, Sarnia, Sherkston's Beach, Orangeville, Barrie, Bala, Huntsville and Timmins. A Cable Wake Park on the Mainland of Brigantine Cove could also host wakeboarding events such as the Ontario Championship. Inclusion of Wakeboarding in Ontario Place's redevelopment would also fulfill Ontario's Pan Am Games legacy commitment to support wakeboarding, which was hosted by Ontario Place in 2015. Canada won the gold medal in wakeboarding at the 2015 Games at Ontario Place. Beyond the Pan Am Games legacy, there is also significant recent history with wakeboarding at Ontario Place. Ontario Place co-hosted the 2016 and 2017 World Wakeboard Championships (boat-pulled wake boarding) in conjunction with the CNE. Canadian wakeboarders achieved several world titles and podiums the World Championships. Wake Ontario (a division of provincially funded Water Ski & Wakeboard Ontario) would be very interested to partner or consult on a Cable Wake Park in Brigantine Cove.</p>
11/18/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland		World class skateboard park
11/18/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland		perfect place for a skatepark. really.
11/18/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland		A skate park with concrete, wood or metal features, and specifically a half pipe and bowl. Also shaded or covered seating and accessible washrooms.
11/18/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland		A skate park with both lighting and shelter would be amazing
11/18/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	Everything about concept A sounds great!	I would like to see beach volleyball courts on the sports field

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11/18/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	<p>The overall design is nice and I think would add value to the public. However, I think having an area for the public to exercise, as well as a place for skateboarding would be great. Skateboarders don't need much, just smooth concrete like what's under ice rinks (Dundas and Bathurst ice rink for example during the summer) as well as a few concrete/granite ledges spaced out. This area could be approved for skateboarders to use, but also could be open to anyone to enjoy. Signs saying "designated skateboarding area, please be aware of the quick movements and use as your own risk." Similar to how certain areas all over the city have sites in the winter that say "stairs not maintained during winter, use at your own risk".</p> <p>Skateboarding is an extremely popular sport and is incredibly valuable to an individual's self esteem, social awareness, social engagement, and creative expression. Beyond that, the physical benefits of skateboarding promote a healthy lifestyle as it is a great cardio exercise and enables individuals to learn aspects of yoga/stretching.</p> <p>Having a skateboarding area can also contribute to the creative aspects of the space as there would be opportunities to incorporate various forms of physical art.</p>	<p>-outdoor exercise area</p> <p>-skatepark or skateboarding approved area with smooth concrete and spaced out obstacles</p>
11/18/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	I believe concept A would be exactly what that location would need especially the sports field and urban beach	A skateboard park would be an amazing addition along side the sports field
11/18/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	a skatepark!!!	a skatepark is needed in toronto!!!
11/18/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	Concept A similar to sugar beach but a better parking and drop off area with spots for street vendors like food trucks	A skatepark or at least good public facilities
11/18/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland		skatepark
11/18/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	There are aspects of both A & B that are good. Urban beaches are very popular in the city and well used but the visual aspects of wetland areas is deeply soothing for urban dwellers. Perhaps a mix?	<p>What's truly upsetting about this zone is that it would seem 90% is dedicated to parking. "World-class" cites are moving away from design that promotes car use. What about a conversation around better public transit so that the parking requirements here are drastically diminished and we could expand both Concepts A & B into space designated for parking.</p> <p>The fact that the parking lot is considered part of the "free public access" area is actually offensive. It is EXPENSIVE to own a car and EXPENSIVE to park: expensive for individuals as dollar cost out of pocket, as much as to climate cost.</p>
11/18/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland		Skatepark
11/18/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland		A skatepark would be an incredible use of this space!
11/18/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland		SKATEPARK AND BMX RAMPS PLEASE
11/18/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland		Skatepark!!
11/18/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	Sports and action oriented activities beach volleyball hammocks and skateboarding	Skateboarding

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11/18/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	planted plaza	skatepark or skate obstacles
11/18/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland		I would love to see a skatepark down here. The city has few skateparks an zero permanent skateparks in the downtown area. A large skatepark in this area would suit the space well and would benefit the city greatly as skateboarding popularity has increased greatly in the past years.
11/18/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	Urban planted plaza	SKATEBOARD PARK
11/18/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland		Skatepark
11/18/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland		Skatepark
11/18/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	Urban planted area. Should include skateboarding obstacles	Area for skateboarding
11/18/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	No parking. People can walk bike or take mass transit. Angus MacKay	
11/18/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland		Skatepark
11/18/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland		A skateboard Park would be great!
11/18/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	The plaza and sports area	A skatepark or obstacles that are multi purpose and able to skateboard
11/18/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	Concept a, urban environment plazas are cool with a blend of nature.	a skatepark would be sweet, or even a skate path with a few obstacles.
11/18/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	A skatepark	
11/18/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	Beach, Promenade, Sports Fields	A Skatepark would be very useful in this area as there is no safe places in the surrounding area that is made to be skated.
11/18/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	The planted plaza feature will be a great addition - the benches and ledges in this plaza should be designed to be used both by pedestrians who need to rest and by skateboarders and roller skaters who will use the park.	
11/18/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	Active and diverse experiences	A skateboard park / skateboard plaza
11/18/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland		This parking needs to be reclaimed by the city as the current prices are absurd
11/18/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland		I would love to see a skatepark in this area. One with trees and areas for shade. Water fountains to refill drinks and picnic tables. I come to Ontario place often and skateboard around the area already. It would be great to have a spot to gather/skate with friends and sit to enjoy the view.
11/18/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland		With the size and space, a water front skate park would be a great addition and can utilize/build apoon existing areas

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11/18/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	Love: greening it up naturalized storm water management Pick up drop off Hate: Parking! Seriously, why add more parking?	Add: Public transit!!!! Bathurst car should make loop around CNE grounds down to Ontario Place. Or Dufferin bus. It's ridiculous that OP is not accessible via TTC. Somewhere in OP there should be a children's play area like Dufferin Grove park (water hose, sand, some logs). Kids build rivers and dam them up for hours! They could hand pump the water from the lake.
11/18/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	I appreciate the efforts to create a gateway feature here and the urban beach seems like a good idea that should be complemented by public washrooms, seating, shaded areas (canopies, not just trees).	A discouraging lack of bike facilities and storage. This space and Ontario Place as a whole are very accessible by bike and there are no safe, secure, and weather-protected areas for bike storage amid a sea of car parking. Extensive bike share facilities are a must. Surface parking areas should use high-quality and permeable pavers to reduce stormwater runoff and include bioswales to collect rainwater and runoff. The parking lot at Evergreen Brickworks provides many desirable features in a parking lot. This appears to be a giant parking lot with no utility other than car storage. Solar panels/canopies should be used extensively here to produce renewable energy, provide weather protection, and reduce the impact of the urban heat island. As a general note, calling this parking space "publicly accessible" is disingenuous.
11/18/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland		All zones should be publicly accessible.
11/18/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland		I am absolutely tired of seeing parking take precedent over other things. I understand the need for some limited parking or drop off points for accessibility - but PLEASE make this a showcase for how we can get public transit and active transportation right. Linking into existing trails and transit is key. And where you are including parking, can you not include innovation to make it more palatable? Integration with greenspaces, use of solar and other renewables, green roof, etc. Will there be a separate consultation on the parking structure and integration with public transit?
11/17/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	Martin Goodman trail Connection. Less parking please. More soft landscape. People, can walk, bike or take the Go train. We are taking space away to accommodate parking? No thanks. Decrease parking. The land set aside for EcoRecreo business should be turned over to public realm.	Less parking.

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11/17/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	Concept B more green space, particularly walking trails Concept A sports fields Concept B natural storm water management	Parking lot should not need expanding. Instead use planned and enhanced existing public transport combined with walkways and bicycle trails. Another possibility is move the parking to Exhibition place, along with enhancing walkways to Ontario Place. Ensure public consultation on all possible future modifications. Widen walkways. There will likely be heavy pedestrian and bicycle traffic going through this are. Maintaining a theme of access to and support of natural environment on the mainland (eg Concept B) consistent with the hopefully fulsome wetlands and natural environment on the other public lands on Ontario Place
11/17/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	Green-ification, improving attractiveness of space (currently a paved wasteland that essentially creates a barrier that prevent people from even considering that Ontario place could be an attractive place.	Better cycling infrastructure (routes to Ontario place, better covered parking, etc)
11/17/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	I like that the proposed solutions involve a better use of this space than parking lots.	I think a hockey rink and skating trail should be considered for this site. The skating trail could easily be designed to be 1-3km depending on the design of the path. There could be beaver trail huts and firepits like the rideau canal in Ottawa. In my opinion, this seems like the perfect location to build something like this because the parking lots give a clean slate. The other proposals will not be well used during the winter months. A skating trail would be a lovely path in the summer months, just like the paths that exist in almost all public parks. I strongly believe it could become the most significant outdoor tourist destination in the city during the winter months. If the trail is very successful, it could possibly be expanded in the future to go through coronation park or the Exhibition grounds once those areas next require major improvements. Another advantage of this design is that the footprint of the trail itself is relatively small compared to the area of the site. Therefore, many of the other proposed ideas could still be done (and the trail would complement them nicely). The population of this area (liberty village, city place) has exploded in recent years to become a dense community. However, there is no place nearby to play hockey. The closest rink to Ontario Place (Trinity Belwoods) takes prohibitively long to get to (~45 minutes by walking or public transportation). All other rinks in the area are extremely popular and well loved by local families and children. The rinks are so popular that they've become overcrowded and risk becoming unsafe if additional rinks are not built in the near future. The rinks are also popular for pickleball, tennis, basketball, etc in the summer months.
11/17/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	. naturalized storm drainage . public promenade augments Martin Goodman trail . concept B . integration of mainland through increased green space . encourage visitors to use public transit to access OP rather than adding parking spaces. our city is overrun with cars. we have to find ways to reduce the number of car rides rather than adding more parking spaces	

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11/17/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland		Designated roller skating area that becomes ice skating in the winter. There is a true lack for skating space in Toronto and Ontario Place would be the perfect venue.
11/16/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	<p>Waters' edge promenade.</p> <p>ELIMINATE paving and increase surface permeability.</p> <p>Flood and storm protection, stormwater management.</p> <p>Martin Goodman trail connections.</p> <p>I REJECT A: Urban and Active = NO</p> <p>Concept B: Green gateway</p> <p>YES Focus on passive recreation uses and less active zones.</p> <p>More green character with extensive planting and minimal hardscape.</p> <p>YES _ Sheltered, enclosed public spaces. espeically for pick up, waiting and drop off.</p> <p>Extends 'park feel' onto mainland.</p> <p>Dedicated pick up and drop off area. ACCESSIBLE FOR SENIORS AND DISABLED</p> <p>PARKING SHOULD BE ELIMINATED - PARK IN THE CNE AND HAVE A SHUTTLE BUS (ELECTRIC)</p> <p>ELIMINATE surface parking.</p> <p>Protect for heritage views of Pods and Cinesphere from Lakeshore Blvd.</p> <p>Meet municipal policies for waterfront development.</p>	<p>The public realm Master Planning Team has been told to find ways to increase, not decrease, the parking available on Ontario Place. I demand a reduction of parking and hard landscaping.</p> <p>DO NOT Allow for increased provision of parking to meet demand.</p> <p>PARKING SHOULD BE ELIMINATED - PARK IN THE CNE AND HAVE A SHUTTLE BUS (ELECTRIC)</p> <p>INCREASE TREES and natural areas.</p> <p>Plant Evergreens as a natural wind-break along the waterfront for winter weather.</p> <p>DO NOT Allow for increased provision of parking to meet demand.</p>
11/16/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland		Plant more trees.
11/16/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	<p>Concept B - Green Gateway is softer, less linear - much more inviting.</p> <p>Get rid of as much parking lot and pavement as possible.</p>	Parking should be consolidated on the north side of Lake Shore Blvd. Add a parking garage there if necessary, with improved, wider pedestrian crossings.
11/16/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	<p>Definitely go with concept A. Again, Ontario Place is a recreational area, not a nature reserve. It highlights creative, fun structures for people to enjoy.</p> <p>- love the beach</p> <p>- love the semi-formal, creative plantings.</p>	<p>Make a better, more dominant connection with the Martin Goodman Trail. Many people will cycle to Ontario Place, given the limited parking and the distant transit connection. Invite people to cycle up to it. Provide a full, extensive, perhaps sheltered cycle parking facility.</p> <p>Make the walking connection from the Exhibition Place transit stops and Martin Goodman Trail the main type of access. Access from motor vehicles should be secondary.</p>

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		- love the idea of a creative structure as a gateway welcoming people	
11/16/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	<p>The notion that increased parking needs to be provided will only further entrench the reliance on automobiles, and by extension the perpetual separation from our waterfront attractions and public space. Considering the investment being put toward the Exhibition station as terminus of the Ontario Line near by, the focus should be on providing multi-modal access to these treasured public spaces.</p> <p>These should be places for Torontonians to access, and therefore should strive to mitigate the barriers that currently exist - ie. the multi lane high speed traffic on Lakeshore as well as the seas of parking which constitute Ontario Place.</p> <p>This is an opportunity to support climate resilience and sustainability - which is fundamentally at odds with continued deference to a car dominated lifestyle.</p>	We need to slow down traffic on Lakeshore.
11/16/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	I much prefer option B focused on passive greenspace. I do not believe we need more parking at Ontario Place, rather improving access by public transit, and creating a safe pedestrian walkway from Exhibition Station through the exhibition grounds to Ontario Place should be the focus.	
11/15/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	I like Concept B. The plantings by the wetland should be pollinator meadow and trees, not anything formal. Making a larger contiguous habitat.	As a cyclist, living in the area, finding a little natural oasis here would be great.
11/14/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	Urban beach	Rollerskate plaza / rink / area.
11/14/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	Rollerskating rink.	No
11/14/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland		<p>Why aren't there more public spaces in Toronto for roller skating? I would love to see some permanent indoor, year-round space set aside for quad, in-line blades and roller skaters of all ages. There's Scooters in Mississauga and an outdoor rink in Hamilton, but nothing else after Coachlite in Oshawa closed a few years ago.</p> <p>Roller skating is making a comeback, and it's a cheap, inclusive way for people of all ages to stay fit. It's something people can do as a family, and you would make your money back by charging people to use the space.</p> <p>Everyone always talks about ice rinks or basketball courts and those are great, but there is a small but growing segment of the population that wants and needs a safe year-round place to roller skate! Please consider that.</p>
11/14/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	The urban beach seems redundant given this park has surrounding water. I'm not sure we need a new sugar beach	

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11/14/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	I much prefer the Green Gateway Concept B - especially increasing green character with extensive planting and soft landscapes.	
11/14/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	Would love to see a skate park and a roller rink.	Would love an indoor space for a skate park roller rink that could be used all year long.
11/13/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	Roller skate rink that can double as an ice skate rink in the winter time.	Roller skate rink/ ice skate rink
11/13/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	The active and diverse recreation opportunities featured in Concept A sound like a great idea to draw young people to the site. Underground parking would be ideal to increase the green space on top (assuming this is not cost prohibitive and can be constructed effectively so close to the waterfront).	The recreation ideas featured in these concepts appear to focus on summer activities (i.e., beach, beach volleyball, kayaking). There is no discussion of winter and other seasonal activities that would draw people year round. It would be nice to see plans for winter skating trails (not square rinks), cross country skiing for kids, winter fire pits, etc. It should be a year-round destination for families.
11/13/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland		Space for roller skating, which is rising in popularity and engages more women and children than basketball or hockey that are already available all over the city!!
11/12/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	<p>I like the urban beach, beach volleyball/ play area and active promenade features. Include some of the passive recreation hammocks in the beach area too.</p> <p>Planting some trees for shade would be good too.</p> <p>Parking needs to be improved. An underground parking garage would be ideal to increase volume but keep views.</p>	<p>Access to PUBLIC TRANSIT!!!</p> <p>Improving parking is good but there needs to be an easy way for people to access it by public transit!!!</p> <p>There should be a bus loop like the pick up drop off area and have the ttc run a service to it like they used to.</p> <p>Making the parking a green P instead of the private company. So that the pricing is more affordable for everyone.</p>
11/12/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland		Some really smooth concrete like a rink, or trail or square for rollerskating, in-line skating etc.
11/12/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	Please protect the views of cinesphere...one of the very few cool views we have in that area. And put the parking underground and be done with it....there is no world where above ground parking lots are a good use of public space.	
11/11/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	I oppose increasing parking at Ontario Place. I recently learned that the public realm Master Planning Team has been told to find ways to increase, not decrease, the parking available on Ontario Place. Efforts must be made to improve access to Ontario Place through existing transit systems, cycling pathways, and walkways to allow families of all income levels to enjoy Ontario Place. Ontarians need more year-round park space and I demand a reduction in parking and hard landscaping to accommodate more parkland for visitors to and residents of downtown Toronto.	The plan demonstrates little care for maintaining the heritage values associated with Ontario Place, and privatization of the space without public consultation that would allow citizens' voices to be heard on heritage values, a coherent year-round welcoming and freely accessible public space, preserving, replacing, and improving tree canopy and biodiversity, connectivity with the City through cycling and pedestrian infrastructure, connectivity with the waterfront and Exhibition Place, and sustainability, resilience, and futureproofing.
11/11/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland		I am an avid basketball fan and other sports in general. But I find rollerskating to be more inclusive and there is a growing community in Toronto
11/11/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland		I object to expanding parking. I would like to see less parking and more green space. This is an excellent area for parkland which is much needed in the area around Ontario Place.
11/11/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland		Remove the parking - this is prime real estate. Bury the parking underground or inside the Ex grounds. Why waste prime waterfront with an ugly visible parking lot?

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11/11/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	<p>Concept A all the way. We need more urban and active space.</p> <p>Growing up in the neighborhood and now raising my own family here, it's a shame to see what once was Ontario Place to what it is now. We need the active spaces since the Parkdale and Liberty Village communities and now Fort York continue to become more dense. There is a lack of active urban space that is contemplated in concept A that makes the waterfront attractive and more user friendly. I always say it's a shame that the west end waterfront is not developed to it's fullest potential. We as residents in Parkdale/Liberty Village want and need this type of space on the west/centre of Ontario Place. It will make it more of a world class attraction.</p> <p>Concept B = bad! The passive green areas will not be used as much as the urban space. It will just perpetuate what have happened over the last 2 decades, limited attraction for greater number of people to use the space.</p>	<p>Would like to ensure space for free public use on the west to centre of Ontario Place. The East side of Ontario place has benefited from Trillium park and other investments, please don't forget about us on the west side!</p>
11/11/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	<p>We do NOT need expanded parking. We have more than enough capacity with public transit access - GO Train station and the existing parking at Exhibition Place.</p> <p>I do support the drop off and pick up</p> <p>I live in Scarborough and have taking the GO train from Scarborough Station to Exhibition Place often. It is quick, effortless, reliable, clean, safe, and avoids all the headaches of driving through Toronto at peak times.</p> <p>I have gone for walks with friends at Ontario Place and been home and back in less than 25 minutes each way - often within the 3 hour time frame for the Go Train fee.</p> <p>Think of the parks and picnic areas we could have if you removed even the existing parking. It is a blight on the whole of Ontario Place. Don't pave over more green space - get rid of the damaged asphalt and put more PARK.</p>	
11/10/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	<p>Green gateway sounds great! Toronto needs more nature for residents to enjoy.</p>	<p>Why prioritize parking when TTC and GO are so close? Make this a car free zone. Park north of Lakeshore or take TTC/GO.</p> <p>Talking about surface, or underground parking is thinking from the 1950s.</p>
11/10/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	<p>underground parking to make more space for public gathering seems like the best idea. I like the green gateway. Maximize green space and undefined usage.</p>	<p>keep the space and all activities within it free or as close to as possible. Return the waterpark - free. increase walking access routes, add TTC access.</p>
11/10/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland		<p>Reduce parking. It's 2022 - you don't waste prime real estate for parking lots. Bury the parking inside the EX. Building an urban beach inside the canal is not clean swimming.</p> <p>That urban beach location will face the Live Nation stage and frankly that is a crap view compared to the lake view.</p>

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11/10/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	I am totally opposed to increasing the number of parking spaces in the park. Doesnt this go against a trend toward fewer spaces to encourage use of public transportation? Isnt there a plan to improve transit links. The Ontario line terminus is right here is it not? Why on earth would this even be considered?	
11/10/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	Reduce tarmac parking with a new parking tower and pickleball courts.	
11/10/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	I'm totally in favour of concept "B" , especially the promenade and the minimal hardscape.	Since we are currently in the process of building a subway extension to Ontario Place I would prefer to see a reduction in parking in this area. Move parking into the exhibition grounds and beautify the Lakeshore.
11/10/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland		I'd like to see solar panels installed in any parking area - see France's new law: https://www.archpaper.com/2022/11/new-french-law-requires-large-parking-lots-blanketed-solar-arrays/
11/10/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	Increasing parking at Ontario Place is nonsensical. Improve accessibility by enhancing transit and other means of travel.	
11/9/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	naturalized stormwater management is preferred but otherwise prefer the more active space of concept B to bring more public activity in the section that is closest to the rest of the city.	washrooms nearby would be needed
11/8/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	Sotmwater management	The elimination of all on site park to improve the area. So much wasted space. No need for it with thr introduction of the Ontario Line Subway station.
11/8/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	Extends 'park feel' onto mainland, more green character and trees.	
11/8/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	I like the greener Concept B.	Bike parking.
11/8/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	I prefer the urban beach and hard scaping concept for this area. It makes sense given it's location and current character	shade and accessibility should be a priority. Food vendors would fit in well.
11/8/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	The urban and active helps with a vibrant welcome. If a little of the storm water management ideas could be included it's the best bits. As for parking, it's generally chaos, especially for events and heading west on exit. Some accessible parking would be ideal. Maybe shuttles to the Go station/ expanded ttc to encourage transit use (until Ontario line gets built)	
11/7/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	Hide the parking with trees etc.	Create some sort of land bridge over Lakeshore Blvd. to better integrate the two sites (Exhibition Place and Ontario Place).
11/7/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	Concept A	
11/7/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	The promenade and green space improvement. This should be a comfortable walking area for all.	This is probably the one most important area of the project. This is the first thing that people see and should be a tourist magnet.
11/7/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	Concept A having an active area where people could meet and play.	Perhaps some turf fields.

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11/7/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	CONCEPT B ALL THE WAAAY!! Naturalized stormwater management is a great idea. I love me a planted plaza.	Maybe we can switch the passive recreational area in concept B for an urban beach from plan A? Ppl of the city deserve a fun beach! I would hate to see parking increase as it will increase congestion in the area...instead would be great to see more public transportation infrastructure to make it easy to get to the area.
11/7/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	<p>I love concept bee and the addition of Green space. While the active component of concept as tempting, unfortunately I think it will become too commercialized to realistically support wildlife in the area.</p> <p>In both cases I am concerned about active transportation and public transportation. Is there not a way to integrate with the cities public transssystem to be able to get public transit to the area more readily?</p> <p>I do like the idea of a car drop off. There are far too many giant vehicles with one or two drivers in them in North America generally and Toronto in particular, and having an easy to access drop off could help with carpooling.</p>	<p>Would like to see an emphasis on Greenspace but with easy connections to the Martin Goodman trail so people can walk or bike in a way that doesn't interfere with each other. Perhaps separated paths, separated by green space, bikes on one side and walking on the other?</p> <p>Given the tremendous increase in utilization of outdoor spaces during Covid, I strongly recommend wide walking path so people are not crowded in.</p> <p>Is there a way to reduce parking, or make it underground or something? Or even better, get accessible reliable public transit right to the area.</p>
11/6/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	The green gateway (concept B) is much more appealing. we do not need an artificial beach given the climate of Toronto. We do not need a sports field. Toronto (and the world) needs more plants, more trees. Concept B looks beautiful and concept A does not.	
11/6/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	<p>I very much prefer Concept B: Green gateway. In particular, I think it should emphasize</p> <p>More green character with extensive planting and minimal hardscape.</p> <p>Extends 'park feel' onto mainland.</p>	
11/5/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland		Eliminate the parking lot and move the Therme Spa and other planned private developments here, where they won't destroy the sensitive ecosystem of Ontario Place and force Therme to reduce/eliminate its glass structure which will kill an immense number of migratory birds
11/5/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	Green Space	Concept B
11/5/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	The need for parking is important but it doesn't need to look like a concrete wasteland. Mixing the parking with the Green Gateway idea would allow for a more welcoming environment as well as dealing with the inevitable need for visitor parking.	
11/4/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	More green space . Less parking. Less of the diverse uses, which sounds commercial. More natural areas	

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11/3/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	I like both concepts, but recognize they have very different purposes. I like the urban beach - I feel like the best end doesn't have as much of that along the waterfront as you see my the Harbourfront or Beaches/east Toronto. That said, I also think the reintroduction of more greenery and provision of an urban oasis is important. I think my decision would be based on what is most compatible with the Martin Goodman trail and Lakeshore Road. And what sort of visual barriers will be created between this zone and the parking lot (which is an eyesore)?	I would love to see the parking area reduced. If we're serious about increasing AT and transit connections to Ontario place, then the amount of parking it has today isn't needed. By keeping a large parking lot, you are encouraging people (who can afford it) to drive. And I'm pretty sure the last time I parked there the cost was OUTRAGEOUS. Any of the parking lot that can be reclaimed for other uses would be a huge win.
11/1/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	I prefer Concept B; the focus on passive recreation and a greener character. I like that the park-like feel has been extended to the mainland.	
10/30/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	I like the urban and active concept since we have wide swaths of nice walking path/green space to the west with Martin Goodman Trail. That said, I don't think we need a planted plaza and could use that allocated space for either passive recreation or naturalized storm water management. A dedicated drop/off pick up zone is great. I would not expand parking options given the transit accessibility.	Would like to see volleyball and paddle/pickle ball courts here. Ensure parking lot improvements are as eco friendly as possible. Consider bike parking or racks that are not attractive to bike thieves given placement or monitoring.
10/29/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	Anything that reduces parking lots and roads should be a priority.	Fewer parking lots and more green space, maybe a soccer field or another softball diamond.
10/27/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	Current paved expanse of parking lot needs to be 'greened'. Where does the Ontario Line station start/end? Charge more for gas-powered cars and less for hybrid or e-cars.	Plan a safe and secure bicycle locking facility. And Bike Share stations. What about in winter? Turn the parking lot into a skating rink? If this is the main entrance to the new, improved Ontario Place, there needs to be a sense of occasion and welcome. Incorporate Indigenous art and languages. Ontario Place for all people should be the first message all comers receive. Provide good information kiosks (staffed and online) with daily updates about what's one, the local weather, water temp. and conditions, special foods at the cafes, festivals, etc.
10/26/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland		Too much surface parking considering the realities of climate change etc. The TTC should run a 24 hour service from subway stations on the Bloor line.
10/26/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	Concept A is vital for this area, because the neighbourhoods nearby don't have enough spaces for active recreation, so having volleyball, tennis/pickle ball, basketball and soccer/frisbee areas are critical. Love the urban active focus for this area. Having parking is also critical because Ontario Place will have activities where people will be bringing things for sports, picnics, and kids/families and grandparents. Not everyone can take transit, so a balance of all modes - walking connections, cycling paths, transit drop off/pickup and parking are needed.	Critical to have large enough signs for visibility (to be seen from far distances), really good wayfinding is critical, and adequate and well-maintained number of bathrooms and change rooms for the urban active features. Another very important consideration like at Stanley Park in Vancouver and The Beach in Toronto in the east end is separating out slow paths for pedestrians (slow leisurely movement by kids, seniors, anyone wanting to move at a slower pace) and those on wheels like rollerbladers, e-bikes, etc. In these examples, there are clearly demarcated lanes for pedestrians and then those on wheels; the paths are super wide so there is plenty of space for each separated path; and in places there is very clear separation with a buffer! I can't emphasize this enough because the safety and enjoyment, and success of Ontario Place given the high potential for recreation - and the fact that distances will encourage speed - the designers must design to allow for these different mobility needs; or there will be conflict, frustration and injuries/collisions on paths. This will only increase as an issue for spaces like Ontario Place and the waterfront areas.

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10/26/2022	Zone 4: The Mainland	Casual recreational space is good. It seems that there is access for kayaks and paddle boards, which is ideal. Is there a kayak route from one body of water to another or a portage route, if not? Could some of this trail incorporate fun elements for children like the Harbourfront trail does?	To maintain a kayak/paddleboard route from one body of water to another, preferably by water, but otherwise by designated portage. For the trails, could there be interesting elements for children like with the Harbourfront path, such as a firm hill structure that can be climbed or used as a slide too? Some high elements on the trail to be a lookout onto the wetland, even if just a climbing rock?
11/21/2022	Zone 5: The Forum		A skatepark!!!
11/19/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	Animated water (with seating or areas for towels on the ground) for adults watching children looks like a wonderful plan	
11/19/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	Skatepark	
11/19/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	I like the sports and recreation hub concept. Exercise and recreation is needed for both the physical and mental health of the city.	I would like to see some sort of skatepark or skateable features. The city sorely lacks skateparks, with the majority of the ones downtown being temporary and seasonal. Studies have shown that kids that start skating tend to continue to participate well into adulthood. In comparison, most mainstream sports' participation rate peaks at around age 10 and drops off significantly by the time they are age 20. Skating encourages an active lifestyle that sticks with kids throughout their life.
11/19/2022	Zone 5: The Forum		Skatepark
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum		Would love to see some variation on the skatepark retained seasonally
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum		A skatepark area
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum		I have the same concerns around this area as I do for the cove. When it's so clear that the green space of the West Island is being destroyed - why do we have to choose between park or recreation here? All of these piecemeal areas of the site that we are being invited to provide input for are extremely difficult to consider without considering the site as a WHOLE (as it was designed).
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	Sports field/skatepark	A skatepark, but one that looks like a normal area of city infrastructure so people can mix with a skate area. Partial skate area, partial mixed use
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	Concept B: Sports and Recreation Hub would be well used but sure ensure to keep them publicly accessible without user fees. Really like the running/skating track. Should include some activities for smaller children e.g. playground/ play fountain. Add water stations.	Keep this zone public and do not lease out to private corporations.
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	Having a skatepark here would be a really wise use of land space. The gta and Toronto have an extensive community of skaters, bmxers and scooter riders who would thrive with having a skatepark built here, Toronto is quite large and the only major skateparks are on opposite ends of the city so having one right in the middle close enough to downtown would be a huge step to bring together the skate/action sports community together and kids that want to learn an action sport.	
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	Recreational spaces	Skatepark please! Safe accessible skateparks save lives!
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum		I would love to see a skatepark in this area. It would provide a place for people of all ages to get outside, get exercise and skateboard by the lake. Skateboarding is also just really cool and breathes life into whatever space it occupies.
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum		skate park

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11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum		Permanent skateboard park and/or permanent skateboard obstacles (multi use, benches, platforms...)
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	.	There is already a splash pad close to medieval times. This is too specific for young children/infants and families. However a skatepark would include activity for all ages
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum		Skate park ... look to your precedent superkilen
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	Concept B most interested me	Instead of a hockey rink there should be a skatepark or a hockey rink-skateboard hybrid of sorts
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum		Skatepark
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	Skatepark	Skatepark
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum		Skateboard park. Toronto suffers from a lack of decent skateparks.
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	None because there should be a skatepark.	Add a skateboard park
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	Skatepark here too! Hips, banks, manny pads. Weird objects. Like a pole jam. Good flow you know	Skateparkkkkkkm
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum		A skateboard park!
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	I don't think you need a running track when all the trails that meet all around Ontario Place are currently used by many runners every day - it's already the perfect place for running. Fountains for kids to play in and moveable basketball courts, skate parks, and perhaps a larger children's playground sound great here.	
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum		A skatepark would be a great addition in this zone or zone 4. They are excellent inclusive community spaces and they're aren't enough of them in the city.
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum		Skate park
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum		A skatepark
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum		Skate park
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	Concept B	Skatepark
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	More greenspace, fewer hard surfaces.	More greenspace, fewer hard surfaces.
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum		Would love a children's village style play area here.

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11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	The sports and recreating hub would be fantastic. Spaces for public community gathering are too few in my opinion.	With so many city spots with basketball courts and hockey rinks, this would be a great spot for a Skatepark. As I mentioned in my feedback for zone 4, skateboarding and roller skating park opportunities are highly lacking in Toronto. Skateboarding is a very accessible sport for all demographics. It's a physically active sport that builds a strong and healthy community. We've seen the popularity of roller skating and skateboarding go up dramatically since the beginning of the pandemic, and the recent addition of skateboarding in the Olympics has made a positive difference.
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	Sports hub	Skateboard park
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum		skatepark is desperately needed in this part of the city
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum		I think a public skatepark would be a great fit for this zone.
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	Concept B is an excellent use of space. The area being designed for activities will draw people out more.	I would like to see a permanent skatepark in place of the lawn area in concept B. When properly designed by a company that builds modern skateparks it could be a big tourist attraction. Toronto has a skatepark in the west end Beaches that proves the usefulness of a park like this. It can provide a unique look to the landscape and architecture of the area while also giving Toronto a much needed skatepark near the south downtown core.
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	The potential for a sizeable, concrete skateboard park. There needs to be better permanent, year-round and accessible skateboard infrastructure available in the city, specifically in the downtown area and the westside. There aren't enough facilities in the area to aid in helping skateboarders practice through all seasons. Other than that the green planted areas and creating more access to the water are attractive. As are the unique surfacing. There is potential for unique surfacing like the display image sample in Copenhagen (Israels Plads is another great example of skate-friendly architecture and urban planning) As well as keeping the land public and not selling out for development.	I would like to re-emphasize the dire need for a sizeable concrete skateboard park in the downtown area. As an avid practitioner in the area, we don't have adequate facilities for people like myself who practice all year. The lack of year-round and available skateboard spaces is almost pitiful for a world class city and the largest in Canada. You look at any other major city in Canada and all of them have at least a 10,000+ sq/ft skatepark in their downtown core. It is time for Toronto to step up.
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum		A skatepark
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	I like ideas of unique surfaces	That would be amazing to have a skatepark here
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	I loved the Forum and would like to see it recreated.	
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	Skating rink/trail, basketball courts.	Skate park! Splash pad!! Toronto kids need more free activities and kid friendly areas in parks.
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	Skate park for sure	This would be good for skateboarding
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum		A skateboard park with transitoned ramps in smooth polished cement. Bowled corner transitions.
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	Skateboard park	Skateboard park
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	Please build a skatepark	
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	Sports + recreation hub if you add a skatepark for all action sports to use	A skatepark for all action sports to use
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum		Skatepark please! Need a closer one than beaches

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11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	Recreational fields/surfaces.	A skatepark perfectly encapsulates the creative and urban feel of this area of the park. It would be a great addition to the music venues flanking this location
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	<p>The skating track is a great feature! However there are a few of them throughout the city and are often overly populated. Often, these areas will have full hockey teams using them (broad view hill for example)</p> <p>It would be good to have 2 or 3, so that there's enough space for various forms of physical activity to take place so that everyone can enjoy. For example, skateboarders can leverage one of the spaces and have obstacles, while rollerbladers can use another one.</p>	<p>A dedicated skateboarding area would be great! It doesn't have to be complicated; in fact, most skateparks that cities build aren't what skateboarders want. Most skateparks are too packed with obstacles, and have features that aren't used 99% of the time.</p> <p>An ideal skatepark has very smooth ground (like the ice rink during the summer at Dundas and Bathurst), and has only a few obstacles like long concrete or granite ledges of different sizes that are very spaced out so that there is also room to perform skateboard tricks in between the ledges.</p> <p>If you look into the popularity of skateboarding and the benefits to self esteem/confidence, as well as social skills development and physical exercise, you'll see that skateboarding offers quite a lot that is helpful to our youth. Most of the time skateparks are very busy with lots of people, meanwhile, besides the park there will be a soccer field or other type of sport area that is barely being used. Skateboarding is very popular.</p> <p>The Olympics for the first time last year included skateboarding as one of the events to compete in. Skateboarding will only continue to become more popular.</p> <p>Japan actually has school classes that students can choose as one of their elective classes to study and learn. They then have to take it seriously and practise as part of their education. It's incredible what they are doing there. And of course, Japan dominated in the Olympics in the skateboarding events taking numerous gold and silver medals.</p> <p>More skateparks and exercise areas would keep Canada competitive with the rest of the world, while promoting exercise, social benefits and strong personal development skills for future generations.</p>
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum		World class skateboard park
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	Concept B sports and recreation	Would prefer to see a skateboarding area over a hockey field or basketball court. Also facilities with shade too
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum		skatepark
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	Concept B interests me more. Skating track sounds great.	I would love to see skateboard park and pump tracks.
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum		A skate park with concrete, wood or metal features, and specifically a half pipe and bowl. As well as shaded or covered seating and accessible washroom.
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum		A skate park with lighting and shelter! That would be a big impact on the community!
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	Concept B is a great idea but I believe a skate park along with the skate track would be amazing	Skateboard Park would perfect
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	The running track is a nice feature.	A skatepark in the ice rink area I would like to see since it would get plenty of use. An oval might not be the best land use design, though a rounded edge, irregular shaped skatepark with a small round/oval bowl incorporated into it to fit with the proposed aesthetic would be beautiful.
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	A SKATEPARK!!!	A SKATEPARK PLEASE!!!!!!
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11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum		<p>This would be a great location for a skateboard park. There are great examples around the world of very unique skateparks located near the waterfront. There is also good potential in this location for a competition level skatepark.</p> <p>I am the Co-Chairman of the Toronto Skateboarding Committee and we have identified Ontario place as an ideal location for a larger skatepark with a regional draw as well as a potential location for regional, national and international level events. Here are some examples.</p> <p>https://convic.com/projects/belconnen-skate-park-act-uae/</p> <p>https://convic.com/projects/national-extreme-sport-park-east-coast-park-singapore/</p> <p>https://convic.com/projects/busselton-skate-space-wa-australia/</p>
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	I like both but I would really like a skateboard park as well. Please see my comment from the last section.	Skatepark
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	These concepts look amazing. I love the idea of basketball courts, running tracks, activity areas, etc	This area concerns me. I believe there will ultimately be a corporate contract lease with this land and I believe this needs to be totally accessible public space. The downtown area and waterfront condo developments desperately needs accessible park land. The people do not need a theme park of any kind. Nor do people in the GTA. Those already exist in better locations.
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	Skate track	Full scale and community informed skatepark. Quarter pipes, transition, ledges, and good flow (design)
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum		Skate park! Proper concrete park with a bowl! It would get so much use. There is no central skate park in Toronto (if you live anywhere west of Young you never go to ashbridges because it's practically in Scarborough)
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	I like that option B provided free access to sports recreation facilities, as cost is a constant barrier to recreation	I would love to see a skatepark incorporated into the offering of sports facilities. There is a large, diverse community of skateboarders and quad skaters in downtown Toronto and no permanent skateparks in the downtown core. Having to transit hours to/from skateparks is a barrier to access and only encourages DIY skating on public infrastructure. Built for purpose spaces allow athletes to develop their skills while creating meaningful community.
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum		Skatepark
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	Sports hub	Downtown desperately needs a large public skatepark, this would be an amazing opportunity to build such a park in the heart of the city! Ideal it would be fully covered or have the ability to accommodate a dome for winter months.
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	Skateboarding park!	I see an inline skating ring, it would be great to have a skateboarding park!
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum		Build a skatepark for kids to train for Olympics. Scooters and bikers and roller skaters use this space as well.
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	Unique surfacing is an interesting idea, especially if incorporated into a skatepark, BMX park or skate plaza	Skatepark, BMX ramps, skate plaza
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	A skateboarding roller blading biking obstacle track would be awesome here instead of just a running track	Rolling bumpy obstacles track for skateboarding rollerblading and bicycling
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	Skating track	Adjacent to skating track: skatepark!!

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11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	the sports hub and the skating track	skateparks or other ammenities for urban sports (bmx, scooter, rollerblading, parkour, etc)
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	Not really any of them. Why would a splash pad be necessary if the entire surrounding area is Lake Ontario? Would the splash pad not have chemical run offs like chlorine into Lake Ontario damaging the surrounding ecosystems?	I would love to see a large skatepark in this area. This could potentially have the space to house the largest skatepark in Ontario, & such a skatepark could house large events for the city. Such as the xgames, the dime glory challenge, street league and other large skateboarding events. The popularity of skateboarding will only increase while the possible spaces for city skateparks shrink. More "diy" skateparks are popping up across the city and the city keeps tearing them down which is wasting more money. The city already has lots of basketball courts, splash pads, and this whole park has lots of walking/ exercising space. However it will not have any appropriate skateboarding space and the city as a whole is lacking space for skateboarding.
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum		Would love a skateboard park.
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	The	The inclusion of skateable features in the sports and recreation area so that skateboarders and rollerskaters can use the space as well.
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum		I would like to see a skatepark
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	I like this idea of a recreational spce for the public a lot. Please consider the skateboarding community in these designs. A water front skatepark would be a dream come true for the Toronto skate community!	Please include a skatepark into the designs. The Toronto Skateboarding Community would absolutely grateful.
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum		I think a skatepark would be well suited for this zone.
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	The running track and hockey rink	The running track and hockey rink, in the summer time it should transform in to skateboard park for longboarder, skateboarder and roller blade people. Like how collage park is basically is great skate park with good flat ground.
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum		Skatepark
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum		Skatepark
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	Unique surfacing and ice-skating track	SKATEBOARD PARK!!
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	Skating track / promenade	Please build a skatepark. The city will be missing a HUGE opportunity to have a skatepark in the west end of Toronto.
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum		Skatepark
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum		A skateboard Park would be great!
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	Recreational activity	Skateboard park or skateboard plaza
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	A skatepark	
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	Skate track would also be good to make it a pump track for skating/Skateboarding. Would make it more of a destination stop	A good sized skatepark like Ashbridges bay. With a bowl as well. It would be nice to have a big skatepark on this side of the city. I would love to see bigger skateparks developed around the Toronto and Ontario. This would bring many people from outside the city to come to this skate spot especially with it being so close to the water.

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11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	Unique surfacing sounds really interesting to me and would attract me to go to the park to check it out as well as the other active areas	I think I a skatepark could really benefit the park there's not that many skateparks in Toronto and one by the lake would be amazing and ideal for summertime skaters. I believe there should be a dedicated skatepark built where the activity lawn is. A dedicated skatepark would bring the attention of so many skaters because there's not many skateparks in Toronto that are built most of them are diy parks or prefabricated
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	Sport area integrated with public space	A small skateboarding space would be nice. Possibly an area that is public and skate friendly together.
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum		Not as many people in Toronto skate or play hockey as you think. Involve other sports that have less permanent outdoor areas. Skatepark would be great here as the noise would not disrupt any residents. As it has limited road access and visibility it can have an early lights out time.
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	Area for activities	A skatepark would be amazing to have here. The waterfront would provide a nice cool breeze, easy access and help provide a safe place to skate away from cars and pedestrians!
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum		With the size and space, a water front skate park would be a great addition and can utilize/build upon existing areas
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	Love the water play area however concerned about wasting water. Can water be pumped from and drain back into lake? Treated if necessary. Love skating	Maximize public access. What happens when there's a ticketed event at LiveNation? LiveNation should be required to stage free and affordable events, promote local artists, etc. Give back to community in exchange for this tremendous business opportunity.
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	I like the recreational element of this concept. There's plenty of passive recreational space elsewhere in Ontario Place.	I'd discourage the installation of a hockey rink. It would be a fun place to play, however, there's the implication that board installation would be necessary and this would create a physical and visual barrier that would reduce connectivity through the site. Generally, I'd encourage forms of recreation that allow for a high density of users to enjoy the space.
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum		All zones should be publicly accessible.
11/18/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	I like the flexible, low impact ideas shown in the first option. There is enough space dedicated to organized sport - let this be a place for people to play! Would love to see a skating oath or other winter element.	
11/17/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	more washrooms.	What kind of modifications could it be subject to? Transparency please. The province needs to stop now and start over again with proper public consultation. Toronto is an expensive city to live in. We need Ontario Place to stay affordable for all.
11/17/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	Mostly wide open space Maximize soft scape One or two activity zones which are usable year round	

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11/17/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	<p>Prefer Concept B as a sports and recreation hub with modifications- see below.</p> <p>Really like concept of ice rink and basketball court.</p> <p>Appreciate additional washrooms</p>	<p>Taking Concept B and allow for seasonal flexibility... eg. The skating rink can adapt to a basketball court or pickle ball court in the summer.</p> <p>Prefer not to concrete over areas beyond recreational facilities. Prefer to keep consistent theme of natural environment walkways.</p> <p>Ensure walkways remain consistent and continuous with walkways throughout Ontario Place</p> <p>Ensure public consultation on all possible future modifications</p> <p>Ensure this site remains public land and is not leased to private/ corporate interests</p>
11/17/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	Spaces for active recreation, naturalization to reduce runoff.	
11/17/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	I think the hockey rink is a great idea! Not nearly enough of them for the amount of people in the area that want to play hockey.	Make sure the rink has boards so that people can play shinny hockey.
11/17/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	I am strongly in favor of the hockey rink / skating trail for this area. The population of this area (liberty village, city place) has exploded in recent years to become a dense community. However, there is no place nearby to play hockey. The closest rink to Ontario Place (Trinity Belwoods) takes prohibitively long to get to (~45 minutes by walking or public transportation). All other rinks in the area are extremely popular and well loved by local families and children. The rinks are so popular that they've become overcrowded and risk becoming unsafe if additional rinks are not built in the near future. The rinks are also popular for pickleball, tennis, basketball, etc in the summer months.	I think the plan for the skating trail could be even more ambitious if the parking lot areas are also added to it. We have the space here to make it similar in scale to Ottawa's rideau canal skating path. The skating trail could easily be designed to be 1-3km depending on the design of the path. There could be beaver trail huts and firepits like the rideau canal in Ottawa. In my opinion, this seems like the perfect location to build something like this because the parking lots give a clean slate. A skating trail would be a lovely path in the summer months, just like the paths that exist in almost all public parks. If the trail is very successful, it could possibly be expanded in the future to go through coronation park or the Exhibition grounds once those areas next require major improvements. Another advantage of this design is that the footprint of the trail itself is relatively small compared to the area of the site. Therefore, many of the other proposed ideas could still be done (and the trail would complement them nicely).
11/17/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	<p>. concept A can accommodate broader range of ages than concept B</p> <p>. fountain harkens back to water park element of Ontario Place</p> <p>.</p>	
11/16/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	<p>Concept B: Sports + recreation hub</p> <p>Defined space with specific sports activities contemplated.</p> <p>Primarily hard landscaped.</p> <p>Structures would be required for amenities such as change rooms, washrooms and Opportunity for an ice track in winter months.</p>	<p>This area is currently a paved wasteland often fenced off from the public.</p> <p>Plant evergreen trees for increased windbreak in winter</p> <p>Create a skating loop</p> <p>Consider more concepts along the lines of winter park. The waterfront needs to be used all year long</p>

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		Connections from the mainland to the southern waterfront. Restore existing and add new public washrooms. I reject concept A -	Add more trees Use only green energy Add a water fountain and a place to refill water bottles.
11/16/2022	Zone 5: The Forum		There should be more trees in this area. Keeping it as parkland.
11/16/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	Connections from the mainland to the southern waterfront. Restore existing and add new public washrooms. I reject Concept A: Fountain + flexible space Concept B: Sports + recreation hub Defined space with specific sports activities contemplated. Primarily hard landscaped. Structures would be required for amenities such as change rooms, washrooms and Opportunity for an ice track in winter months.	This area is currently an asphalt wasteland, rarely open to the public. Given that summer is short in Ontario, year round activities should be considered. That is why the hockey rink is a good idea, and should also be a skating rink. The running track could be a skating loop. Evergreen Trees need to be planted as wind breaks as the area is quite exposed. More trees must be planted here and throughout the site Renewable energy (solar / wind / hydro) must be used for power and lighting and transport. The public realm Master Planning Team has been told to find ways to increase, not decrease, the parking available on Ontario Place. I demand a reduction of parking and hard landscaping.
11/16/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	Concept A looks superior. Hockey rink and basketball court? Very disruptive to the rest of the uses. The children's play area would be better.	
11/16/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	Go with concept A. Good to have flexible spaces a lot of different people can use. Love the fountain idea. Toronto needs more fountains and Ontario Place is a logical place for one. And for skating in the winter. Good to have something delightful to discover in this space. It doesn't make sense to have sports facilities. They are only for a limited audience. But there would be way too much demand from that limited audience for extremely limited facilities here. Also, they can and are provided in many other places. Ontario Place should be unique.	Make one fountain a real showpiece - not just a play fountain but something spectacular (but that can still be played in) - something adults as well as children might want to play in, e.g. dipping their feet in, or getting misted on hot days.

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		The small lawns seem in danger of getting trampled from overuse.	
11/16/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	STRONG favour of option A for flexible outdoor community space. I sound like a broken record but again I feel all spaces don't need to be pre-programmed, the community will come up with creative ways to engage and these ideas may change over time so I prefer to see open spaces where people can set up things like farmers' markets, outdoor concerts, plays, food trucks, etc. rather than setting up sports areas that are then set and defined for good.	
11/15/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	Concept A is more in line with my thoughts. The mix of things here permanently, and opportunity for some events makes sense. Basically- MORE cool things going on. See below. Nothing against a rink. Perhaps one that winds around? If it fits the design, those linear rinks are fun, and integrate well with the rest of the park(See Col. Sam Smith linear rink).	Fitting in with Concept A, 1- One of those exercise stations(chin-ups, poles for resistance bands, perhaps some real variety for all age/ability groups. Room for real fun ideas, remembering the old Children's Village? Interesting theme.), 2- Different plantings, like a mini birch forest. I like the rather exotic seating area at Harbourfront, surrounded by dawn redwoods. The surrounding areas are accidentally getting very naturalized. The hill on the west side(green space at lower left of image should be enhanced. It is an excellent area for birds right now! Some of the changes at Ontario Place are going to be quite destructive to birds. Preserving and enhancing the surrounding areas here won't compensate for the loss of habitat on the west island and the likely removal of Barn and Cliff Swallow homes. But it's something positive, and trees/bushes/wild frames the rest of the site.
11/14/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	Skating track	Outdoor gym
11/14/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	The skating track! I would love to see the rink area covered, and left un iced in winter for bladers/quad skaters and other activities. We have PLENTY of ice rinks in the city.	
11/14/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	Skating track	Please develop a large roller rink.
11/13/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	Concept A would likely attract more families. Concept B would support team sports. Both ideas have their strengths. Is there a way to turn the summer play fountain area into a hockey rink in the winter to best utilize the space year round? It appears there needs to be more discussion of the year round flexible use of all the spaces to maximize use of the site.	
11/13/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	All of these public issues are good. Please consider people and plants and wildlife before cars.	Less pavement, improved transit
11/12/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	The water park play area is great. The water park used to be one of the most popular features of Ontario Place. Making it something for all ages is important.	Don't build a hockey rink. It is limited in its use and the number of people that would access it. The skating trail would be a better idea. Having a skate rental area. Ice skates l'm winter and roller skates in summer.

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		The paved running/skating track is great! It could be used for roller skating in summer and ice skating in winter.	
11/12/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	Anything for rollerskating 🛼	
11/12/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	Option 2 is better BUT what the hell. It can't be a BRO space. Not all hockey and basketball!!!! Even the skate track. We used tobroller skate here and even the skate track you are showing shows a blader with a hockey stick. JUST NO. All genders need to be considered for a sports area not just male dominated sports. A roller SKATE area...4 wheels...is lacking all over the city...this is a female dominated sport. Equal consideration should be given to sports and activities that are not all dominated by BROS. And yes anice skating track and ice skating rink would be also be great so long as they CANNOT be booked for hockey and are used for public skating only.	This design is infuriating! To hand over almost the entire area to male dominated sport in 2022 makes me question who is involved in this design. Let me guess...a team that is at least 80 per cent male. Yup I nailed it.
11/11/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	Why is it hockey and basketball that are the chosen sports? These sports are dominated by male athletes. Meanwhile, toronto roller skating groups have been using outdoor asphalt inside Ontario Place for years to meet up and skate. These groups are not male-dominated - they are an inclusive and mixed group of all ages and genders. These sport areas must be shared amongst ALL torontonians who enjoy being active.	
11/11/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	Concept B: Sports and rec hub have been needed for the past 2 decades and is critical at this point with the population growth in surrounding neighborhoods. Kids, teens and adults need to stay active and healthy. These rec spaces will continue to serve needs of Parkdale, Liberty Village and Fort York for years to come while showcasing our waterfront. Let's create space that keeps the residents happy and healthy.	Is there a possibility to ensure there are volleyball courts that can be used all year round?
11/11/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	I support this public physical space - including the running and ice skating features.	
11/10/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	Winter icetrack, running track, activity lawn. Washrooms, year round please.	Cycle racing track. Cross country ski trails, Winter warming stations, Washrooms open in winter.
11/10/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	Ontario Place should provide a space for Cirque du Soliel tent and parking. Provide many pickleball courts (both outdoor and indoor, enough to host continental tournaments) for North America's fastest growing sport.	
11/10/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	Concept "A" This provides an excellent area for families with young children. There are plenty (in fact too many) of facilities public and private for adults.	
11/10/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	skate trail	
11/8/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	Remove therme spa	

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11/8/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	Like the idea of a water park for kids. Skating is good but not just for hockey. A building for skate rentals, coffee etc woul be good here.	Keep views onto Cinesphere and pods open.
11/8/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	Makes sense to keep sports courts as they get well used currently. Mix of green and paved surfaces.	Washroom and picnic structure. Food vendors. Water features.
11/8/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	<p>I oppose increasing parking at Ontario Place. We have learned that the public realm Master Planning Team has been told to find ways to increase, not decrease, the parking available at Ontario Place. We need to demand a reduction of parking and hard landscaping.</p>	<p>The land formerly set aside for the EcoRecreo business should be turned over to the public realm. I demand a reduction of parking and hard landscaping.</p>
11/8/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	This needs more thought. Much of both should be possible. This is not the place for a hockey rink full stop. An area for recreational skating I totally agree with. A kids area (either water or other play) year round washrooms (absolutely necessary). Running track is not needed if all areas link up as they currently do.	
11/7/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	Make sure there are plenty of washrooms in this area year-round. What will the hard surfaces be make of?	Besides sports and recreation also consider cultural events and activities.
11/7/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	Concept B	
11/7/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	Concept A: PLEASE NO HOCKEY RINK, BASKETBALL COURTS. Perhaps landscaped places to sit with permanent tables (stone) to gather, Perhaps a Skating or jogging track as indicated in Concept B as long as there are ways to enter the centre of the area without having to cross the track. Perhaps small bridges?	
11/7/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	The physical activity hub is great to encourage people to stay and exercise	Shade trees and covers need priority. Large event areas should be accounted for so that special events can be held here.
11/7/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	Concept B. This should be a destination to be active, have fun and play.	No
11/7/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	Concept A is my preference	Needs more casual green space for gathering and enjoying the scenery and water
11/7/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	I feel like concept a creates a nice throwback to Ontario places original design, but updated to bring it into the future. It also seems considerably more accessible to the public then a sport specific area, which I suspect will be for male members of the population and mainly young people. We have enough of that in our city. We need something everyone can access. Concept A fits the bill better.	I don't suppose there's anyway to get rid of the giant, fixed, beer swilling stage that is there now, wreaking auditory havoc on anyone who lives across the lake? God I miss the old forum, with the rotating stage. Every seat was a great seat, and you could get up close and personal with so many favourite bands.
11/7/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	Option B is a fantastic plan! This area has so much concrete and is an area I try to pass through quickly as it is hot and noisy from the road. More shade and more natural green space would make this area much better.	Something to buffer the sound from the road so this can be a pleasant place to be.
11/6/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	Concept A would get much more use and would not feel restrictive/ exclusive whereas concept B would exclude people who do not play those specific sports.	
11/6/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	I don't really like either concept very much. I would prefer a much more natural area.	

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11/5/2022	Zone 5: The Forum		Why are you not soliciting feedback on the planned private ares of Ontario Place? No one wants this area to be privatized outside of the Ford government and the developers (Ford campaign donors) who stand to profit. This area of Toronto has seen massive population growth and is desperate for green space. One only has to look at the mud pit that Trinity Bellwoods is becoming to understand how overused existing parks are. The Ford government seems to think that Ontario Place is underused, which is only proof that Ford never spends time there (or anywhere in Toronto proper) to witness how vibrant it currently is. Invest in infrastructure repair, shoreline remediation and widen the Martin Goodman Trail and, otherwise, leave the place alone. The privatization plans, as they currently stand, are an environmental disaster and an insult to all residents of the area. The Ford government and everyone involved in this project should be ashamed.
11/5/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	Flexiblilty is key for maximizing usage and visitor numbers. Single usage spaces limit user engagement. Too much hard landscaping also didn't help with flooding issues. Concept B is too limiting.	
11/4/2022	Zone 5: The Forum		Please include pickle ball courts.
11/3/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	Concept A all of the way. I would much prefer flexible space to designated sports uses like hockey and basketball. People have the Martin Goodman trail to run on (vs. this small piece of running track). I don't have kids, but I love the idea of the waterplay area being available to families. The flexible space could also be used for pop-up markets, like farmers markets. Perhaps the only thing that might be "missing" is some shade. There are a lot of seating areas within these concepts (which is great!) but I'm not sure what proportion also offer shade.	
11/1/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	I like concept B; I like that it focuses sports opportunities to this area, including the potential for a running track and a skating trail in the winter.	
10/29/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	Anything to reduce asphalt paving in this area.	More green space.
10/28/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	It is great to see plans that are more directed towards teens and young people.	
10/27/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	Love putting the sports / active area and facilities here!	
10/27/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	<p>What a sadly ironic name (The Forum) that references the beautiful, open-air concert venue from the original Ontario Place.</p> <p>I support the idea of this being a recreational area (note the typo in your photo caption Recreatinoal). All-seasons. All abilities. Cover with a bubble for the winter (i.e. Central Tech high school playing field) for indoor soccer, tennis, etc.</p> <p>Big yes to fun, interactive water features in the summer.</p>	LOTS OF CLEAN, FRIENDLY PUBLIC WASHROOMS (WITH ATTENDANTS IF THAT HELPS).
10/27/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	Natural spaces and public .paces are the only thing that should exist on this public land. Not private for-profit enterprises. This valuable parkland should not be privatized.	More natural spaces / forest / tree cover.

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10/26/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	<p>Highly prioritize sports and recreation hub - option B, because there is scarcity of such facilities in downtown where there is a high density of people without these needs/outlets. It's a public health issue to have adequate basketball, tennis/pickle ball, running paths/skating track, and exercise areas.</p> <p>Change rooms, bathrooms, and a tuck shop/cafe and eating area would be key amenities to support this hub.</p>	<p>Have adequate seating areas for families, spectators, and people watching/waiting for their turn for the facilities.</p> <p>Ramsden Park is a favourite for how they provide so many facilities in a fairly small land area.</p>
10/26/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	<p>Opportunities for fun physical activity for children is much-needed. This is where the original Ontario Place kid activity zone was? It should have the spirit of that still. The ice-skating track is excellent and much-needed. The one far west by Humber College is always very busy and is quite far to get to from downtown. The ice track should be a primary focus. Could this be a roller-blading or scooter or roller skating track in the summer??? Our family use to use the water slides, so something to replace that would be great for the summer. Creating outdoor rec space for older kids is so important, especially since recent reports are stating that youth are not getting nearly enough exercise!!!</p>	<p>The ice skating track is an excellent idea and the one out by Humber College is a big hit and would be a good model. Could this track be used for roller blading/roller skating/scootering in the summer? All these are seeing a resurgence and are great exercise for our youth, who are exercise deprived since the pandemic. Could this really be highlighted as a feature? Amazing idea! Could cool LED lighting be added to the route to make it an inviting evening activity as well? This could be so great if you give it enough space and do a well-designed, interesting trail with possibly some rise on some corners? Fun LED lighting=====super cool!!!!!!!</p>
10/25/2022	Zone 5: The Forum	<p>I prefer the sports-rec hub.</p>	<p>No</p>

Table B-2. Station 6 Comments

Entry Date	Comment						
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10/26/2022	Renewable energy potential and integration.	8-80 cities - for all ages and abilities. Safety through design.		Renewable energy potential and integration.	Renewable energy potential and integration. Provides for local business opportunities (e.g. thriving restaurant, bike rentals, kayak/paddle board rentals)	Renewable energy potential and integration.	
10/27/2022		Think green.	Encourage temporary exhibits and installations from artists local and international. Put Ontario Place on the map as a destination for nature, arts and cultural innovation.	Build green.	Invest in green.	Grow food. Reduce, reuse and recycle everything that's on the property. Be an environmental leader in the province.	

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11/15/2022	<p>Structures below the surface for fish and other species can always be improved. I hope this is dealt with as seriously here as in other parks in Toronto.</p> <p>Bird should be incorporated in any plan. It's very sad the swallows will lose their home when the pods are removed. There is good habitat in Ontario Place, and it should be protected and enhanced.</p>						
11/13/2022	Effectiveness of waste management processes.	Compatibility with anticipated cultural changes in the city and province.					
11/11/2022			<p>This should be a place for all citizens to enjoy a natural (yes, I understand it is actually manmade) environment beside Lake Ontario. It can bring people together</p>	<p>Again, less emphasis on technical environment and much more on natural environment would be better, in my opinion.</p>	<p>Again, less emphasis on job creation, please. Parks don't need that much manpower, and should not be used as revenue generators! I would prioritize natural environment over economic. Our city is already too preoccupied with money. This should be a public space for all, where people can relax and not have to obsess over dollars!</p>	<p>From what I've read this has been well thought out.</p>	<p>PLEASE stop with the "world class" obsession!!! It's parochial, and Toronto and Torontonians don't need to be so insecure about who we are.</p> <p>We need natural, commercial-free parkland so we can take a collective breath.</p>

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11/11/2022							The area that was previously scheduled for ÉcoRécréo prior to their well founded withdrawal from the project, must be public park land. This area has not been included in this discussion with no mention of it. This area must be public space.
11/11/2022		Greater consultation with Parkdale/Liberty Village and Fort York residents.I was only made aware of this consultation via an activist group that is critical of the proposed changes.I myself as a lifelong resident of Parkdale am very happy and excited to see these concepts and support a private and public partnership to ensure viability for the long term. Engagement with surrounding neighbourhoods will give you a better sense of what WE as residents want and support, rather than just activist groups trying to stymie the development that will benefit not just the surrou ding neighborhoods but also the City of Toronto!			Ensure fair, transparent and equitable access to become a vendor on the grounds. Cannot just be big corporations that open up shop. There should be encouragement of small businesses being showcased and being given priorty to open up shop.		I have been a lifelong resident of Parkdale. I am so happy to see our under used waterfront finally being developed for all of us in Parkdale and Liberty Village to use.Please ensure the west side remains accessible and has free public use as well. The east side of the grounds have benefited greatly over the past 5 years, time for us on the west to benefit too. We have been patiently waiting for this!
11/10/2022							Some good ideas have been prepared for the limited public realm in this plan, and I am glad to see the pods and cinesphere are being restored

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11/10/2022							Include many stakeholder. Thousands of residents should be able to write email or record podcast submissions, many public meetings at a variety of days and times.
11/10/2022							These ideas are impressive! I'm so glad to hear that innovative, inclusive, "green" designs are being included and can't wait to visit the new Ontario Place.
11/10/2022		I Demand that the land formerly set aside for the ÉcoRécréo business be turned over to the public realm.			I Demand that the land formerly set aside for the ÉcoRécréo business be turned over to the public realm. This is everyones place.		
11/10/2022							Increasing parking does nothing to improve any of the listed environments or sustainability.
11/9/2022							as much of ontario place should be kept public to be accessible to all. the designs for the ontario place lands that are under private development also need to be made public as that interacts with the public spaces.
11/7/2022					This should not be driven by \$\$ Public spaces designed well are great spin-off effects. Look at the Highline in New York as an example.		

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11/7/2022	I think 1. Native species should be exclusively planted and ensuring that they do not become invasive.	Probably important that some of the construction and planting done should keep in mind vandal resistant plants and structures	We should be encouraging music and art venues to be held in these areas		This initiative should keep in mind that it will attract tourism to the waterfront	Flood control and materials that will need little maintenance	
11/7/2022	This should be a priority in a time of climate chaos and habitat loss are primary concerns.		Please consult Indigenous people in this planning.			Any old building should be retrofited and any new should be powered by renewable sources. Add solar panels and wind turbines where appropriate.	
11/7/2022	Because of Ontario Place's unique location on the shore of Lake Ontario, it is mandatory that the natural environment be prioritized. The current buildings in Ontario place have become nesting grounds for several species of birds. Their nesting areas should not be disturbed. The killing or harming of migratory birds, or destruction or disturbance of their nests, is illegal according to the Migratory Birds Convention Act. The City of Toronto needs more trees and marshes, not more concrete.						
11/1/2022	the public realm of Ontario Place should have a natural feel, and should emphasize habitat for native flora and fauna.						

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11/18/2022			I have not seen a lot of reference to Indigenous representation or reflection in the spaces. I would like to see more.				I have not felt that the public engagement opportunities so far have encouraged genuine input - the surveys and virtual engagement sessions have all been pointed in their objections. It feels as though decisions have been made already, and the public is being asked about options *after the fact*.
11/18/2022							<p>As an active user of Ontario Place, and as a long time resident of Toronto who remembers fondly the magic Ontario Place had for me as a child, I commend the design concepts for the 5 zones for recognizing the historical merit, uniqueness and necessity of quality public space on the waterfront.</p> <p>Ontario Place is a very special and very public urban park. All redevelopment must be thoughtful, rigorous, and transparent and open to a full public consultation.</p>
11/18/2022		Ontario Place was created as a respite for Torontonians and visitors who could not afford cottages to access the lake and nature. Yes, there used to be an entrance fee, but it was a negligible cost to access a vast amount of waterfront land and rich cultural, arts, and educational programming. Ontario Place was created with a sense of regional and cultural pride for Ontario and its citizens. I believe that the space should be designed for celebrating our culture and heritage. I believe all of Ontario Place, from West Island to Trillium Park, should be kept truly public and should be designed with the intent of celebrating our nature, culture, history, and arts. Where are the Indigenous components and programming? Where is the local commerce and arts going to fit in? It is great that the main buildings of the original Ontario Place are being conserved. I think					This city and province deserves a public consultation on the whole site. Ontario Place was created for the people. Why don't we continue to keep our own people top of mind and celebrate ourselves? There's so much room for creative fun innovative ideas on how to use this space that would attract lots of tourism and create lots of small economic opportunity for local businesses on the site.

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		culture, history, and arts. I believe that there has not been a meaningful public consultation done for any part of Ontario Place	the original spirit of Ontario Place should be considered throughout the space not just in those buildings. The uses of those buildings and the entire grounds is important in heritage conservation. Play, family, public access, amusement are all important pieces. I would like to see these themes included within a public park.				
11/18/2022	We need truly naturalized spaces, not just playing fields and manacured lawns. This is many Torontonians's major access point to the lake.				This is public space. Economics should be a secondary concern. Toronto needs more parks and more lake access, urgently.		
11/18/2022	Caring for and appreciating the opportunities we have with a lake is important. So far it is overlooked.	Bringing people together and providing safe spaces for socializing and activities such as skateboarding is paramount.					
11/18/2022			I believe a focus on Cultural Environments is what Toronto needs				
11/18/2022					This is public space. It's a public park. Do not restrict access in any way to Ontario residents. No fees, keep it green, plant trees, keep cars out, let parks and recreation cut the grass.		
11/18/2022			Where is the incorporation of Indigenous perspective in the natural and built environment?				

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11/18/2022	This is the priority for me. Do not destroy what is there, improve and enhance what you can. Adapt the site to address climate change and reduce the overall impact of the site on the lake.	Ontario Place should continue to be a gathering place. Access to the site is a critical element - physical access as well as considering cost. As much as can be should be free. Get rid of the spa that is elitist - give us back a family friendly place for us to enjoy good music and good times.		Sustainable technologies and innovation should be at the forefront of this development. Show us what we can do to reduce emissions and adapt to climate change!			Will there be an opportunity to comment on the parking and integration with public transit?
11/17/2022	I am opposed to the increase in parking. There needs to be a reduction of parking and hard landscaping.					I encourage that whatever is built has adequate bird proofing of all glass surfaces. Ontario place is one of the most diverse areas in the city for birds and migratory birds (protected under Federal law) and they should be made top priority in whatever plans are approved for this space.	
11/17/2022	All of the areas around the lake should be protected. All the birds all of the animals that live around that area. If you cut any of the trees down. If you destroy the natural habitat is detrimental to the downtown core.	There should be a space for the people in downtown Toronto and open free space. 94 a private company. It should be a space for the community and it needs access and it needs to be for children and families and the neighbourhoods that currently desperately need more green spaces.				There should be a space for the people in downtown Toronto and open free space. 94 a private company. It should be a space for the community and it needs access and it needs to be for children and families and the neighbourhoods that currently desperately need more green spaces.	Ontario PL., used to be a space for families. This is a space where people still go constantly in the downtown Area to hike to walk to reflect to be part of the Lakeshore and the lake. It needs to be a public space. It needs to be a place for families and people can go and be a part of the lake. Torontoians need that green lakeshore space.

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11/17/2022	Agreed	No comment	No comment	Agreed	Note that the economics of building a natural environment should be considerably cheaper than building a predominantly concrete environment	Agreed. Especially important to improve on reducing climate impacts	I am pleased with the assessment criteria being applied to the public lands. I hope that similar criteria are applied to the Therma tenants and any other tenanted lands through the Federal, Provincial and municipal planning processes. Consider including in assessment the needs of the communities built near to Ontario Place (Parkdale, Liberty Village, Fort York, etc). There is intense densification happening in these communities with little to no provision for additional parkland and green space that should be available. Ontario Place should be considered a primary green space/ parkland for the enjoyment of the local communities. Tourism is an aspect of Ontario Place in the summer, but should not be the primary focus. Ensure the assessment recognizes the loss of most of the tree canopy that is likely to occur on the Therme tenanted lands. This needs to be replaced on the public lands so that the overall tree canopy on Ontario Place is equal to or greater than it is today. Ensure that the assessment recognizes the large number of people who currently use Ontario Place for walking, running, bicycling, picnicking, etc. and ensure that this social aspect is maintained and expanded to accommodate the expected increased usage.

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11/16/2022	<p>The environmental standards are not rigorous enough. RESTORATION ECOLOGY is key and it is not even mentioned. How can you enhance something that has already been destroyed. Ontario Place is situation on a major north American bird migration route. ALL DEVELOPMENT must be subject to the Bird Collision Deterrence guidance in TGS v4. Additionally Sustainability Principles must be used in all redevelopment, including implementing City of Toronto Bird-Friendly Development Guidelines, including application of City guidance docs Bird Friendly Design Best Practices For Effective Lighting and Bird Friendly Design Best Practices Glass. The waterfront must be naturalized. Biologists and ecologists should be employed. More trees need to be planted.</p>	<p>We need more green space. Ontario Place should be a park. This portal is not an acceptable form of feedback. The framing is absurd. There is no complete vision. The province needs to start over with complete open proper public consultation.</p> <p>The land formerly set aside for the ÉcoRécréo business be turned over to the public realm. The public realm Master Planning Team has been told to find ways to increase, not decrease, the parking available on Ontario Place. I demand a reduction of parking and hard landscaping.</p> <p>More trees must be planted here and throughout the site. Renewable energy (solar / wind / hydro) must be used for power and lighting and transport.</p>	<p>The Cinesphere and the pods must be protected, restored. They should not be modified. This is a non-negotiable heritage site.</p>	<p>Rigorous environmental standards must be upheld.</p> <p>There is not enough consideration for renewable energy and a green park.</p>	<p>The most economic plan it to make the entire island a green public park with a few washrooms, water fountains, a cafe, beach and skating area.</p> <p>Everything should be naturlied</p> <p>There should be no commercial activity. There should be no privatization. Ontario Place should remain open and free to the public.</p>	<p>YEs Reduce contribution to climate change, criterion includes:</p> <p>Low atmospheric emissions (e.g., air, greenhouse gas) associated with each option, measured by a change in emissions compared to baseline conditions;</p> <p>Heat island effect, measured by the overall area of vegetation, ability to provide shade throughout the site, and overall area of hard surfaces.</p> <p>GREEN ENERGY</p> <p>SUSTAINABLE APPROACH THROUGHOUT PARK</p>	<p>The public realm Master Planning Team has been told to find ways to increase, not decrease, the parking available on Ontario Place. I demand a reduction of parking and hard landscaping. More trees must be planted here and throughout the site. Renewable energy (solar / wind / hydro) must be used for power and lighting and transport. Ontario Place is situation on a major north American bird migration route. ALL DEVELOPMENT must be subject to the Bird Collision Deterrence guidance in TGS v4. Additionally Sustainability Principles must be used in all redevelopment, including implementing City of Toronto Bird-Friendly Development Guidelines, including application of City guidance docs Bird Friendly Design Best Practices For Effective Lighting and Bird Friendly Design Best Practices Glass.</p>

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11/16/2022							Why is there a plan to increase parking on the site? Why has there been no public input right from the very start of this project? Asking us how we would like to arrange the furniture is not a true consultation. This entire process is insulting to anyone who values this important parcel of land as an integral component of our city. The process needs to be restarted, only this time with actual PUBLIC input.
11/16/2022		Public accessibility should be a key criteria for the social environment. How accessible will the entire space be for all members of the public? What are the plans for being able to use/circumnavigate the entire complex (including the West Island)			Ontario Place should be treated as a park - in other words, a space for public use that is not expected to pay for itself. Once generating income is removed from the equation, the logic is to make most of the space public.		In general, Ontario Place is a public recreational space. It's a space for creative structures and human enjoyment. While it has become a habitat, it is not primarily a nature reserve - there are many other parts of Toronto that fill that role. It should be a place that is fun and accessible for people.

Table B-3. Station 8 Comments

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10/25/2022	Station 1: A Bold New Vision	When will the public be able to engage the province. This is not engagement, this is info being put out.
10/27/2022	Station 1: A Bold New Vision	That was a lot to absorb. I did my best to give you feedback and encouragement to do the right thing to this precious place. Show leadership to make Ontario Place next gen a cherished, natural, year-round destination that celebrates the best of Ontario in Toronto with a special focus on the urban nature and green initiatives.
10/27/2022	Station 1: A Bold New Vision	<p>My first comment is about the concept of a virtual public engagement room. Based on the title, I was expecting the opportunity to provide feedback within each of the stations, perhaps based on prompted questions or open ended comment boxes, such as this. To my disappointment, this site is mostly an information sharing site, not an engagement tool. Please call it such. My second comment is that while I am wholeheartedly in support of revitalizing Ontario Place, the vision and the partnerships that the province has laid out do not at all align with what this community needs. Firstly, we need local businesses to be supported through this project.</p> <p>Take this opportunity to acknowledge the history and culture of this awesome province, engage and support local businesses (who need you more than ever in the climate of COVID-19). Keep Ontario Place for Ontario. Thank you.</p>
10/29/2022	Station 1: A Bold New Vision	Why is the recently announced hovercraft docking infrastructure not part of any of these documents? Seems like it will involve a tremendous amount of space and have an significant noise and traffic impacts to the area.
11/20/2022	Station 1: A Bold New Vision	I support the many great ideas proposed here to enhance public use of the site. I support open, public spaces rather than private fee-based use. I do support revenue models to generate operating funds for the public space (but not for corporate profit from operations at the space).
11/18/2022	Other	This consultation process is confusing and difficult to navigate, which is a significant barrier to the general public in submitting their input. The 70% publicly accessible land is questionable and somewhat misleading since it includes the large paid parking lots, part of the west island which appears to have mostly been leased to Therme, and The Forum zone which was intended to be leased to another corporation (Eco Recreo). Excluding these zones would leave only 10% as public land. This is not acceptable considering how much the space is currently being utilized by the public, and how more paid facilities will limit public access and increase inequity issues.
11/18/2022	Station 1: A Bold New Vision	<p>Aside from the work on a Public Realm Master Plan, the Government's vision for Ontario Place is not bold.</p> <p>Most disappointingly, it fails to capitalize on the globally recognized cultural heritage value of Ontario Place, fails to take the obvious opportunity to promote Indigenous cultural heritage relating to the Great Lakes and has nothing to say about the unique and important assets of Ontario.</p>
11/18/2022	Station 1: A Bold New Vision	Please, please be sure to include skateboarding as part of the design process.
11/18/2022	Station 1: A Bold New Vision	Skateboard park at either zone 4 or 5
11/18/2022	Station 1: A Bold New Vision	It's a public park. Keep cars out. No parking. Emphasize grass and trees. Watch it flourish.
11/18/2022	Station 1: A Bold New Vision	All zones should be publicly accessible.
11/18/2022	Station 1: A Bold New Vision	Doing nothing at all would be better than this plan. Everyone involved should just walk into the lake

11/18/2022	Other	<p>Personally, I would prefer Ontario Place stay fully public, and to the extent private businesses are recruited, they should be diverse and local.</p> <p>At any rate, publicly accessible space should be the main priority when it comes to social and cultural spaces.</p> <p>I hope you will consider these comments.</p>
11/17/2022	Station 1: A Bold New Vision	<p>1) PLEASE PUT PEOPLE and FAMILIES FIRST (average families, working families - who earn less \$80,000 per year) 2) PARKING - \$15 flat fee is outrageous. What if I want to go to Trillum Park for an hour?? Yes, we should be encouraging people to ride bikes, and once the subway is in, people will be able to use pubic transit. There is a lot of space devoted to parking - can it go underground? Or build a parking garage? (One that isn't super-cramped & that people can drive in & out of - with a timed traffic ights? The one at Harbourfront ends up holding people hostage - there is a HUGE traffic backlog at the end of a big event).3) STOP this 'fake consultation' process right now and start over with proper public consultation.4) PUT the ENVIRONMENT FIRST</p> <p>5) MAKE IT PUBLIC - FOR THE PEOPLE of ONTARIO.</p> <p>It should be AFFORDABLE for families e.g. NOT \$15 flat fee parking, and something for all kinds of families to do & enjoy. (Not everyone can pay \$60/\$80/\$100 to go to a spa.) There should be water fountain parks & fun for everyone! Thank you!</p>
11/17/2022	Other	<p>The area designated for tenants is at a glance substantially greater than the public access areas. (A parking lot (the Mainland) is not in any meaningful way a public access area as suggested by this study.) This is concerning given the length of the leases and that essentially the government has relinquished control of these areas for the term of the leases (I.e. a sale by another name??) Usable Public access areas are substantially reduced by the assignment of these lands to corporate entities.</p> <p>These entities should be subject to an environmental assessment for any development they propose to undertake.</p> <p>Any redevelopment at OP should be consistent with maintaining OP as a place of discovery and exploration with free site wide public access for all.</p> <p>What happens to the existing programs at OP? E.g. winter light exhibition</p> <p>For greater transparency, details of the land leases should be made available for public review, after all the land still is owned by Ontario. Otherwise, one can only assume that the vision for OP is really driven from the top down with more regard for corporate interests than public input.</p> <p>From the design concepts provided it appears Therme's leased area consists of the entire West Island including into the water. Clarification is needed.</p> <p>What happens to the tree canopy in this area? What happens to multiuse path in these areas?</p>
11/17/2022	Other	<p>This engagement survey was incredibly difficult to complete and very time consuming. It took me over 2 hours to complete. It is likely that most people would give up. That is counter to the concept of a public engagement and will likely limit the effectiveness of the engagement. Suggest that much could be moved to appendices. Also hire a communications expert to improve the design as more user friendly.</p>
11/17/2022	Station 1: A Bold New Vision	<p>The bold vision needs to include and accommodate the current uses of Ontario Place, even in it's dilapidated state. There are large numbers of people who use Ontario Place as a park for walking, running, bicycling, picnicking, etc. It would wrong to underestimate the current usage and the need to ensure it's continuation in the new vision.</p> <p>Public consultation needs to be ensured for all future modifications noted throughout this survey. The unilateral decision to lease the largest chunk of solid parkland to private interests without any consultation was wrong and measures should be taken to ensure it is not repeated.</p> <p>The bold vision must clearly and actively recognize Ontario Place as parkland for residents of adjoining communities (Parkdale, Fort York, Liberty Village) where densification is very high and alternate parkland is insufficient. On the flip side, while Ontario Place will attract tourists, tourism should not be the primary goal; local communities should be that.</p> <p>It is misleading to say that 70% of Ontario Place is designated public lands. Of that 70%, a large portion is water, not land (Brigatine Cove, Marina, etc.), the marina is primarily for the use of private boat owners rather than the public, the parking lot. The largest single block of parkland on Ontario Place has been leased to private/corporate interests. To suggest otherwise is misleading.</p> <p>It would be helpful to explicitly state that the walkways and trails on Ontario Place cover all the sites, including the full circumference of the Therme tenanted area.</p> <p>The vision should recognize the future with efforts to control and reverse climate change. In particular, this would include reducing the need for cars and parking and replacing that with enhanced public transit and public walkways/ bicycle paths.</p>

11/17/2022	Station 1: A Bold New Vision	<p>The Bold New Vision is a good one, except for two key things.</p> <p>Secondly, the retention of the space in Trillium Park is an excellent goal as part of this vision. The same level of care and attention should be devoted to maintaining the West Island, and even longer-standing part of Ontario place, and the most natural and forested area thereof.</p> <p>ON Place is a beautiful park and location for all Ontarians, and with changes to the liminal space in between, it could be opened up for all Torontonians to enjoy. Water quality would improve, multi-modal access would be increased, and greenspace for those living downtown, which is sorely lacking, would be made more inviting and accessible.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
11/17/2022	Station 1: A Bold New Vision	<p>I support the many great ideas proposed here to enhance public use of the site. I support open, public spaces rather than private fee-based use. I do support revenue models to generate operating funds for the public space (but not for corporate profit from operations at the space).</p>
11/16/2022	Other	<p>Ontario Place must be for ALL and kept publicly accessible.</p> <p>There must be a thoughtful, comprehensive public review before any changes, with a full and robust public consultation that: conforms to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report's call for informed, respectful, and meaningful consultation with Indigenous peoples over economic development recognizes the diverse communities that use and contribute to Ontario Place</p> <p>Public interest, not commercial interest must drive the new vision.</p> <p>Future plans must: acknowledge the waterfront's Indigenous heritage and incorporate meaningful Indigenous consultation maintain Ontario Place as part of Toronto's waterfront park system.</p> <p>be integrated with the revitalization of Exhibition Place.</p> <p>celebrate Ontario.</p> <p>be guided by a collaboratively developed Conservation Management Plan that sustains Ontario Place as a recognized cultural heritage landscape.</p> <p>Accessibility and support for the elderly must be considered at every site.</p> <p>There is no unified vision to the entire plan. Why?</p> <p>Ontario must be kept public, open and green.</p> <p>Parking should be eliminated. Shuttles should be provided from CNE. Improved support for bikes.</p> <p>The public realm Master Planning Team has been told to find ways to increase, not decrease, the parking available on Ontario Place. I demand a reduction of parking and hard landscaping.</p> <p>More trees must be planted here and throughout the site.</p> <p>Renewable energy (solar / wind / hydro) must be used for power and lighting and transport.</p> <p>Water fountains and washrooms must be provided to the public.</p> <p>The shoreline must be naturalized.</p> <p>Native plants should be used throughout the site.</p> <p>Ontario place must remain affordable and public to EVERYONE.</p>
11/16/2022	Other	<p>This entire "consultation" process felt like it was rigged to reinforce decisions that have already been made. Is there no vision for Ontario Place as a whole? why are we commenting on all these tiny details and not on the fate of Ontario Place as an entire entity? I am in complete opposition to all the "vibrant commercial activities" that are being proposed for this area. I would like to see this important part of our city maintained as parkland and not given over to private interests.</p>
11/16/2022	Station 7: Applying the Evaluation Criteria to the Concepts	<p>Ontario Place should be primarily a recreational space, rather than a nature preserve. Social considerations should dominate.It should be accessible to all, not to narrow interests or those who have more resources. Accessibility is a key criteria that is missing in the evaluation process.</p>

11/16/2022	Station 1: A Bold New Vision	<p>To sum up, my comments on Ontario Place are as follows: As someone who lives in the west end and visits Ontario Place frequently, the supposed need to "revamp" and "revitalize" Ontario Place in the first place boggles my mind. It is already a much loved, and much used, public space. I hang out there not only on weekends but also as early as 6:30 am on weekdays, and even at that time, the park is filled with people. In the quieter hours like that time, people are simply hanging out on the water, meditating, reading, enjoying the view, running or biking through the park. In the busier times in the evenings and on weekends, or weekdays during the summer, there are the two food kiosks, boat rentals, scooter rentals, things like yoga and free summer concerts. It honestly boggles my mind when I read people talking about an "abandoned" "derelict" "underutilized" space. I don't see Ontario Place as being different from any other park in Toronto in the sense of its usage and beauty. Some of the specific ideas about increasing access to the water from the shoreline or updating some of the areas around the marina to include more picnic shelters, etc. are interesting and I can see the opportunity for benefits there, as long as the space remains public and remains as parkland.</p> <p>I think Toronto has an odd obsession with "activating" spaces. I think it's important to also have spaces which are just beautiful, peaceful places where people can find some solitude and admire the view. All the people living in the downtown core and Liberty Village deserve a place like Ontario Place that is a park, on the water. It already has a great mix of activities and businesses and community groups making use of the space, and simple parkland along the shore for people to sit and enjoy the view.</p>
11/15/2022	Station 1: A Bold New Vision	Outdoor should include covered and winterized space for free that benefits the community. Maybe a walking tour, historical info.
11/13/2022	Station 1: A Bold New Vision	<p>The are is already congested with car traffic, and adding spa and entertainment facilities will only add more car congestion to the area.</p> <p>This is a historic opportunity to show Canada that the peoples land will remain, for the people, Not developers.</p>
11/11/2022	Station 1: A Bold New Vision	The Go Train is a fabulous way to access the island - we do NOT need more parking - we need more frequent GO train access on holidays and weekends. We may even need a "TTC" mobile bus for those with walking impairments.
11/10/2022	Station 1: A Bold New Vision	<p>These are precious parcels of land and coastlines. Let's take our time and consult many experts, locally and globally. The zoning should be parks and recreation. Little to no commercial development...our city is already spoiled with runaway towers. We must preserve green and waterfront space for common people and for as wildlife as possible.</p>
11/10/2022	Other	5. I am opposed to increasing parking at Ontario Place. We must reduce parking and hard landscaping at Ontario Place. The Ontario Line subway is intended to reduce the need for parking.
11/10/2022	Station 1: A Bold New Vision	I am voicing my opposition to increasing parking at Ontario Place. I have learned that the public realm Master Planning Team has been told to find ways to increase, not decrease, the parking available on Ontario Place. We need to demand a reduction of parking and hard landscaping.

11/8/2022	Other	I oppose increasing parking at Ontario Place. We have learned that the public realm Master Planning Team has been told to find ways to increase, not decrease, the parking available at Ontario Place. We need to demand a reduction of parking and hard landscaping.
11/7/2022	Other	I have a hard time seeing what is bold and new about this vision.
11/7/2022	Station 1: A Bold New Vision	I think the current plan looks great as it is looking to expand natural areas wherever possible while finding the balance for human use. I hope it can increase biodiversity in the area.
11/3/2022	Station 3: Existing Site Conditions	Many thousands, if not millions of Torontonians and Ontarians strongly value and appreciate the wildlife, botany forest and coastal areas of Ontario Place, from songbirds and bumblebees to turtles, shorebirds migrating birds and more, these are reasons why people have enjoyed visiting Ontario Place, a place to commune with nature, enjoy serenity, see wildlife and enjoy this haven close to downtown but separate in a natural beautiful very pleasant realm. Family, yoga classes, naturalists, nature lovers, people seeking peace of mind and some fun have visited in the past decade and during the COVID period for these very reasons. Paving over and removing these natural features, both increasingly rare and quickly diminishing in the GTA, instead of making use of the existing footprint would be selfish shortsighted and damaging to the fragile natural systems as well as increasing a dangerous tolerance for sprawling development that destroys fragile and limited natural areas. There can be a sustainable balance but only by planning with Ontario's best environmental advisors, including for instance Toronto Field Naturalists, the Near Urban Nature Network, TRCA and Ontario Nature or WWF or the David Suzuki Foundation to name a few. These days the province plans to listen to advice from environmental consultants hired by developers and not further third party, Conservation Authority or MNRF advice. So please protect and greatly appreciate our natural systems and important loved natural and wildlife features while they are still here.

Ontario Place Redevelopment Project

955 Lakeshore Blvd. West, Toronto

About the Project

Over the next several years, Ontario Place will be redeveloped into a remarkable world-class, year-round destination that will include public and event spaces, parkland, and waterfront access. A redeveloped Ontario Place will provide an accessible and inclusive experience for all Ontarians that reflects the diversity of the province and celebrates the legacy of its waterfront location.



The redevelopment of Ontario Place will result in a mix of uses, including enhanced public spaces, as well as accessible programming and activities that will appeal to visitors of all ages. These experiences will be available across the site, united by a new design for the public spaces and parkland (the public realm), and site improvements.

The Government of Ontario's vision includes the integration of both public sector investment (government-led) and private-sector development (tenant-led) that will result in a renewed and modernized site. For more information about the Government of Ontario's vision, please visit Ontario.ca/OntarioPlace.

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Public Work Class Environmental Assessment

Undertaking

As part of the redevelopment project, the Government of Ontario will be undertaking the following activities:

- 1) Site preparations
- 2) Site development

Site preparations will be occurring across the entirety of Ontario Place with the exception of Trillium Park and trail. Development work led by the private sector will occur on tenanted lands while the government-led development activities are limited to areas outside of those tenanted boundaries.

The key types of activities included in the government-led scope of work include:

- Planning approvals and realty activities
- Building decommissioning and removal
- Grading and landscaping
- Development of parks, trails and open spaces
- Shoreline repairs and flood mitigation
- Site access and parking
- Incorporation of science-based learning programs
- Construction of new buildings and supporting site infrastructure

Class Environmental Assessment

The *Environmental Assessment Act* (EA Act) applies to the government-led activities on site. These will be assessed using the Ministry of Infrastructure Public Work Class Environmental Assessment (PW Class EA) as a Category C undertaking. Private sector led developments are not subject to the *EA Act* but are subject to the Ontario *Planning Act* requirements.

A Class Environmental Assessment (EA) is a study that examines the potential environmental effects (positive and negative) of a proposed project and identifies ways to manage negative environmental effects before project implementation. A key component of the Class EA process includes consultation, which provides opportunities for members of the public, Indigenous communities and stakeholders to contribute to and influence decisions relating to the project.

Public Consultation Opportunities

On April 27, 2023, a virtual public engagement room will be available on [EngageOntarioPlace.ca](https://engageontarioplace.ca). This virtual room will provide the public with access to information about the redevelopment project, the EA process, and the evaluation of the design concepts presented at the last public engagement event in October 2022, as well as the ability to provide their comments on the recommended public realm design for the site.

Additionally, a live, virtual public consultation event on Ontario Place's recommended public realm design, evaluation of the design concepts presented at the last public engagement event in October 2022, and the EA will also take place on April 27, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. During the event, the project team will facilitate discussions and seek input on the recommended public realm design at Ontario Place. You can register for the event at [EngageOntarioPlace.ca](https://engageontarioplace.ca).

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Public Work Class Environmental Assessment

For Further Information

If you have any questions or comments regarding this Class EA, are seeking further information, or would like to be added to the project contact list, please contact:

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Notice of Collection

The personal information that you provide to us will be used for the purpose of communicating and consulting with you about the Category "C" Class Environmental Assessment for the public realm at Ontario Place. It will also be used to create a public record as required by the *Environmental Assessment Act*, and as permitted by s. 37 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. The public record, including your personal information, will be available to the general public unless you request that your personal information remain confidential. It will also be analyzed, on an anonymized basis, to ensure that our consultations are reaching an inclusive and diverse audience.

This information will be collected, maintained and disclosed by the Ministry of Infrastructure (the "Ministry") and the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. It will be shared with the Ministry's third-party advisors who have a need to know the information in order to assist the Ministry in fulfilling its obligations under the *Environmental Assessment Act*. These advisors are Ontario Infrastructure and Lands Corporation ("Infrastructure Ontario"), Bespoke Cultural Collective, Land Design Incorporated ("LandInc."), Martha Schwartz Partners ("MSP") and CH2M HILL Canada Limited ("Jacobs").

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Notes

- Cet avis est disponible en français sur demande.
- If this information is required in an accessible format, please notify the project contact identified above.

Notice issued on April 6, 2023.

Projet de réaménagement de la Place de l'Ontario

955, Lakeshore Blvd. West, Toronto

À propos du projet

Au cours des prochaines années, la Place de l'Ontario sera réaménagée en une remarquable destination de classe mondiale, accessible toute l'année, comprenant des espaces verts, publics et événementiels et un accès au bord de l'eau. Une fois réaménagée, la Place de l'Ontario offrira à tous les Ontariens une expérience accessible et inclusive qui témoigne de la diversité de la province et célèbre le riche passé de son emplacement riverain.



Le réaménagement de la Place de l'Ontario offrira un éventail d'utilisations, ainsi que des espaces publics améliorés, une programmation et des activités accessibles qui sauront plaire aux visiteurs de tous âges. Ces expériences seront proposées sur l'ensemble du site, unifiées par une nouvelle conception des espaces verts et publics (le domaine public) et des améliorations apportées aux lieux.

La vision du gouvernement de l'Ontario consiste à intégrer à la fois l'investissement du secteur public (activités soutenues par le gouvernement) et le développement du secteur privé (activités soutenues par les occupants), de manière à créer un site renouvelé et modernisé. Pour obtenir plus de renseignements à propos de la vision du gouvernement de l'Ontario, veuillez visiter Ontario.ca/Ontario-place.

Avis d'activité de consultation n° 3

Évaluation environnementale de la catégorie d'ouvrage public

Activités

Dans le cadre de ce projet de réaménagement, le gouvernement de l'Ontario entreprendra les activités suivantes :

- 1) Préparation du site
- 2) Aménagement du site

Les préparatifs du site se dérouleront sur l'ensemble de la Place de l'Ontario, à l'exception du parc Trillium et du sentier. Les travaux d'aménagement menés par le secteur privé se dérouleront sur les terrains loués, alors que ceux menés par le gouvernement se limiteront aux zones situées à l'extérieur de ces limites.

Les principaux types d'activités prévues dans le cadre des travaux dirigés par le gouvernement sont les suivants :

- Approbations d'urbanisme et activités immobilières ;
- Démantèlement et suppression de bâtiments ;
- Terrassement et aménagement paysager ;
- Aménagement de parcs, de sentiers et d'espaces ouverts ;
- Réparation des berges et atténuation des inondations ;
- Accès au site et stationnement ;
- Intégration de programmes d'apprentissage fondés sur la science ;
- Construction de nouveaux bâtiments et de l'infrastructure de soutien du site.

Évaluation environnementale de portée générale

La *Loi sur les évaluations environnementales* s'applique à toutes les activités soutenues par le gouvernement sur le site. Celles-ci seront évaluées conformément à l'évaluation environnementale de la catégorie d'ouvrage public du ministère de l'Infrastructure, en tant que projet de catégorie C. Les aménagements du secteur privé ne sont pas assujettis à la *Loi sur les évaluations environnementales*, mais plutôt aux exigences de la *Loi sur l'aménagement du territoire*.

Une évaluation environnementale (EE) de portée générale est une étude qui examine les effets environnementaux potentiels (positifs et négatifs) d'un projet proposé et identifie les moyens d'en gérer les effets négatifs avant sa mise en œuvre. Un des principaux éléments de l'EE de portée générale est le processus de consultation, qui donne aux membres du public, aux communautés autochtones et aux parties prenantes la possibilité de contribuer aux décisions touchant au projet et de les orienter.

Possibilités de consultation publique

À compter du 27 avril 2023, une salle de participation virtuelle sera à la disposition du public sur le site [EngageOntarioPlace.ca](https://engageontarioplace.ca). Cette salle virtuelle permettra au public d'accéder à des informations sur le projet de réaménagement, le processus d'EE et l'évaluation des concepts du design présentés lors de la dernière activité de participation publique en octobre 2022, et de faire part de ses commentaires sur l'aménagement du domaine public recommandé pour le site.

En outre, une consultation publique virtuelle en direct sur l'aménagement du domaine public recommandé pour la Place de l'Ontario, l'évaluation des concepts du design présentés lors de la dernière activité de participation publique en octobre 2022 et l'EE aura également lieu le 27 avril 2023, de 17 h à 19 h. Au cours de l'événement, l'équipe de projet animera des discussions et sollicitera des commentaires sur les options conceptuelles de l'aménagement du domaine public recommandé pour la Place de l'Ontario. Pour vous inscrire à l'événement, visitez le site [EngageOntarioPlace.ca](https://engageontarioplace.ca).

Avis d'activité de consultation n° 3

Évaluation environnementale de la catégorie d'ouvrage public

Pour de plus amples renseignements

Si vous avez des questions ou des commentaires concernant cette évaluation environnementale de portée générale, ou si vous souhaitez obtenir de plus amples renseignements ou être ajouté à la liste de contacts du projet, veuillez contacter :

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Avis de collecte de renseignements

Les renseignements personnels que vous nous fournissez seront utilisés pour communiquer avec vous et vous consulter au sujet de l'évaluation environnementale de portée générale de catégorie C concernant le domaine public de la Place de l'Ontario. Ils serviront également à créer un dossier public, comme l'exige la *Loi sur les évaluations environnementales* et comme le permet l'article 37 de la *Loi sur l'accès à l'information et la protection de la vie privée*. Les renseignements personnels que vous soumettez feront partie d'un dossier public accessible au grand public, à moins que vous ne demandiez que vos renseignements personnels restent confidentiels. Ils seront également analysés, de manière anonyme, afin de veiller à ce que nos consultations touchent un public inclusif et diversifié.

Ces renseignements seront recueillis, conservés et divulgués par le ministère de l'Infrastructure (le « ministère ») et le ministère de l'Environnement, de la Protection de la nature et des Parcs. Ils seront transmis aux conseillers indépendants du ministère qui doivent en prendre connaissance afin d'aider le ministère à remplir ses obligations en vertu de la *Loi sur les évaluations environnementales*. Ces conseillers sont la Société ontarienne des infrastructures et de l'immobilier (« Infrastructure Ontario »), Bespoke Cultural Collective, Land Design Incorporated (« LandInc. »), Martha Schwartz Partners (« MSP ») et CH2M HILL Canada Limited (« Jacobs »).

Vos renseignements personnels sont recueillis en vertu des articles 4 et 5 de la *Loi sur le ministère de l'Infrastructure*, L.R.O. 1990, c. M. 35 et de la *Loi sur les évaluations environnementales*, L.R.O. 1990, c. E. 18, respectivement. Pour plus d'informations, veuillez contacter Tom McDonnell, directeur, renouvellement et mise en œuvre, secrétariat du réaménagement de la Place de l'Ontario, ministère de l'Infrastructure, Tom.McDonnell3@ontario.ca.

Notes :

- This notice is available in English upon request.
- Si vous désirez obtenir ces renseignements dans un format accessible, veuillez en informer la personne-ressource du projet identifiée ci-dessus.

Avis émis le 6 avril 2023.

Environmental Assessment Engagement Event # 3

April 27, 2023



Land Acknowledgement



**Set Up and Bold
New Vision**



Housekeeping

- The presentation portion of this engagement event is being recorded. The recording will stop when we break-out into smaller workshop groups.
- For technical support, email info@bespokecollective.ca.
- To turn on Closed Captions select the 'CC' tab.
- ASL interpretation is available in the main room.
- If you are from one of our partner agencies, please identify yourself by adding a # symbol to your zoom name.
- Please maintain a respectful space.

Agenda

1. Setup and Bold New Vision
2. Category C Class Environmental Assessment
3. Recommended Public Realm Design
4. Breakout Session
5. Upcoming Work and Wrap Up

Why are we here today?

- Ontario Place is being redeveloped into a world-class, year-round destination.
- As part of the site's redevelopment and through the Environmental Assessment (EA) process we have an opportunity to modernize and enhance the site's public spaces.
- Today, we want to hear your feedback on the recommended design for Ontario Place's public spaces. **These designs have been “recommended” by the EA process but are not final.**

Our Goals

1. To share information and project updates.
2. To engage with you as part of the Category C Class EA process.
3. To receive your feedback on the recommended design for the public realm spaces.

Bold New Vision

The vision for Ontario Place is anchored by new tenants, the existing and successful Trillium Park, the new Ontario Science Centre and a redeveloped public realm. The private and public sector are working together to deliver the new vision.

The government's vision for Ontario Place will:

- Provide a remarkable, world-class, year-round destination.
- Expand and improve waterfront access, parkland and public spaces.
- Respect Ontario's historical and natural features.
- Honour the rich traditions, cultures, and heritage of Indigenous peoples.
- Showcase Ontario's diversity and multiculturalism.
- Preserve and reuse its unique architectural and landscape features.
- Advance sustainability and climate resilience.



Therme Canada



Live Nation



Ontario Science Centre



Public Realm

Redevelopment Objectives



Green Space

Enhanced Public
Open Spaces



Access

Preserve a Publicly
Accessible Waterfront



Water

Increased Water
Access



Pods and Cinesphere Restoration

Preserving Cultural Heritage



Wetlands

New Aquatic Habitat
and Wetlands



Trees

Increased
Canopy Cover



Bike Paths

New and Improved
Multi-use Trails

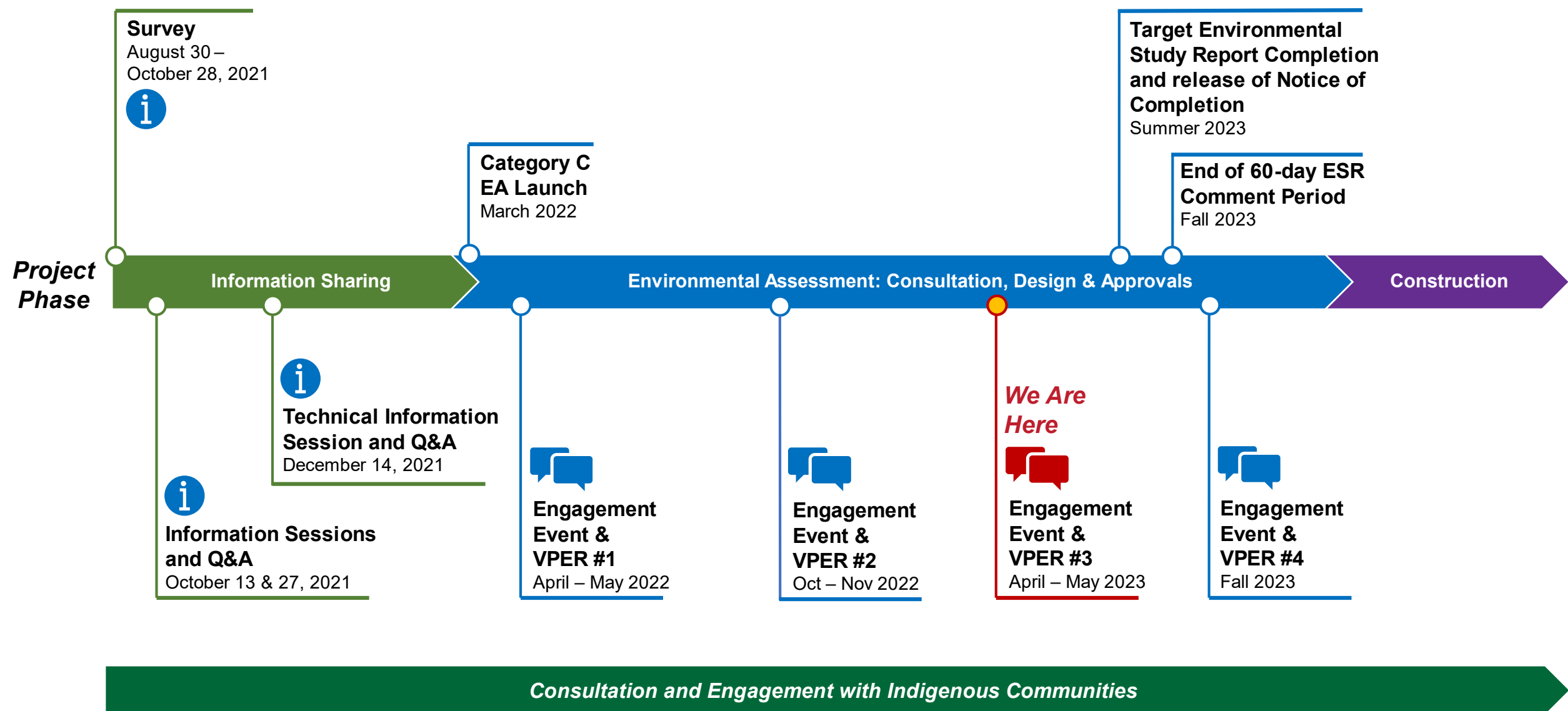


Recreation

Animating the Public Realm



Timeline



Note: Timelines are indicative and subject to change.



Category C Class Environmental Assessment

EA Act Applicability

- For the project, the Category C Class EA is only applicable to the government-led activities.
- The *Environmental Assessment Act* governs public sector developments and provides requirements for the environmental assessment process.
- The *Planning Act* governs land use planning and provides requirements for these activities across the province.
- Private sector developments are not subject to the *Environmental Assessment Act*, but they are required to follow the *Planning Act* and the municipal planning process.
 - They are also required to secure zoning and site plan approval, as well as meet all the federal, provincial and municipal environmental permits and approvals.

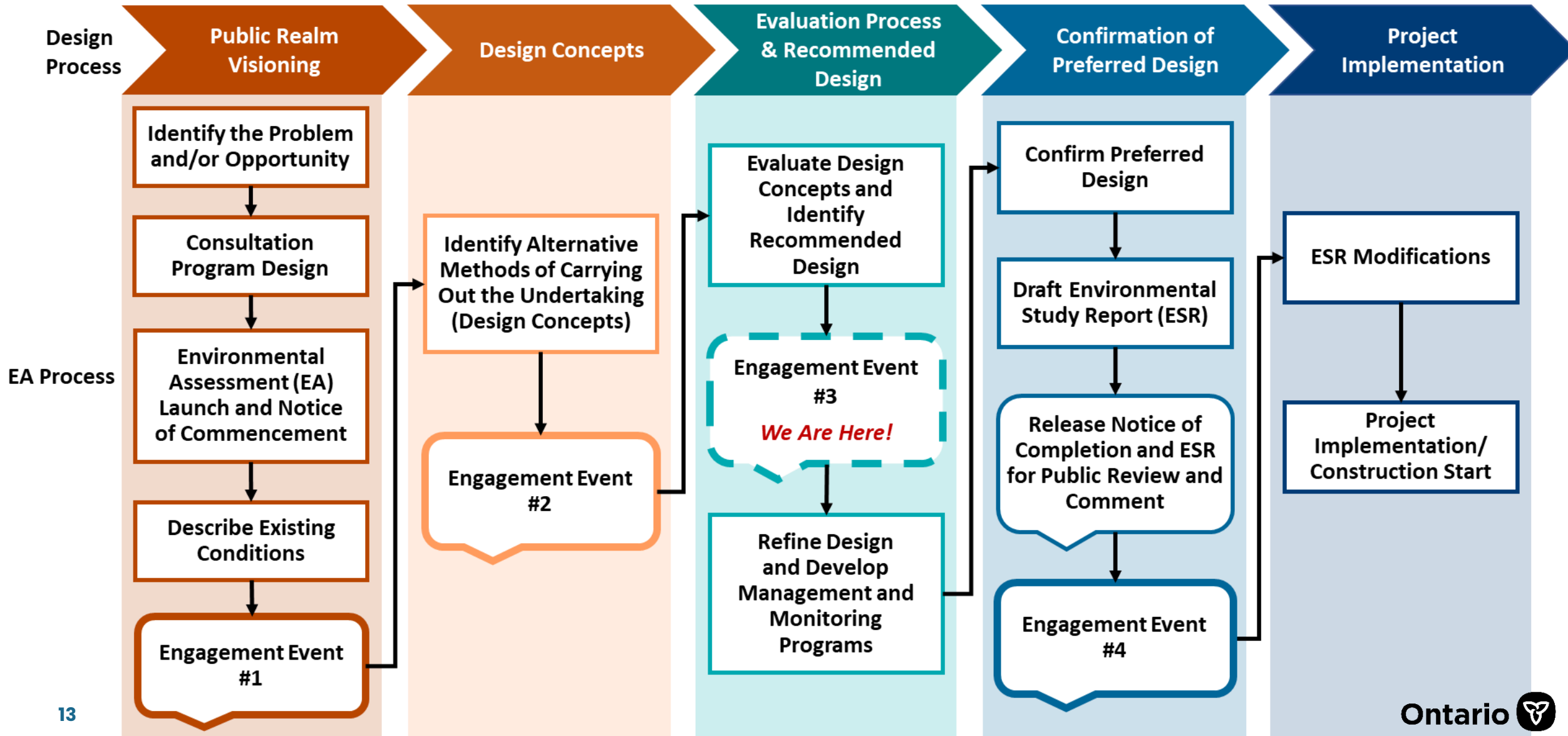


About the Environmental Assessment (EA)

- The Category C Class EA Study Area is defined as the public realm area where government-led activities will occur and is subject to the *Environmental Assessment Act*.
- The key OP redevelopment activities encompassed by the EA include:
 - › Planning approvals and realty activities
 - › Building decommissioning and removal
 - › Grading and landscaping
 - › Development of parks, trails and open spaces
 - › Shoreline repairs and flood mitigation
 - › Site access and parking
 - › Construction of new buildings and supporting site infrastructure.

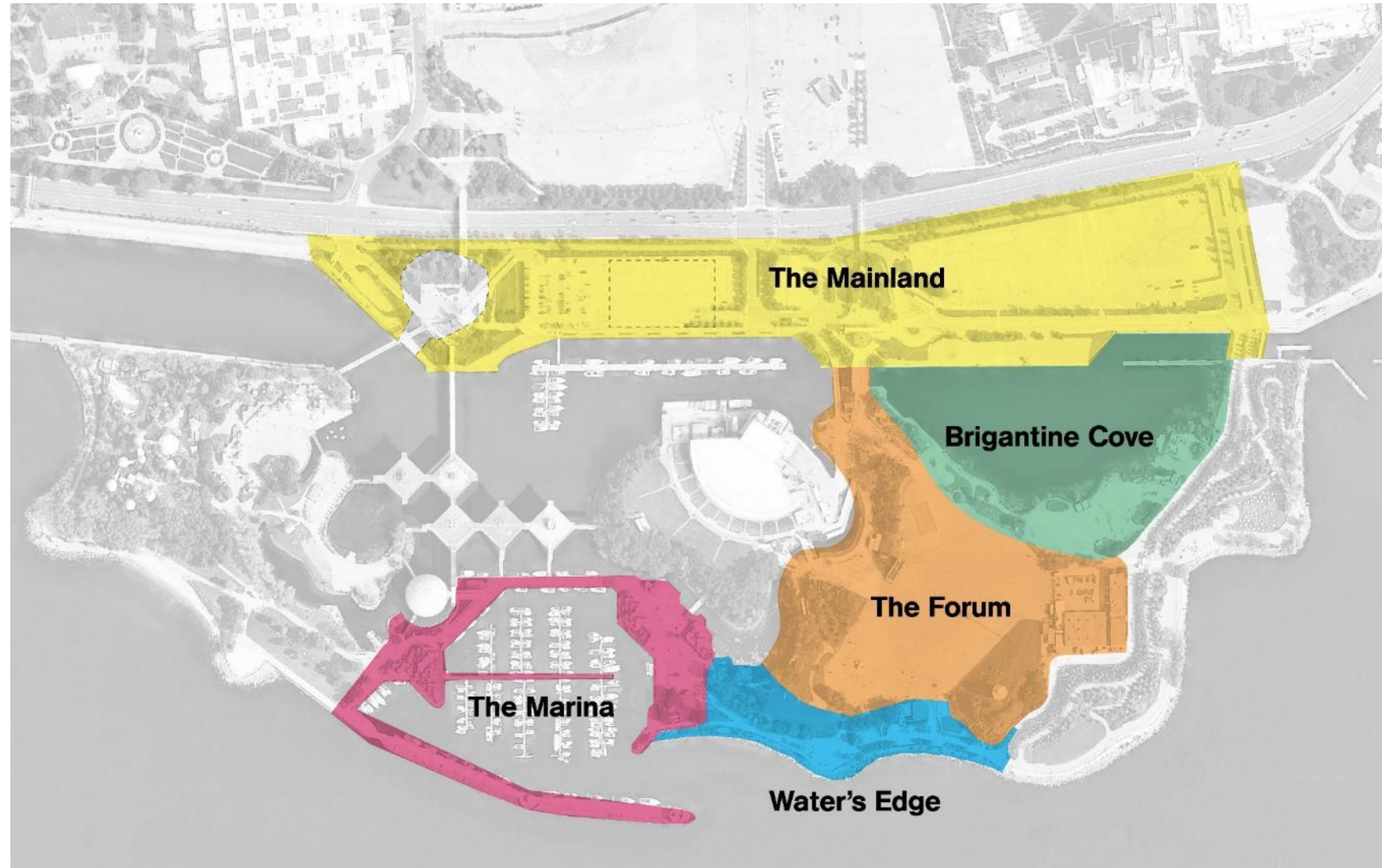


Design Development & EA Process



The Zones

To help navigate the site and facilitate thorough evaluation through the EA process, the Ontario Place public realm was divided into 5 zones.



Overview of the EA Evaluation

- Building on public feedback received in Fall 2022 – the EA team finalized the EA evaluation criteria table that was then used to identify a recommended design for the public realm.
 - › The evaluation table is divided into the following six categories:



Natural Environment

- Air
- Land
- Water



Social Environment

- Interactions of users with surrounding communities
- Land use compatibility



Cultural Environment

- Archaeology
- Heritage
- Indigenous cultures



Technical Environment

- Engineering
- Construction constraints
- Soil and groundwater conditions



Economic Environment

- Capital costs
- Operational and maintenance costs
- Job creation



Sustainability

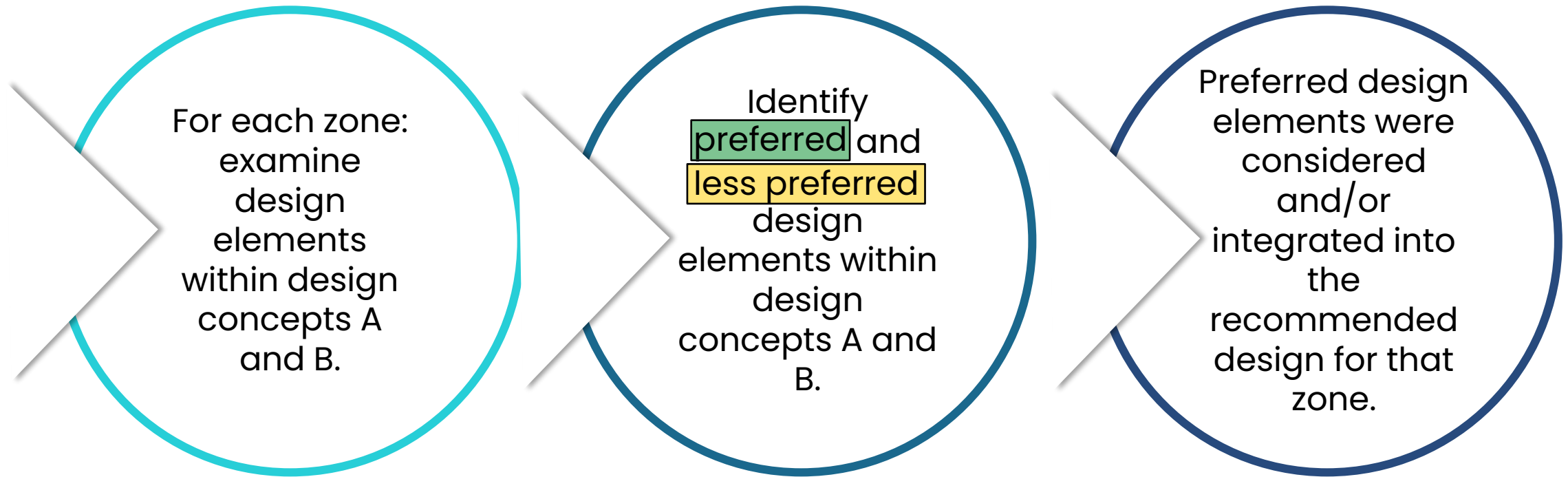
- Climate resilience
- Long-term viability

Overview of the EA Evaluation (Continued)

- Each of the six categories consist of site-specific objectives and supporting evaluation criteria.
- Using a qualitative, rationale-based assessment, indicators identified for each criterion were used to measure how each design element met the site-specific objectives:
 - › Design elements that were determined to best meet the objectives, vision and feedback were identified as preferred.



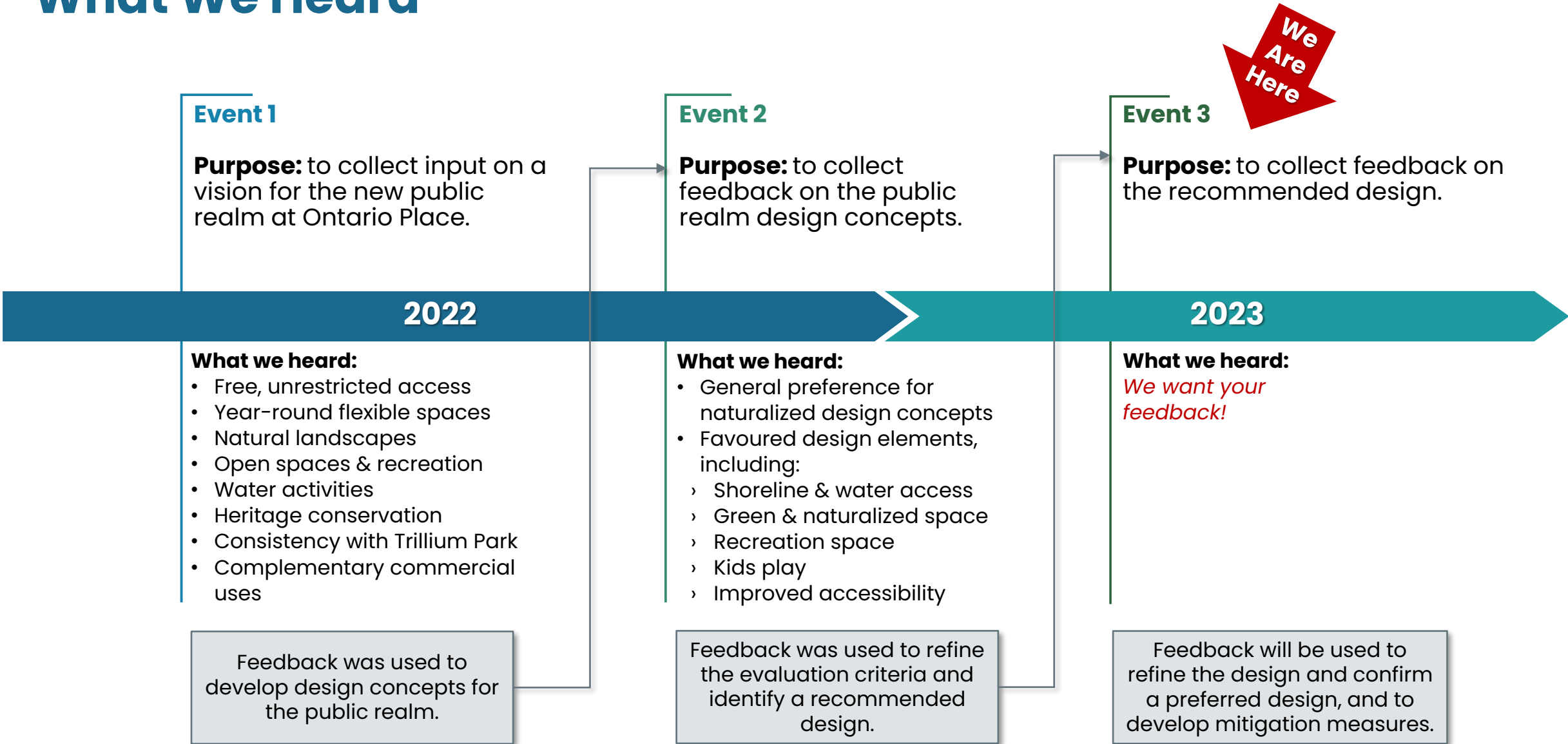
Evaluation Process for Each Zone





Recommended Public Realm Design

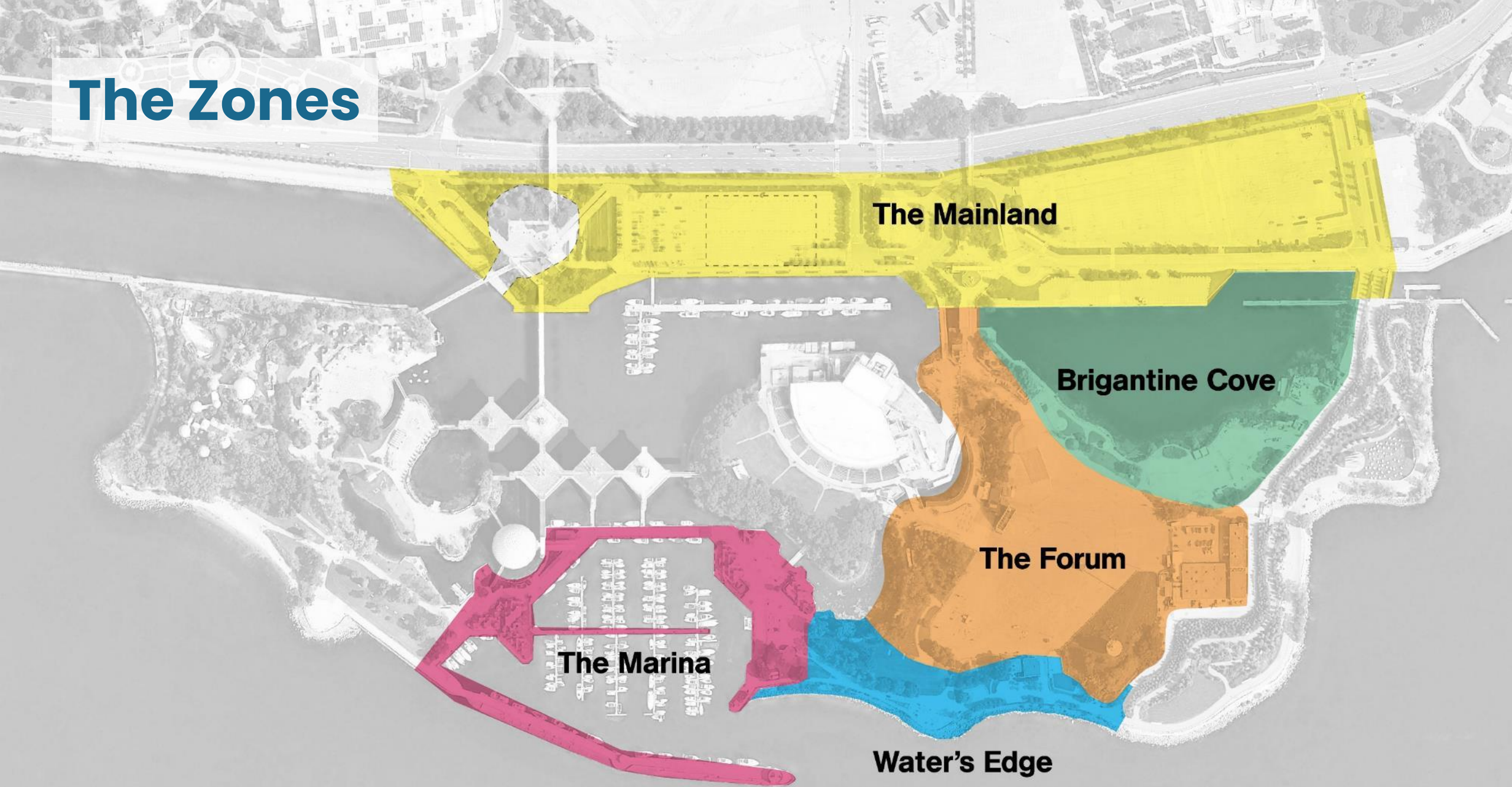
What We Heard



What We Heard from Indigenous Communities

- Consultation and engagement with rights-holding Indigenous communities and urban Indigenous organizations in Toronto has been ongoing and will continue throughout the EA and design process.
- Suggestions for the public realm design shared by Indigenous community members include:
 - › Using native trees and species
 - › Working with, not against nature
 - › Using plants (i.e., water lilies) to filter out toxins in water
 - › Replacing impervious with pervious material where possible
 - › Sharing and teaching of Traditional Knowledge
 - › Leaving space for the natural world and for wildlife to exist without human interference
 - › Including linguistic diversity
 - › Including wampum belt teaching and symbolism
 - › Storytelling

The Zones





Zone 1: Water's Edge

Water's Edge

Zone 1: Water's Edge

The Concepts



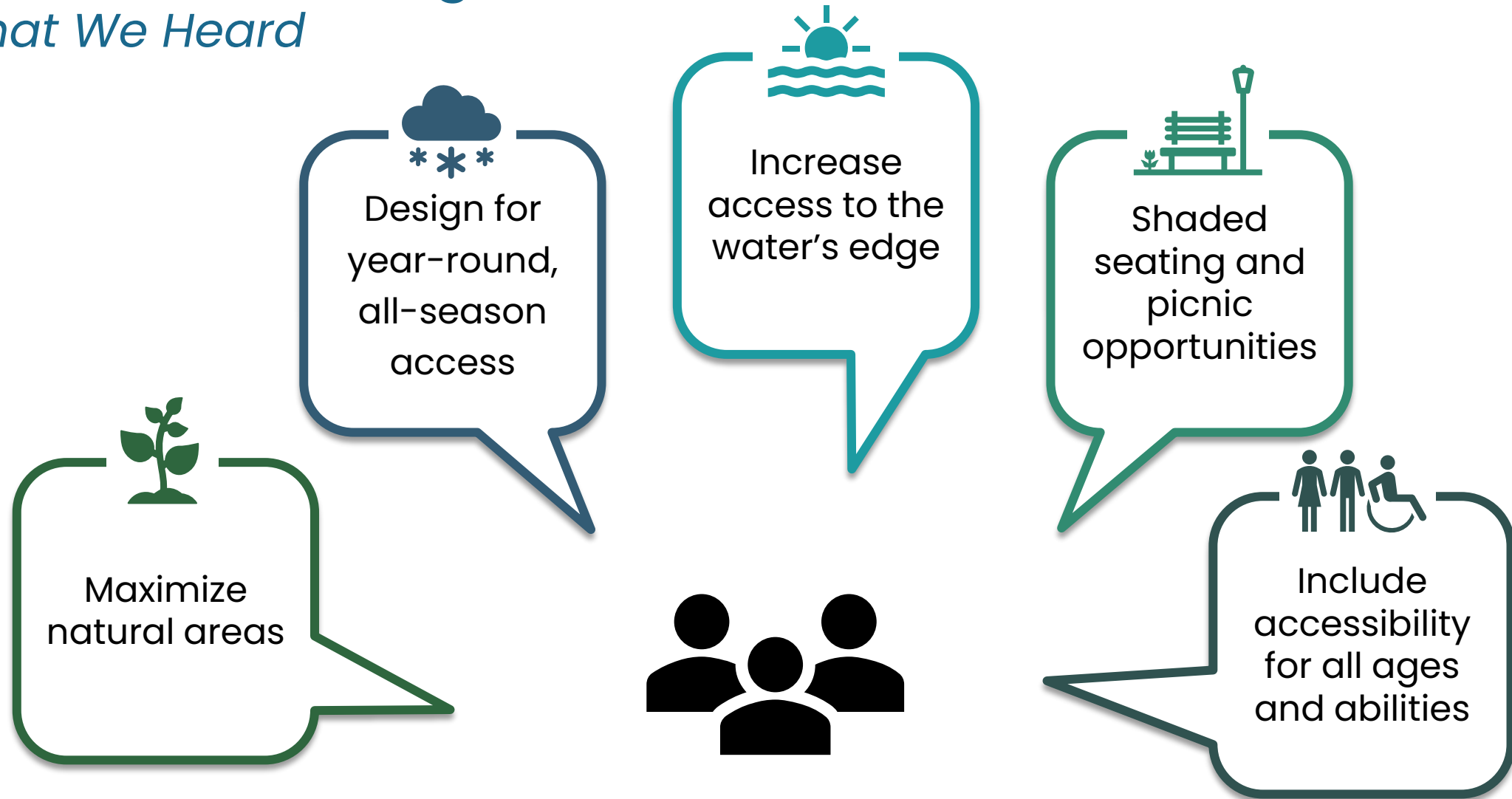
Concept A:
Stone Lookouts



Concept B:
Planted Piers

Zone 1: Water's Edge

What We Heard



Zone 1: Water's Edge

The Evaluation



Category	Concept A: Stone Lookouts	Concept B: Planted Piers
Natural Environment	Preferred	Less Preferred
Social Environment	Preferred	Less Preferred
Cultural Environment	Preferred	Preferred
Technical Environment	Less Preferred	Preferred
Economic Environment	Preferred	Preferred
Sustainability	Preferred	Preferred
Overall Preference	Preferred	Less Preferred

Zone 1: Water's Edge

Recommended Design



Category	Concept A: Stone Lookouts	Concept B: Planted Piers
Overall Preference	Preferred	Less Preferred

Concept A provides greater opportunity for long-term shoreline protection, integrates Hough principles, and allows for additional seating along the shoreline. This concept is being modified to make the lower waterfront accessible to all users and will increase vegetation to the extent possible.

Zone 1: Water's Edge

Recommended Design



Seat Wall

Waterfront Promenade

Trail Connection to Forum

Lookout Point

Washroom

Stone Seating
& Steps

Rebuilt Shoreline

Shade Canopy
And Biodiversity

Lake Ontario Lookout

Zone 1: Water's Edge

Design Vision



Lake Ontario Lookout

Weather & Wind Mitigation

Waterfront Promenade



Zone 1: Water's Edge

Design Vision



Stone Seating
& Steps

Shade Canopy
And Biodiversity

Rebuilt Shoreline

Zone 1: Water's Edge

Design Vision



Natural Stone Seating

Waterfront Promenade

Accessible Patio

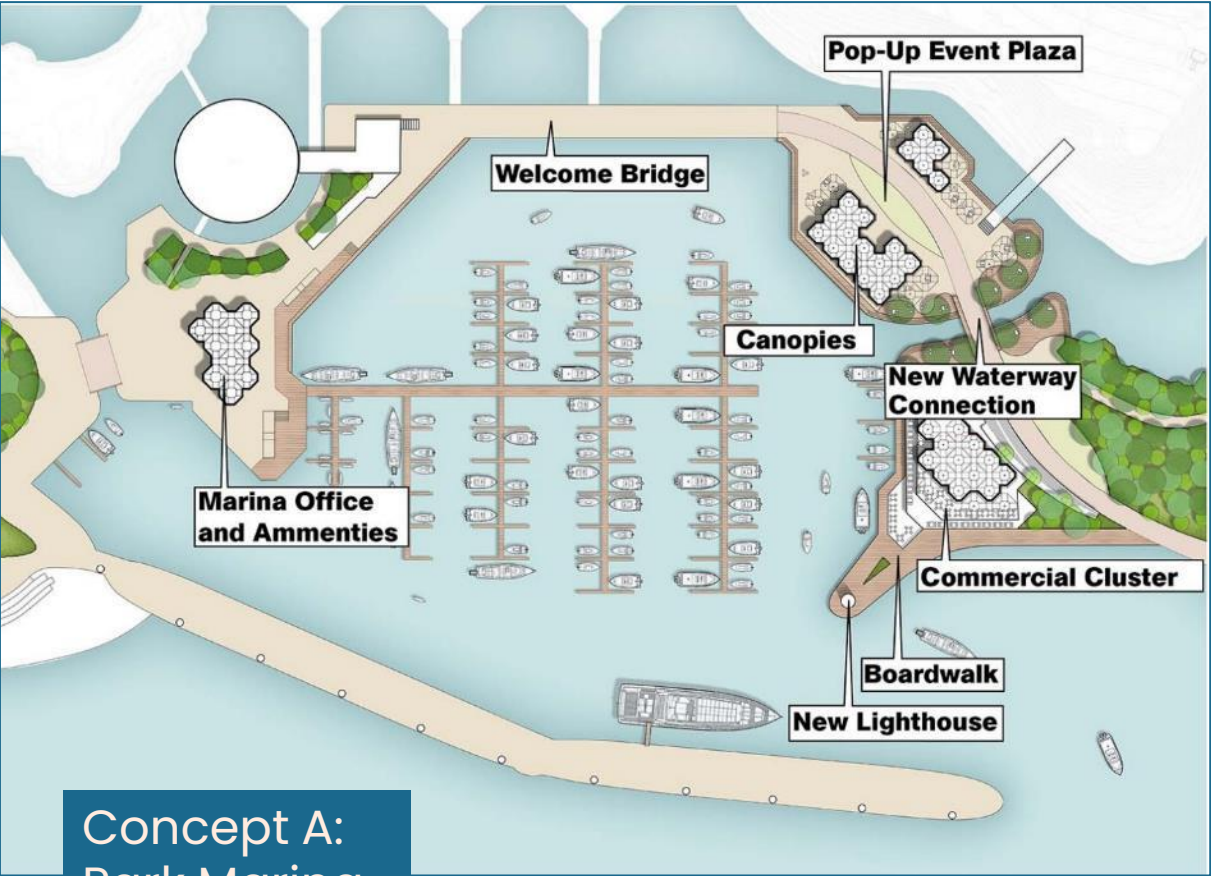
An aerial photograph of a waterfront area, likely a marina or harbor. A red overlay highlights a specific section of the water and surrounding land, which is labeled 'The Marina'. The red area includes several docks and moorings. To the left of the red area, there is a large, irregularly shaped landmass with various structures and vegetation. To the right, there is a large, curved structure that appears to be a bridge or a large building. The background shows a city street with cars and buildings.

Zone 2: Marina

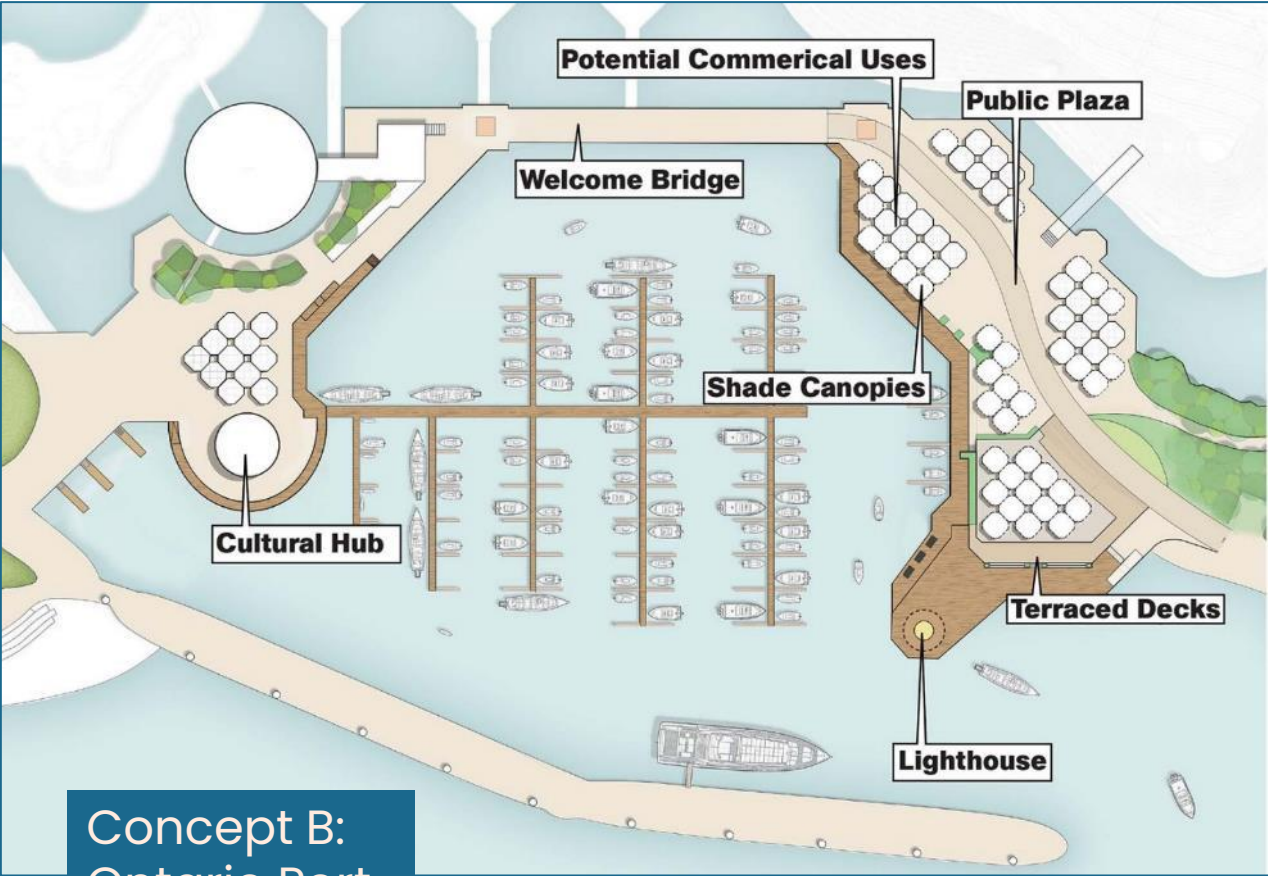
The Marina

Zone 2: Marina

The Concepts



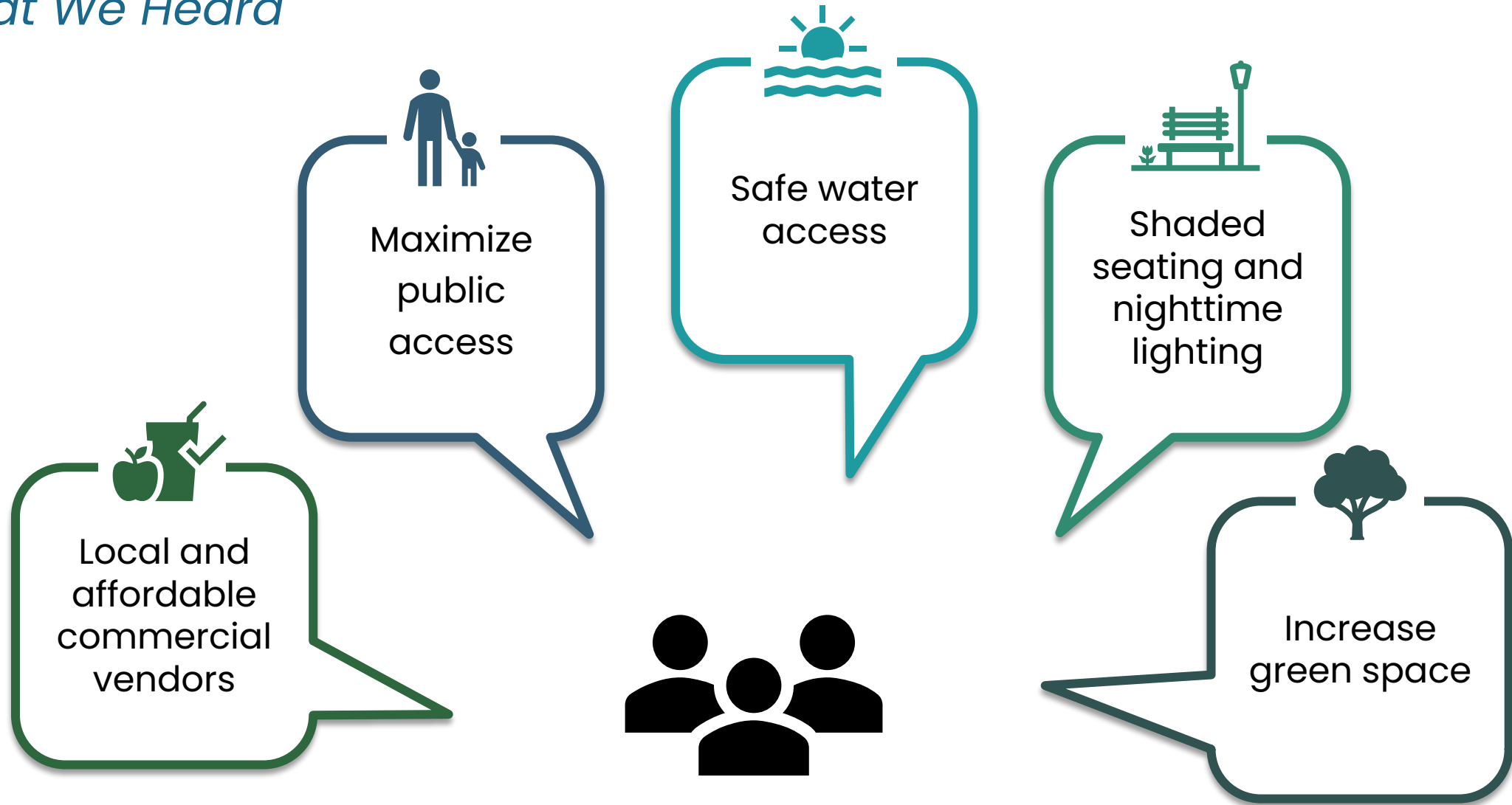
Concept A:
Park Marina



Concept B:
Ontario Port

Zone 2: The Marina

What We Heard



Zone 2: Marina

The Evaluation

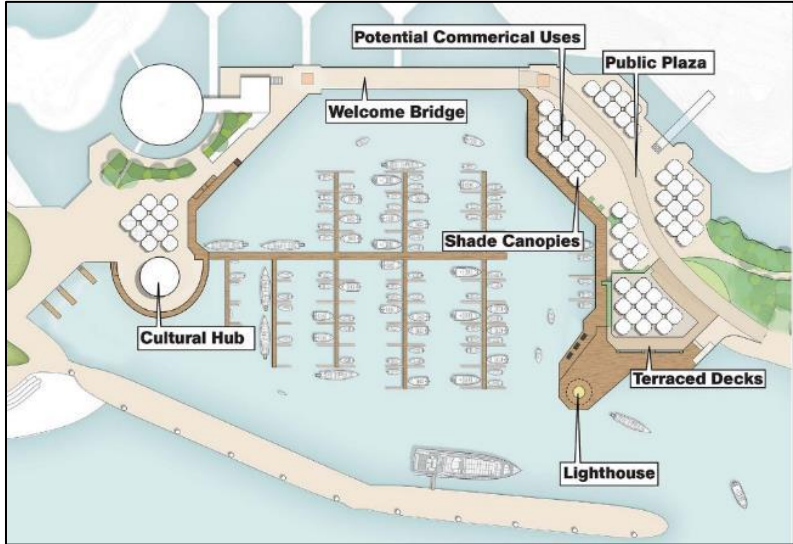
Note: The "New Waterway Connection" shown in Concept A was determined to not be technically or financially feasible; therefore, this design feature is no longer included. This will provide more opportunity for additional trees in this zone.



Category	Concept A: Park Marina	Concept B: Ontario Port
Natural Environment	Preferred	Less Preferred
Social Environment	Preferred	Less Preferred
Cultural Environment	Less Preferred	Preferred
Technical Environment	Preferred	Preferred
Economic Environment	Preferred	Preferred
Sustainability	Preferred	Less Preferred
Overall Preference	Preferred	Less Preferred

Zone 2: Marina

Recommended Design



Category	Concept A: Park Marina	Concept B: Ontario Port
Overall Preference	Preferred	Less Preferred

Concept A provides more opportunity for increasing vegetation and greenspace. Public feedback has indicated a preference for the features associated with Concept A. Ideas from both concepts will be integrated, including maximizing greenspace, educational opportunities, areas for future commercial use, shaded seating, and the Cultural Pavilion.

Zone 2: Marina

Recommended Design



Zone 2: Marina

Design Vision



Shade Canopy

Zeidler Inspired Design

Pop Up Markets

Open Air Pavilions



Zone 2: Marina

Design Vision



Iconic Pavilion Lighting

Marina Plaza

Patio Dining

Tree Canopy

Zone 2: Marina

Design Vision



Wind Turbines

Canopy

Boardwalk

Zone 2: Marina

Design Vision



Iconic Lighting Feature

Illuminated Seating

Integrated Strip Lighting



Brigantine Cove

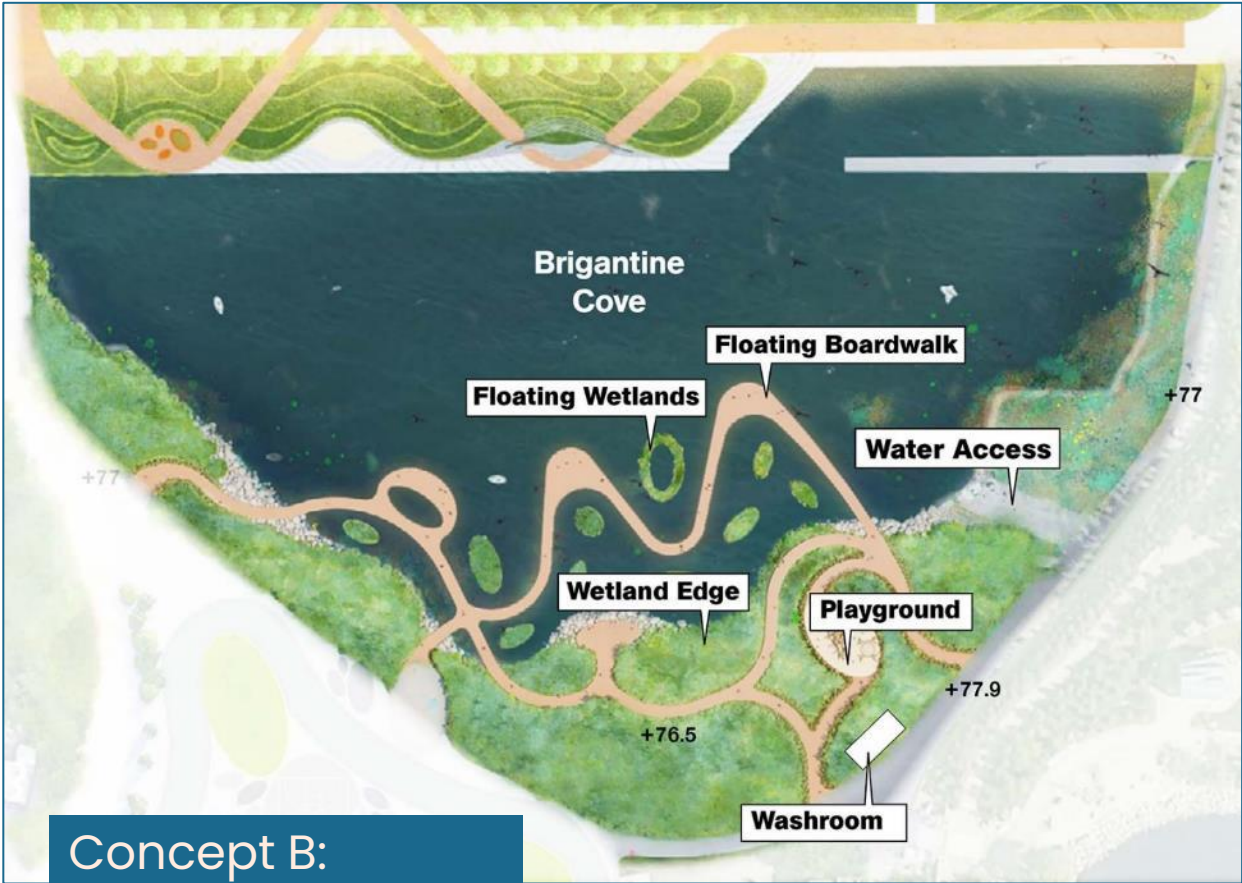
Zone 3: Brigantine Cove

Zone 3: Brigantine Cove

The Concepts



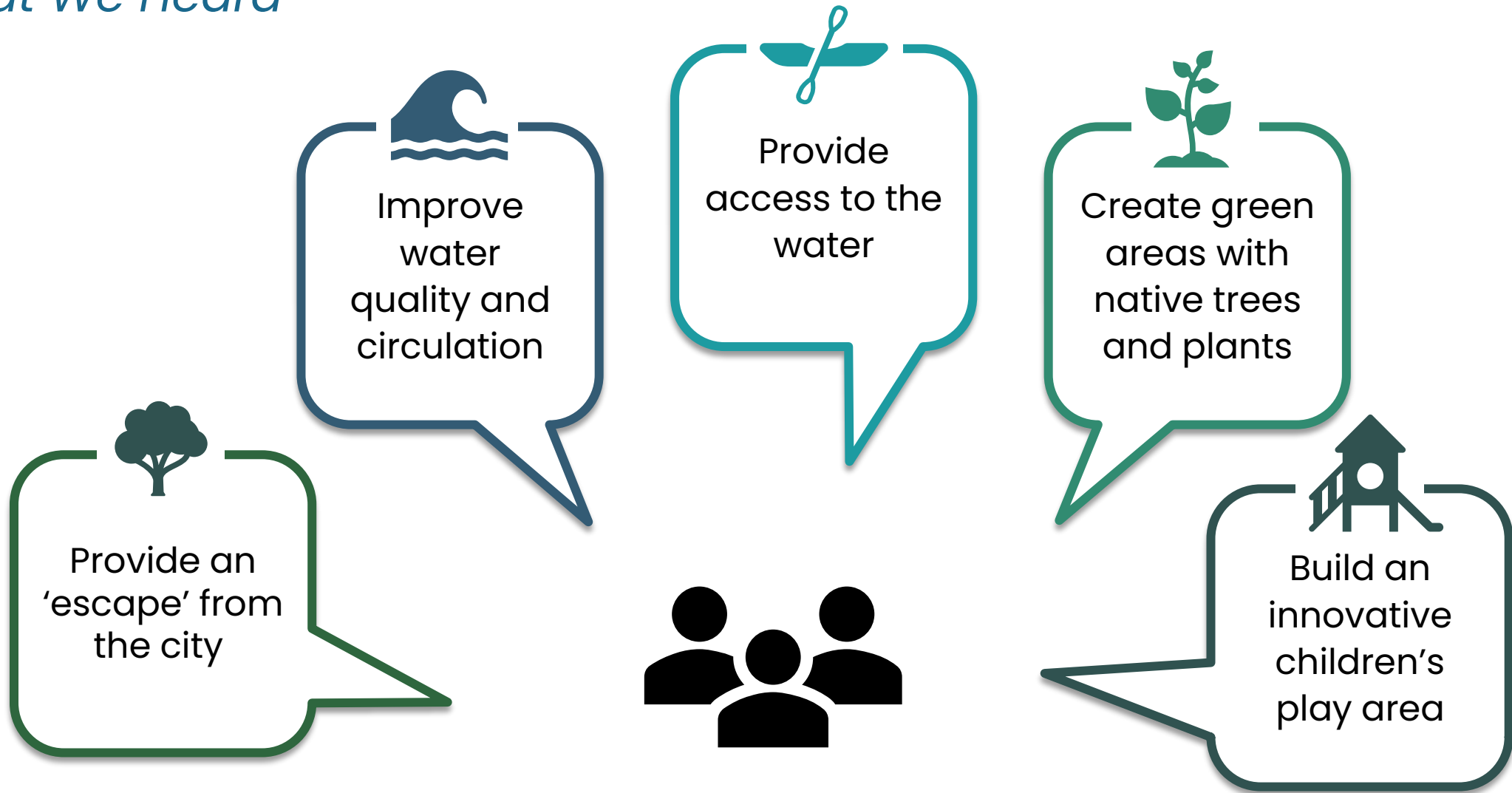
Concept A: Event & Activities



Concept B: Wetland & Nature

Zone 3: Brigantine Cove

What We Heard



Zone 3: Brigantine Cove

The Evaluation



Category	Concept A: Event & Activities	Concept B: Wetland & Nature
Natural Environment	Less Preferred	Preferred
Social Environment	Less Preferred	Preferred
Cultural Environment	Less Preferred	Preferred
Technical Environment	Less Preferred	Preferred
Economic Environment	Preferred	Less Preferred
Sustainability	Less Preferred	Preferred
Overall Preference	Less Preferred	Preferred

Zone 3: Brigantine Cove

Recommended Design



Category	Concept A: Event & Activities	Concept B: Wetland & Nature
Overall Preference	Less Preferred	Preferred

Concept B provides opportunity for park users to interact with the environment via boardwalk and wetlands, more vegetation, greenspace and a Children’s Play Zone, while providing effective and sustainable stormwater management protecting against flood risks.

Zone 3: Brigantine Cove

Recommended Design



Zone 3: Brigantine Cove

Design Vision



Improved Water Quality

Floating Wetlands

Boardwalk



Zone 3: Brigantine Cove

Design Vision



Canopy Buffer

Play Hills

Native Planting



Zone 3: Brigantine Cove

Design Vision



Seating Edge

Boardwalk

Native Planting

Beach



East Gateway Bridge

Long-term Vision

Canoe & Kayak Access

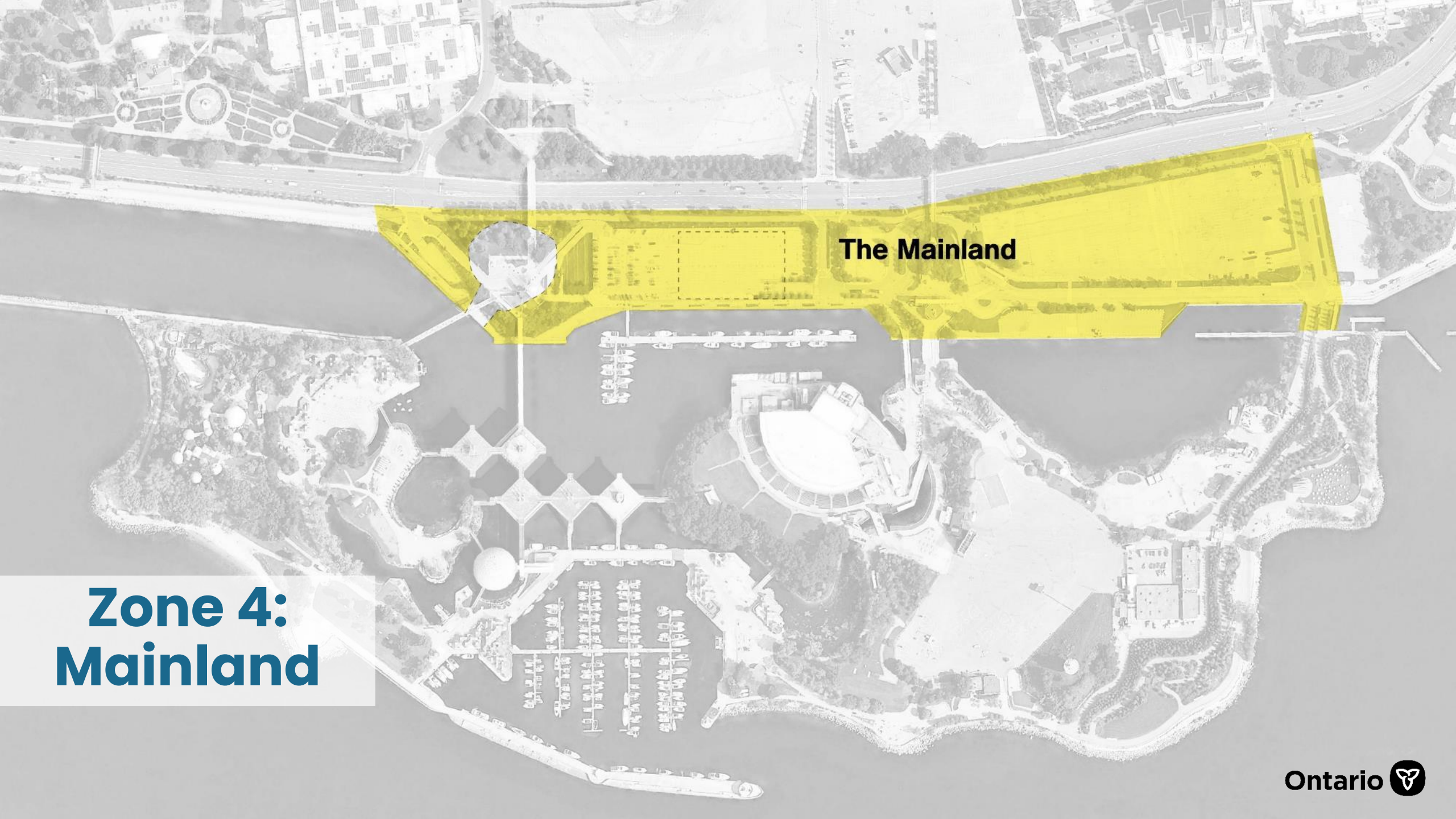
Improved Water
Circulation



Ontario Place
Branding

Expanded
Pedestrian Access





The Mainland

**Zone 4:
Mainland**

Zone 4: Mainland

The Concepts



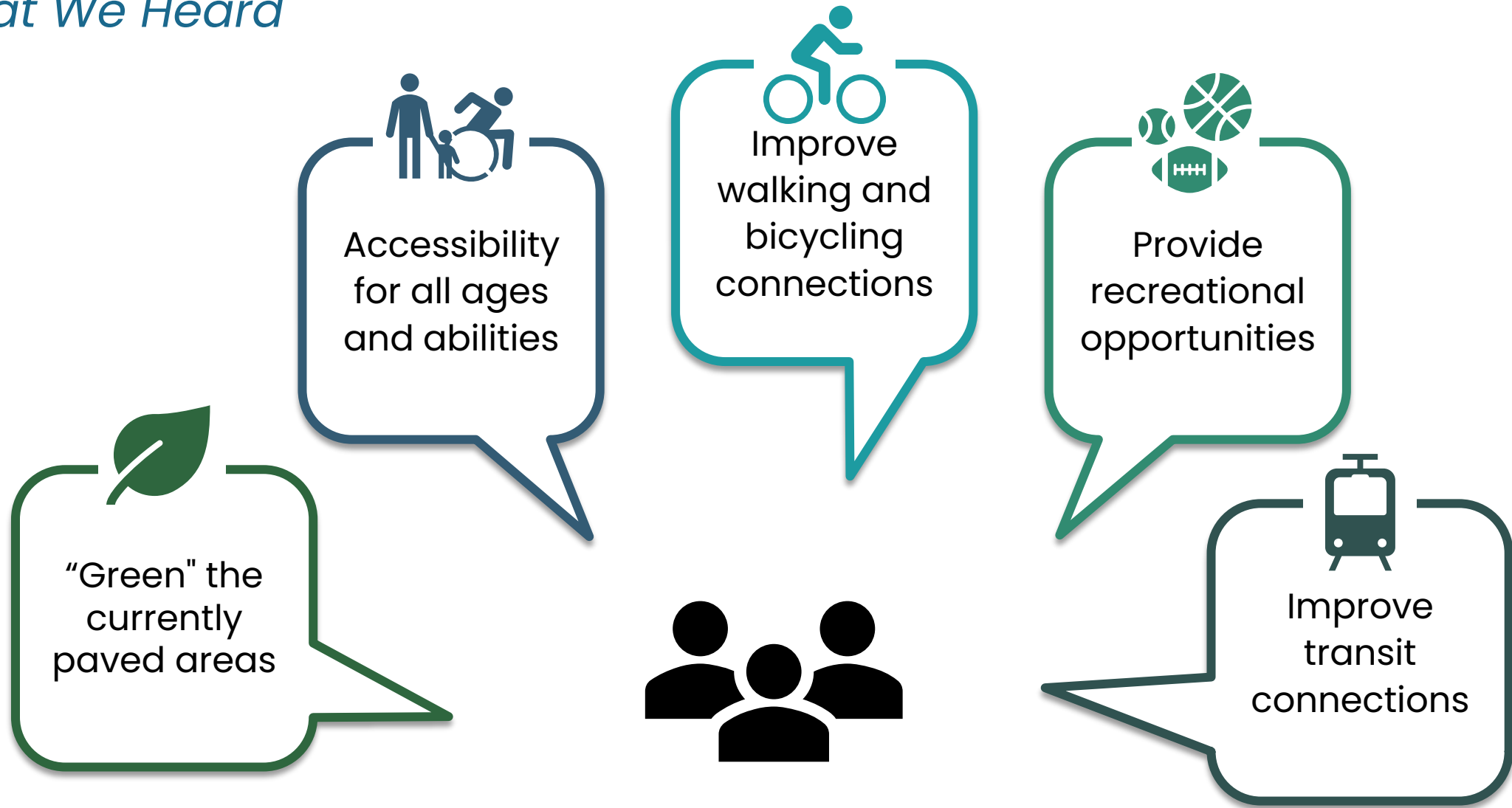
Concept A:
Urban and Active



Concept B:
Green Gateway

Zone 4: Mainland

What We Heard



Zone 4: Mainland

The Evaluation



Category	Concept A: Urban and Active	Concept B: Green Gateway
Natural Environment	Less Preferred	Preferred
Social Environment	Preferred	Preferred
Cultural Environment	Less Preferred	Preferred
Technical Environment	Preferred	Less Preferred
Economic Environment	Preferred	Less Preferred
Sustainability	Preferred	Preferred
Overall Preference	Preferred	Less Preferred

Zone 4: Mainland

Recommended Design

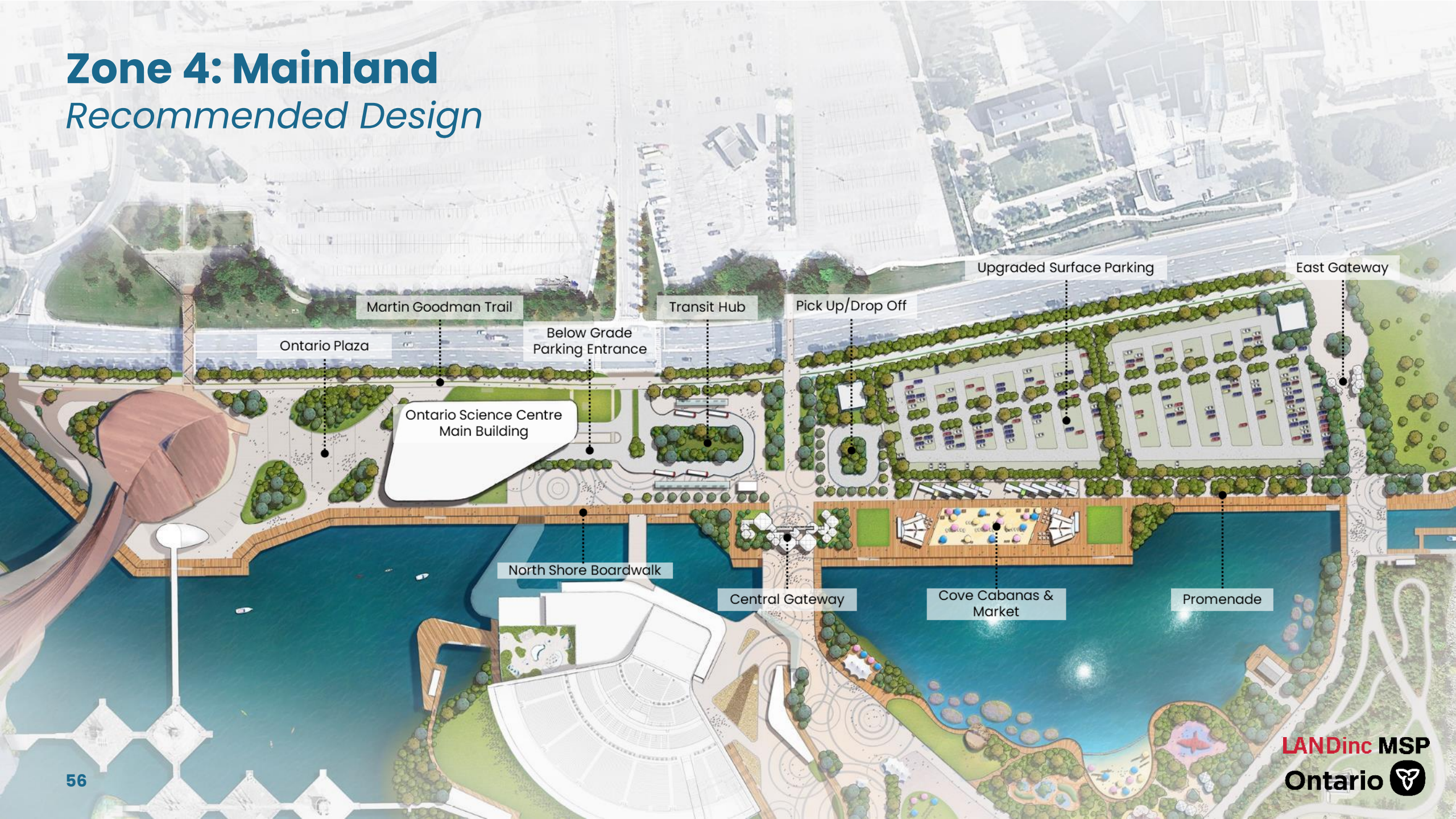


Category	Concept A: Urban and Active	Concept B: Green Gateway
Overall Preference	Preferred	Less Preferred

Concept A has lower construction and maintenance costs and is easier to implement. Features from Concept B will be integrated, such as increasing greenspace and vegetation.

Zone 4: Mainland

Recommended Design



Ontario Plaza

Martin Goodman Trail

Below Grade
Parking Entrance

Ontario Science Centre
Main Building

Transit Hub

Pick Up/Drop Off

Upgraded Surface Parking

East Gateway

North Shore Boardwalk

Central Gateway

Cove Cabanas &
Market

Promenade

Zone 4: Mainland

Design Vision



Zone 4: Mainland

Design Vision



Light Poles

Tree Uplighting

Illuminated Seating



Zone 4: Mainland

Design Vision



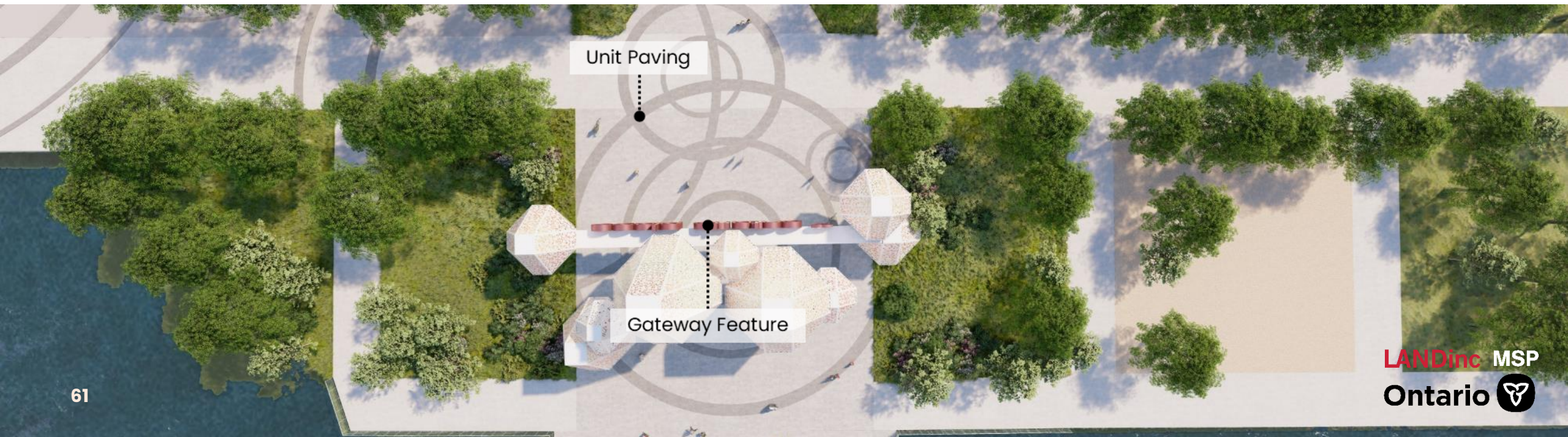
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Design Vision



Central Gateway

Design Vision



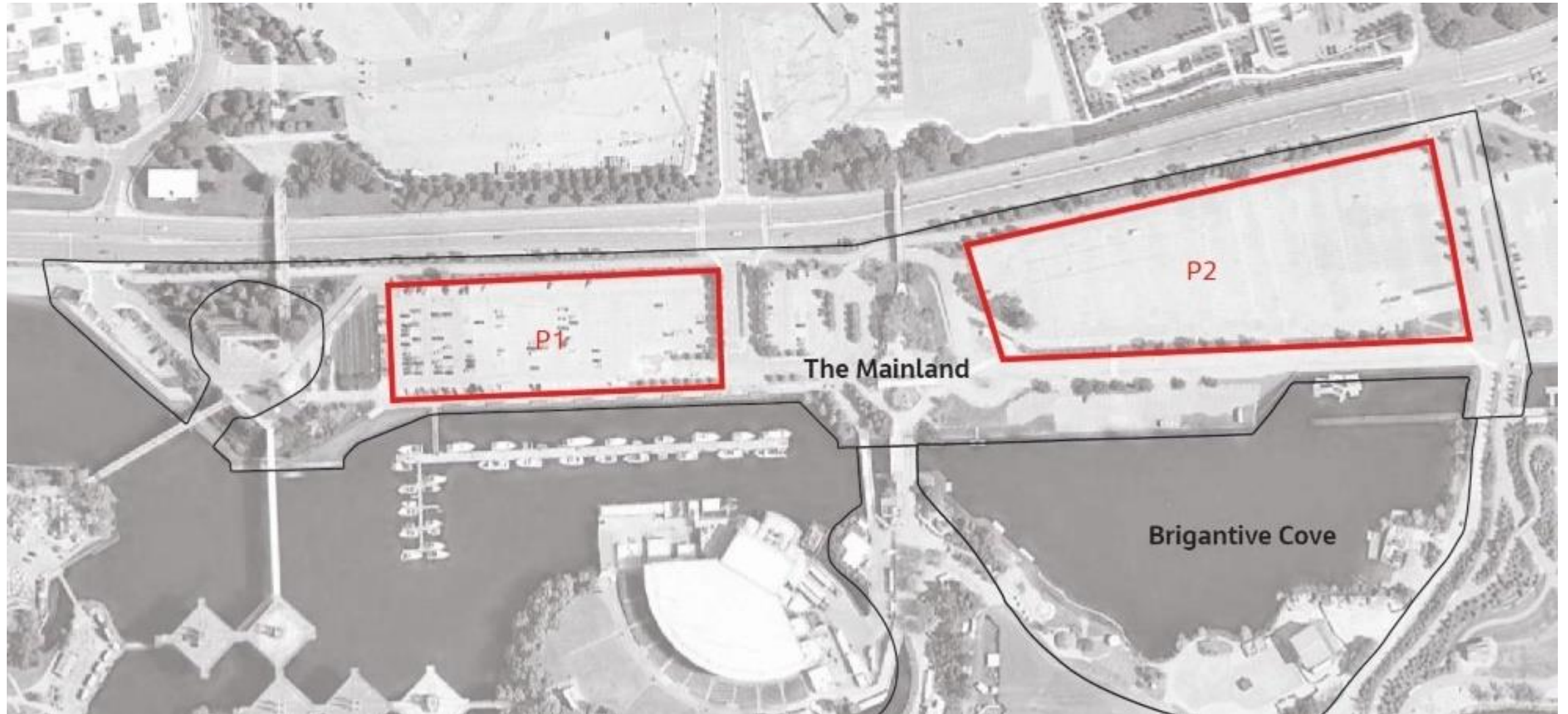
East Gateway

Design Vision



Parking

Existing



Parking

The Evaluation

- Step One: Screening of onsite versus offsite alternatives with **onsite as the preferred solution.**
- Step Two: Comparison of parking structures (onsite at the existing surface parking locations, P1 and P2).

Category	Above ground Structure	Belowground Structure	Surface Parking Lots	Combination of Surface Parking Lot and Belowground Structure
Natural Environment	Least Preferred	Preferred	Less Preferred	Preferred
Social Environment	Preferred	Less Preferred	Least Preferred	Less Preferred
Cultural Environment	Least Preferred	Preferred	Preferred	Preferred
Technical Environment	Least Preferred	Less Preferred	Least Preferred	Preferred
Economic Environment	Least Preferred	Less Preferred	Preferred	Less Preferred
Overall Preference	Least Preferred	Less Preferred	Least Preferred	Preferred

Parking

Recommended Alternative

Category	Above ground Structure	Belowground Structure	Surface Parking Lots	Combination of Surface Parking Lot and Belowground Structure
Overall Preference	Least Preferred	Less Preferred	Least Preferred	Preferred

Combination of surface parking lot and belowground structure provides greatest onsite parking and flexibility in parking options for visitors. Maintains heritage views and views of Lake Ontario, opportunity for future development of west side of Mainland (including revegetation) and lower operating and maintenance costs.

Parking

Recommended Alternative



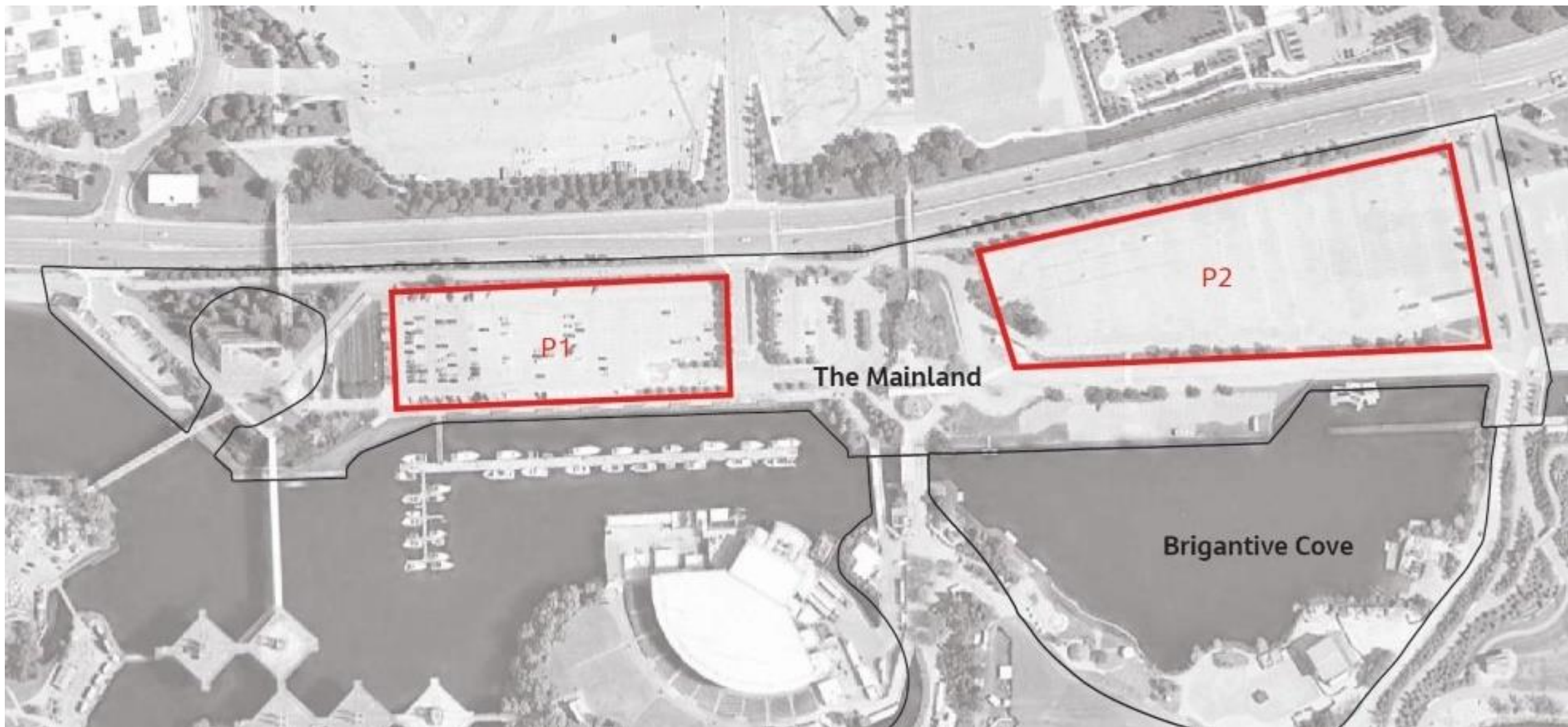
Belowground parking structure

Upgraded Surface Parking



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Location Alternatives



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Evaluation of Location Alternatives



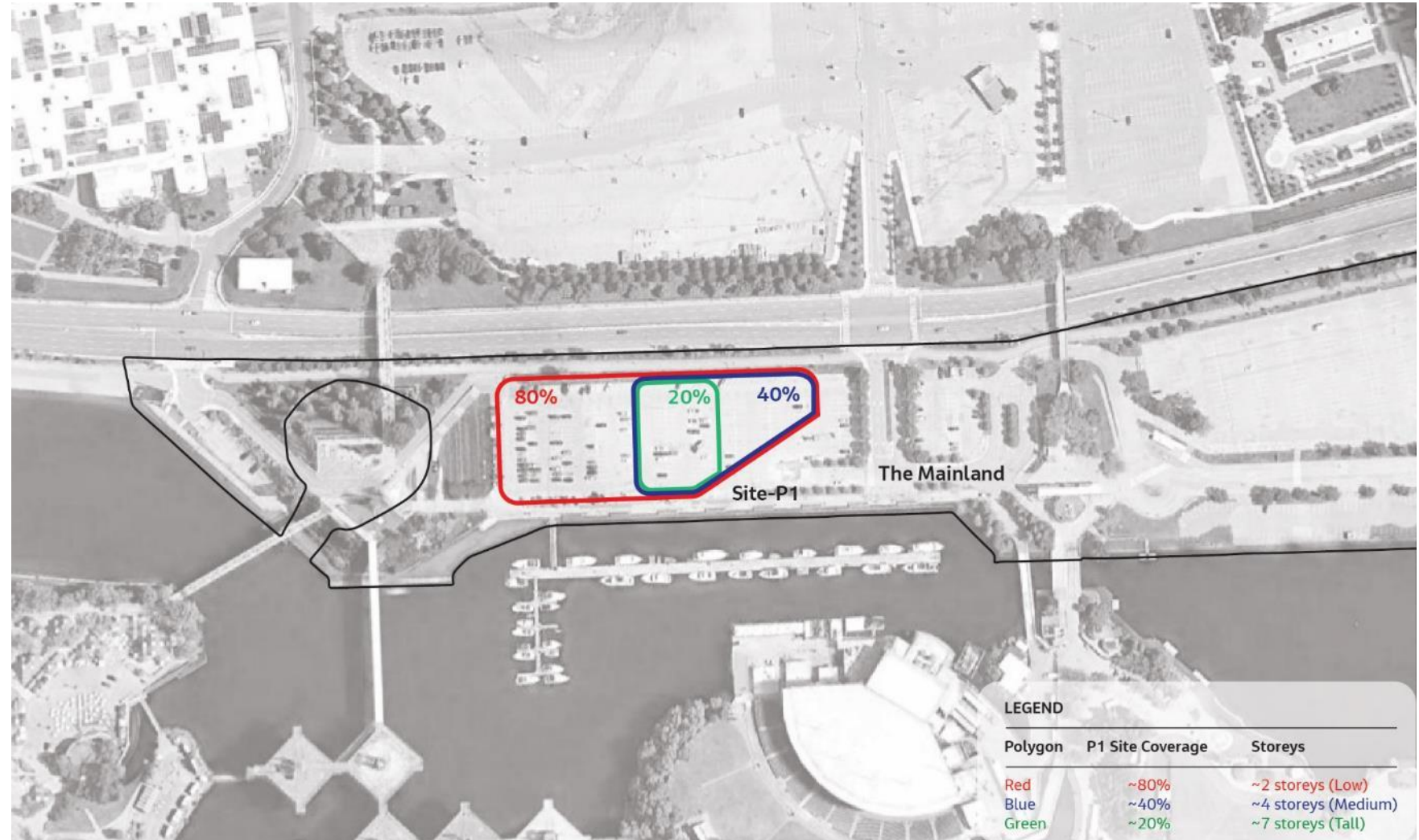
Category	Mainland (P1)	Mainland (P2)
Natural Environment	Preferred	Preferred
Social Environment	Preferred	Less Preferred
Cultural Environment	Preferred	Preferred
Technical Environment	Less Preferred	Less Preferred
Economic Environment	Less Preferred	Less Preferred
Overall Preference	Preferred	Less Preferred

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Height and Massing Alternatives

Alternatives:

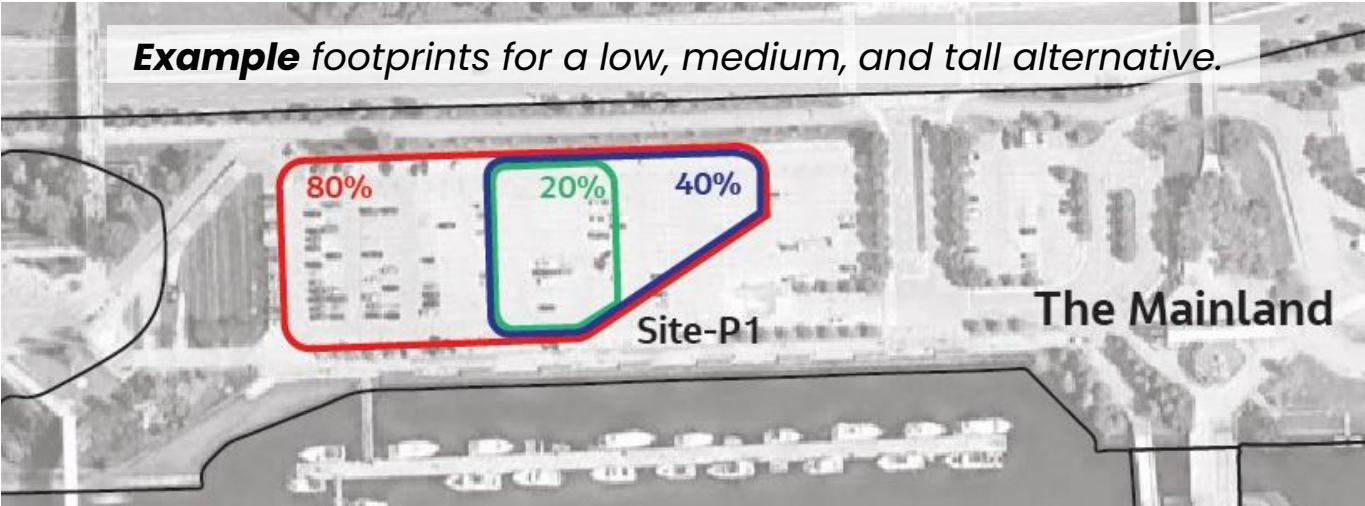
- **Low** (up to 2 storeys; P1 site coverage up to 80%)
- **Medium** (3 to 6 storeys; P1 site coverage up to 55%)
- **Tall** (7 plus storeys; P1 site coverage up to 25%)



Example footprints for a low, medium, and tall alternative.

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Height and Massing Evaluation



Category	Low (up to 2 storeys; P1 site coverage up to 80%)	Medium (3 to 6 storeys; P1 site coverage up to 55%)	Tall (7 plus storeys; P1 site coverage up to 25%)
Natural Environment	Preferred	Preferred	Preferred
Social Environment	Least Preferred	Preferred	Preferred
Cultural Environment	Least Preferred	Preferred	Preferred
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Overall Preference	Least Preferred	Preferred	Less Preferred

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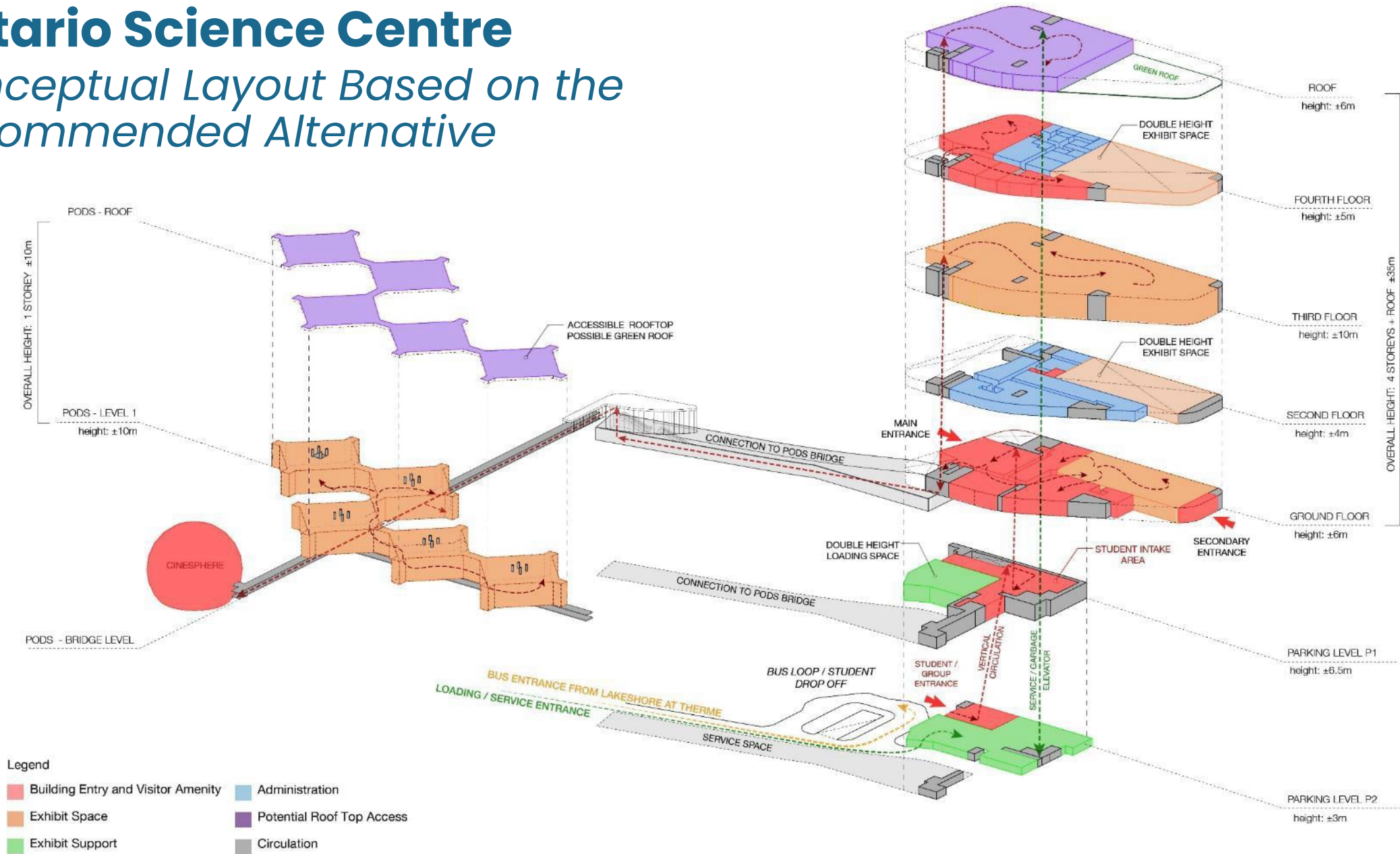
Recommended Alternative

Category	Low (up to 2 storeys; P1 site coverage up to 80%)	Medium (3 to 6 storeys; P1 site coverage up to 55%)	Tall (7 plus storeys; P1 site coverage up to 25%)
Overall Preference	Least Preferred	Preferred	Less Preferred

The **medium (3 to 6 storeys; P1 site coverage up to 55%)** alternative can accommodate all OSC program requirements in an efficient configuration, while maintaining sufficient space on site for a public plaza, transit hub and other gateway or entrance features.

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Conceptual Layout Based on the Recommended Alternative

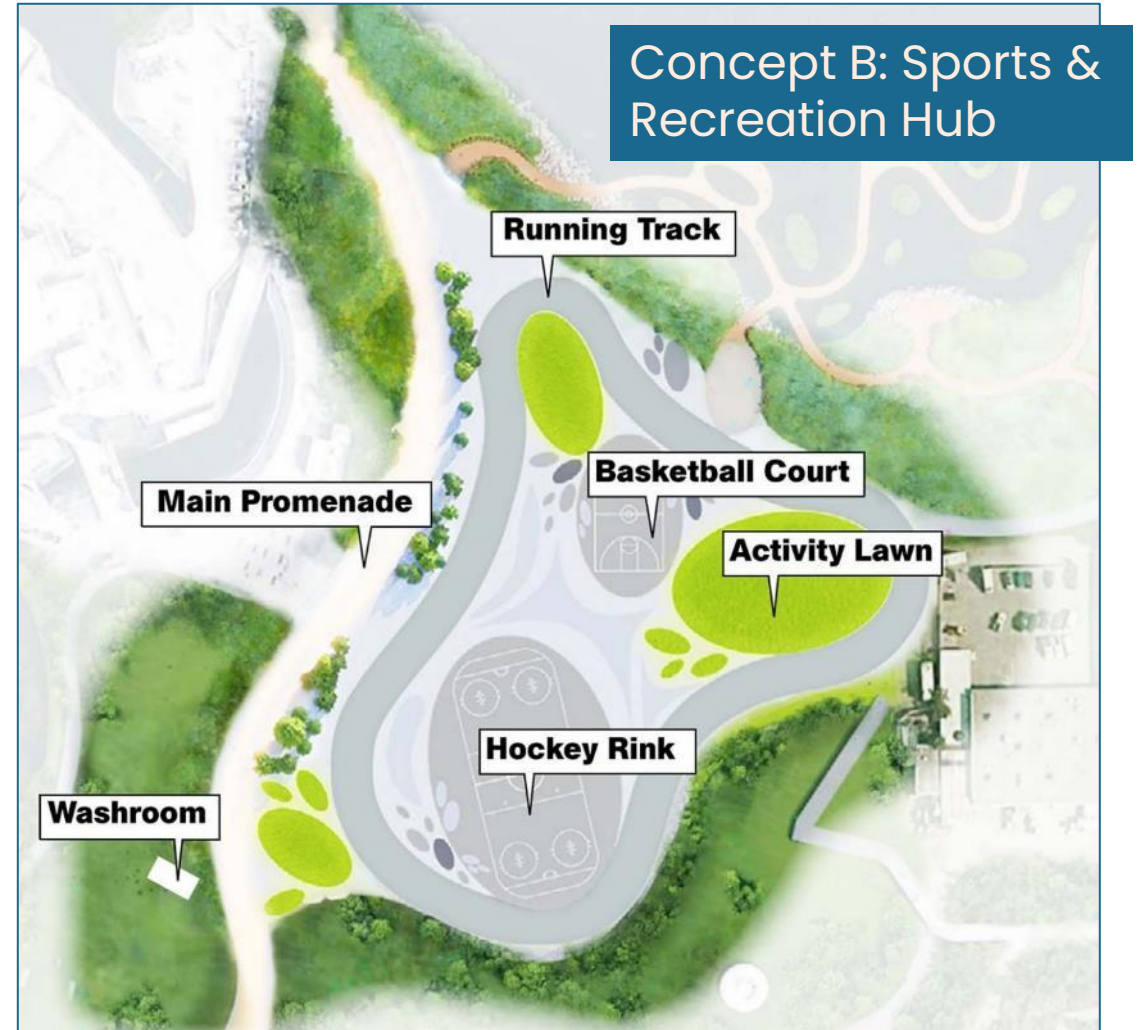
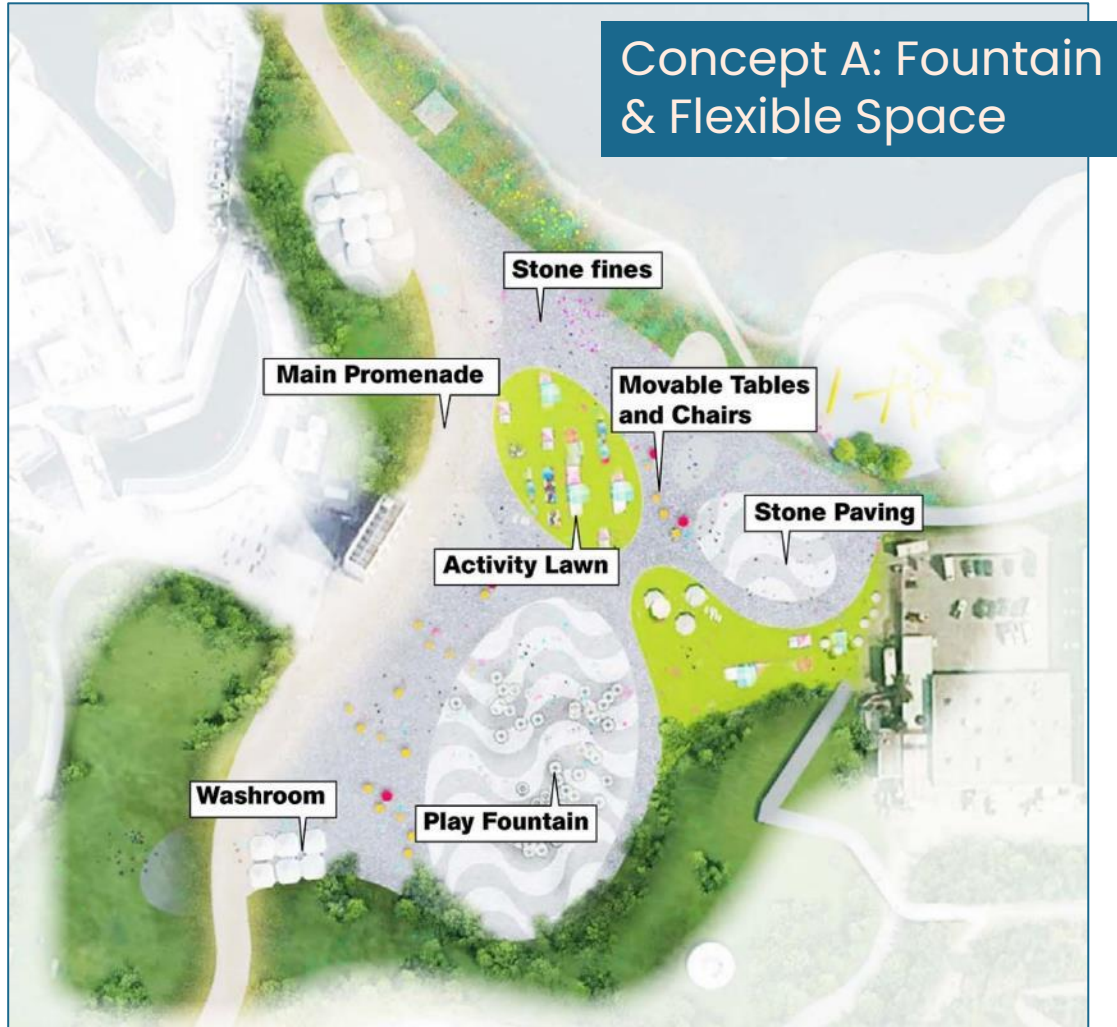


Zone 5: Forum

The Forum

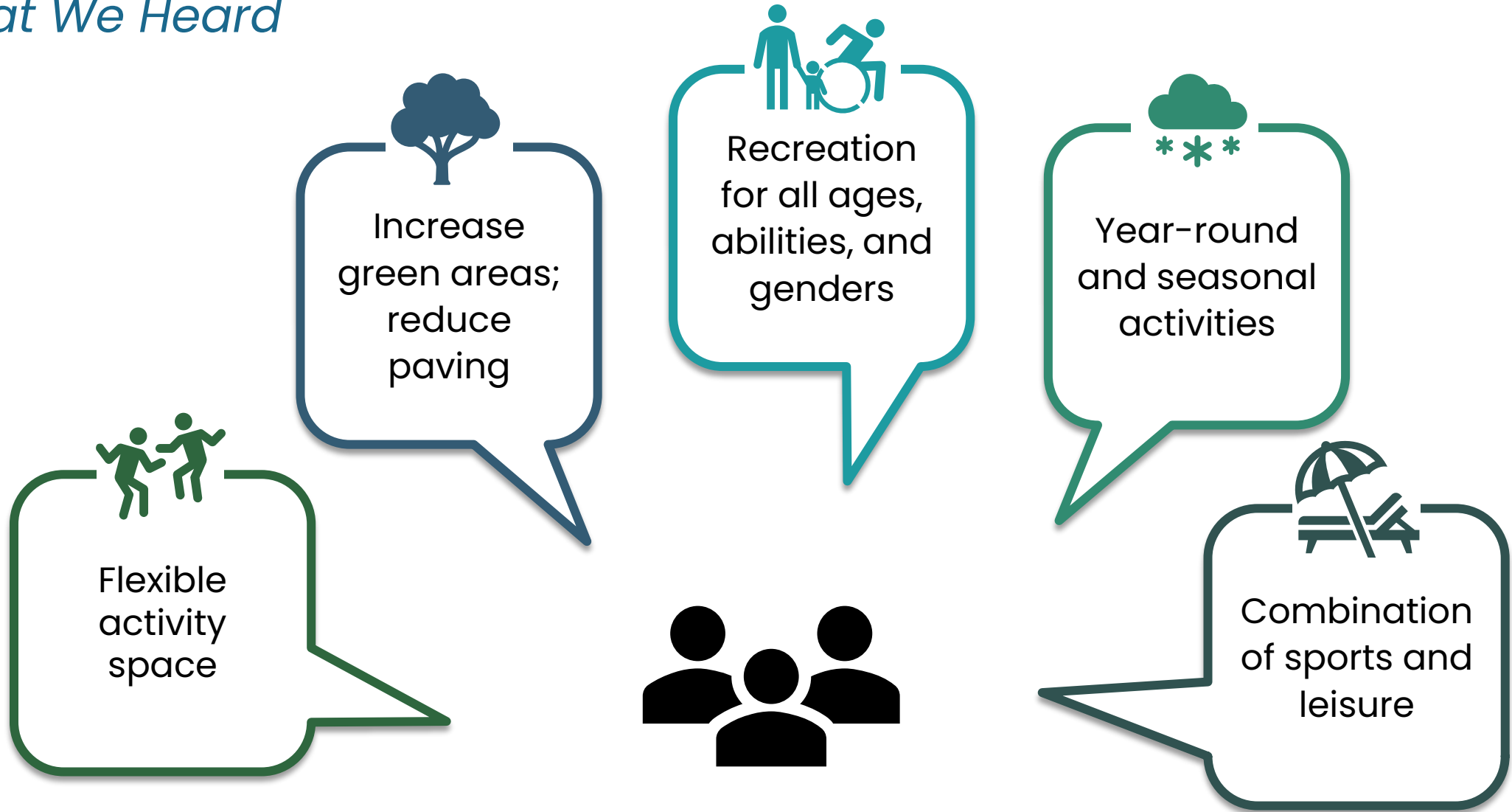
Zone 5: Forum

The Concepts



Zone 5: Forum

What We Heard



Zone 5: Forum

The Evaluation



Category	Concept A: Fountain & Flexible	Concept B: Sports & Recreation
Natural Environment	Preferred	Preferred
Social Environment	Preferred	Less Preferred
Cultural Environment	Preferred	Preferred
Technical Environment	Preferred	Less Preferred
Economic Environment	Preferred	Less Preferred
Sustainability	Preferred	Less Preferred
Overall Preference	Preferred	Less Preferred

Zone 5: Forum

Recommended Design

Category	Concept A: Fountain & Flexible	Concept B: Sports & Recreation
Overall Preference	Preferred	Less Preferred

Concept A provides more flexibility and multi-use spaces (including for recreational-based use) while reducing the amount of impervious surface. The concept includes the installation of a Play Fountain, Flexible Sports Court and Stone Amphitheater. Concept A will include design modifications and incorporation of bioswales to better address stormwater management.

Zone 5: Forum

Recommended Design



Zone 5: Forum

Design Vision



Weather & Wind Buffer

Natural Stone
Seating & Retaining Wall

Play Fountain

Flexible Event Space

Zone 5: Forum

Design Vision



Festive Lighting

Food & Beverage Pavilions

Pop-Up Markets



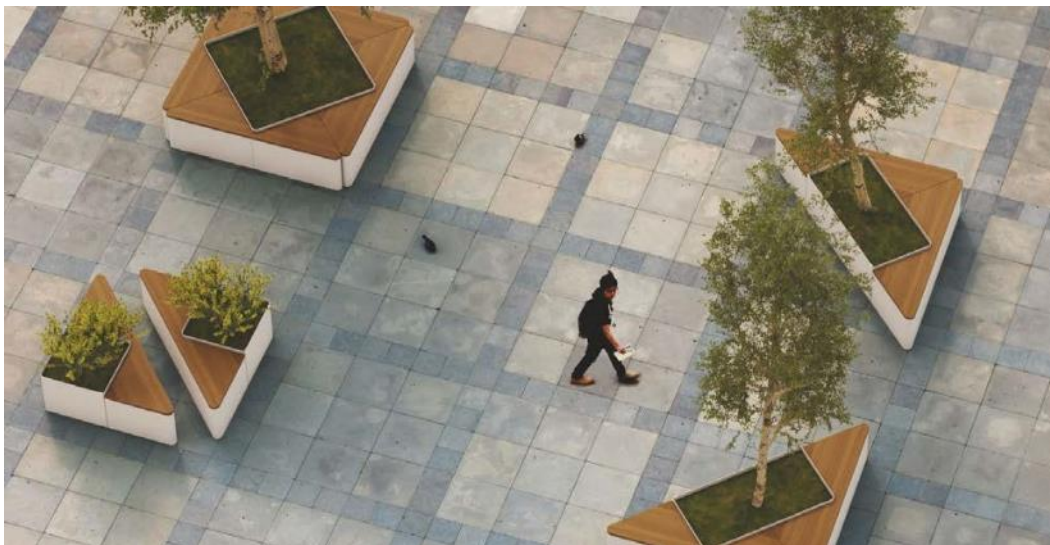
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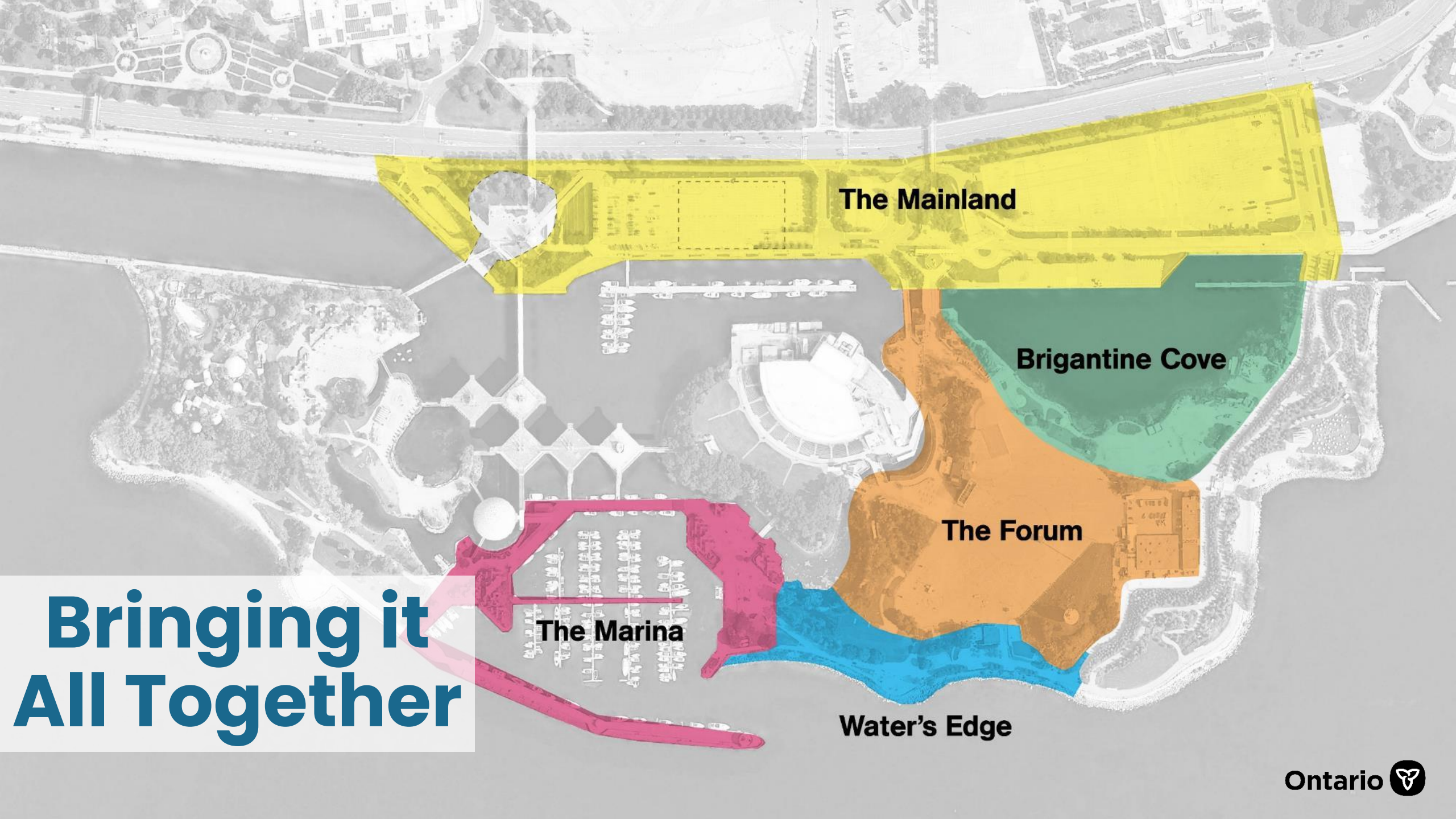
Fountain Winter and Night Precedents



Zone 5: Forum

Flexible Event Space Precedents





The Mainland

Brigantine Cove

The Forum

The Marina

Water's Edge

**Bringing it
All Together**

Overall EA Recommended Design



Overall Redevelopment Preliminary Design

All Publicly Accessible Connections



Overall Redevelopment Preliminary Design

Activity for all Seasons



Breakout Session

Breakout Overview

- The breakout rooms will be led by a facilitator. The breakouts will not be recorded, but a notetaker will be present to take notes.
- If you would like ASL or captioning, please remain in the main room.
- To contribute during the discussion, please use the “raise hands” feature if you would like to say your thoughts by video or microphone – video is not mandatory. You are also welcome to type your comments using the chat function which will be turned on for the breakouts.
- The breakout session will last for approximately 30 minutes.



Upcoming Work and Wrap Up

Project Updates

Onsite Works

- Work is ongoing to repair the pods, bridges and Cinesphere complex.
 - › Repair work is expected to continue until early 2024.
- Servicing work is expected to commence onsite in May 2023.
- For their protection, artwork and a monument onsite will be temporarily relocated prior to construction.
- The final Heritage Impact Assessment is expected to be completed by early Summer 2023.



Upcoming Work



- The draft **Environmental Study Report** (ESR) documenting the EA process, the **preferred design** and mitigation measures will be posted for a **60-day public comment** period in Summer 2023.



- The **Municipal Development Application resubmission** to the City is targeting Summer 2023.



- A final Ontario Place public realm **Engagement Event** (4) will be held in early **Fall 2023** to review the conclusion of the ESR and provide updates on project implementation.



Wrap Up

Staying Engaged

- Visit our **Virtual Public Engagement Room (VPER)** for more details about the project and opportunities to provide feedback:

English:

<https://engageontarioplace.ca/virtual/>

French:

<https://engageontarioplace.ca/fr/virtuelle/>

- The VPER comment function will remain open until **May 19, 2023**.
- Stay up to date and learn about future engagement opportunities by visiting www.EngageOntarioPlace.ca

Thank you

Please share your feedback about this engagement event by visiting:

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Environmental assessment engagement event #3: Summary report

June 29, 2023



Background

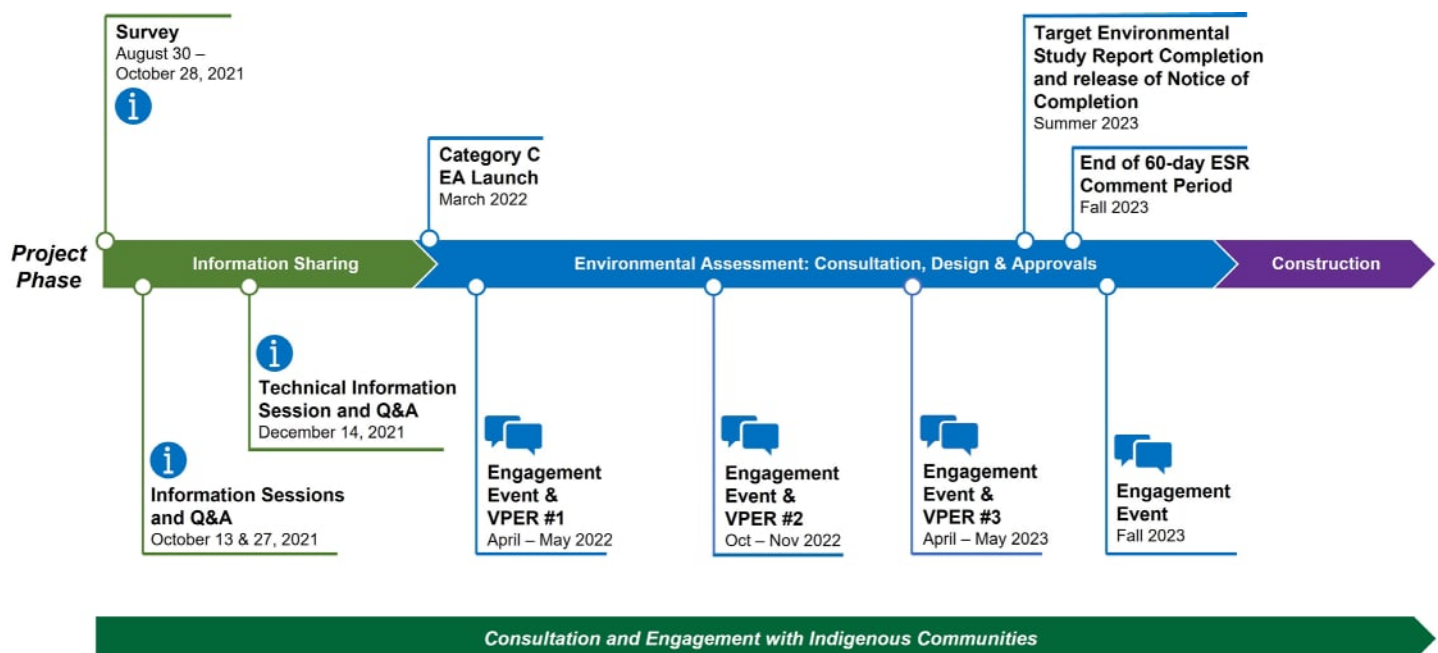
The Ontario government is bringing Ontario Place back to life, making it a world-class, year-round destination that will include family-friendly entertainment, public and event spaces, parkland, and waterfront access. Ontario Place will provide people of all ages with something to enjoy, including enhanced public spaces and parkland, increased access to the waterfront, beaches, pools, health and wellness services, as well as an indoor-outdoor live music and performance venue.

As part of making the site ready for redevelopment, the government is undertaking a Public Work Category C Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for the government-led site-servicing updates, as well as the design and development of the future public realm. On March 16, 2022, a Category C Environmental Assessment was launched with a Notice of Commencement posted on the Environmental Registry of Ontario and the Ontario Place project website (EngageOntarioPlace.ca). As part of the EA process, the government is engaging with Indigenous communities, the public, and stakeholders to ensure their perspectives are recognized and considered in the EA and public realm design process. The government will continue to seek input from Indigenous communities, the public and stakeholders, and work with the City of Toronto to bring Ontario Place back to life.

The third public consultation event as part of the EA and public realm design process for Ontario Place was held on April 27, 2023.

Overview

Between April 2022 and May 2023, a series of public consultation events were held where the public was able to learn more about and provide input on design of the public spaces and the EA process for Ontario Place:



On April 27, 2023, members of the public joined a two-hour virtual public consultation event focused on Ontario Place's public realm. The goals of the session were to (1) share information and project updates on the Ontario Place redevelopment, (2) engage with members of the public as part of the Category C EA process, and (3) receive public feedback on the recommended design for the public realm spaces. Members of the public were advised that the designs presented during the session were "recommended" by the EA process, and were not final.

The virtual event was facilitated by Christina Bagatavicius, Founder and Principal of Bespoke Collective. Presenters from the technical consultant team included Pat Becker from P. Becker Consulting working on behalf of Jacobs, and Patrick Morello, Principal from LANDinc. The feedback collected from the event will inform the work of Jacobs, the technical consultants leading the EA and LANDinc and Martha Schwartz Partners, the public realm consultants, on behalf of Infrastructure Ontario (IO) and the Ministry of Infrastructure (MOI).

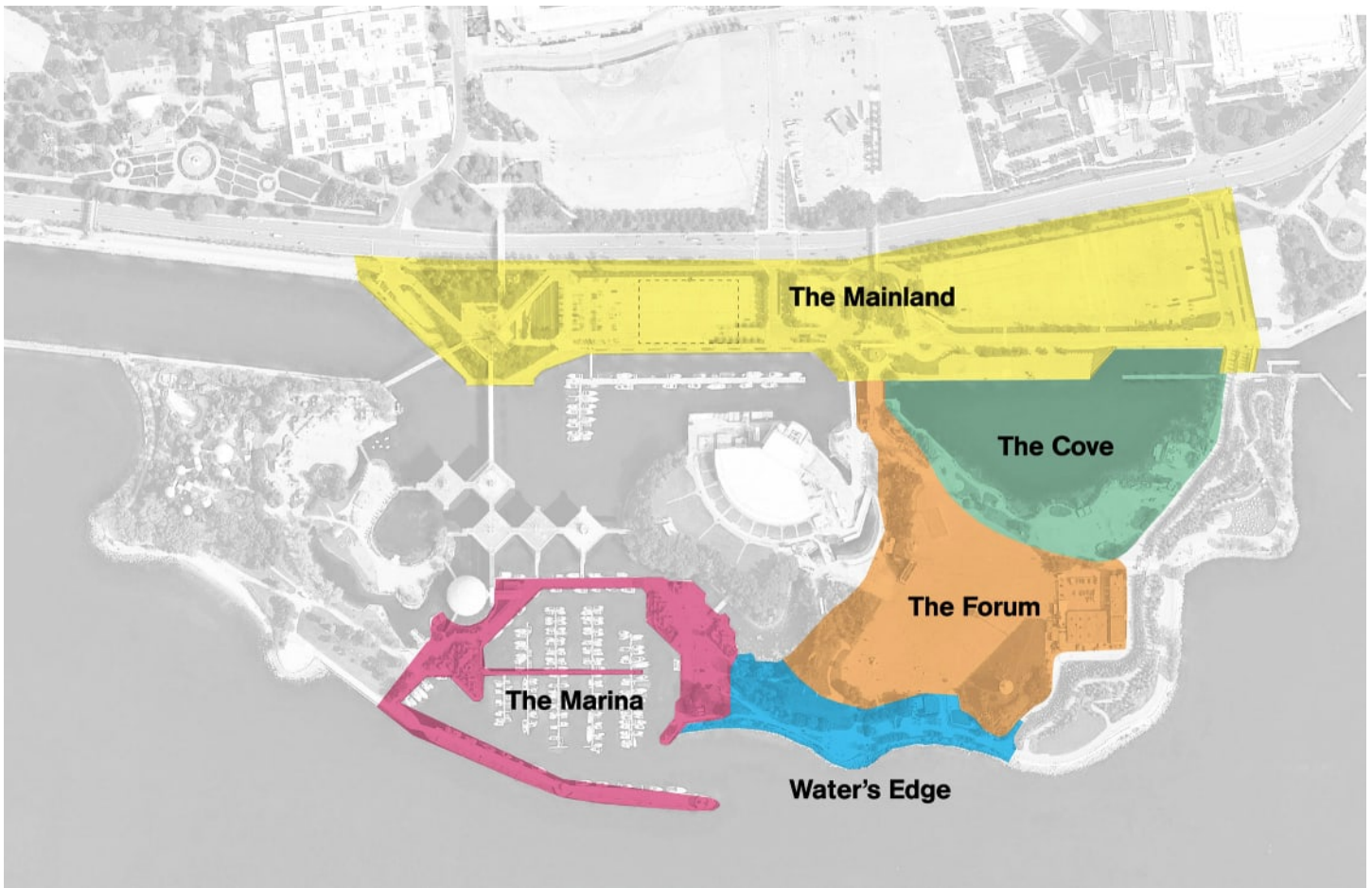
Attendance

A total of 683 people registered for the event, with 265 members of the public attending.

Engagement event agenda

The following agenda was used for the two-hour public consultation event:

1. **Setup and Bold New Vision** (10 min.)
The host provided a land acknowledgment, the agenda and goals for the session, the vision and objectives of the Ontario Place redevelopment project, and information on the public consultation process.
2. **Category C Class Environmental Assessment** (20 min.)
A general overview of the Category C Class EA, the design development and EA process, the five public realm zones in Ontario Place, and the EA evaluation process were provided to participants.
3. **Recommended Public Realm Design** (40 min.)
Participants were presented with the recommended design for each of the five public realm zones, including key insights from the past consultation event and the evaluation process that informed the recommended design.
4. **Breakout Session** (35 min.)
Participants were introduced to the methodology and format of the breakout session and instructed on how to provide feedback on the public realm design concepts.
5. **Upcoming Work and Wrap Up** (15 min.)
The session closed with an overview of project updates and upcoming work, and information on how to provide additional feedback on the recommended designs through the Virtual Public Engagement Room.



Facilitation approach for the breakout session

Prior to the breakout session, the overall Ontario Place redevelopment preliminary design was presented to participating members of the public. The recommended designs were shared in further detail for each of the following five zones within the public realm:

- Zone 1: Water's Edge
- Zone 2: Marina
- Zone 3: Brigantine Cove
- Zone 4: Mainland
- Zone 5: Forum

After presenting the recommended design for each zone, the overall EA recommended design was shown, including all publicly accessible connections and proposed activities for all seasons. Notable topics of discussion during the breakout session were the proposed Ontario Science Centre (OSC) relocation and parking in Zone 4: Mainland, which are synthesized separately below in the key findings section.

Participants were directed to one of 11 breakout rooms where they provided input on the presented recommended design. Participants were able to provide input verbally or by using the chat feature. Each group consisted of a facilitator and a note-taker from the project team who guided conversations and recorded public feedback. Subject matter experts from IO and consultant design teams were also scattered throughout breakout rooms to help answer project-related questions.

During the breakout sessions, facilitators asked participants what design elements they liked the most, what design elements they liked the least, what they thought was missing in the recommended design, and if they had other ideas for how they would like to use the public space. The primary aim of the workshop was to enable participants to consider the holistic view of the overall redevelopment preliminary design, and to obtain public input on any and all elements of the presented recommended designs.

The consultation approach for the virtual event was informed by public input from the previous consultation events held on December 14, 2021, April 12, 2022, and October 27, 2022. When asked in December 2021 about public consultation preferences, participants stated that they wanted digital participation and the opportunity to participate in small groups.

Key findings

Please note that these key findings capture both the public's perspectives as shared in breakout group conversations, as well as in the written comments submitted in the chat. This synthesis reflects a long list of key findings that emerged across the 11 breakout groups. Feedback has been organized by comments on the overall redevelopment preliminary design, on each zone, and on key topics such as the OSC and parking. More general comments and topics of interest have also been documented.

Overall redevelopment preliminary design

Likes

- Overall design and landscaping
- Green and naturalized spaces
- Environmental protection
- Multi-use public spaces
- Refinements from the last iteration

Concerns

- Feels over-designed or over-programmed
- May attract large crowds of visitors
- Concern that public access may be retracted in the future
- There is also a perception that there will be an admission fee to access the public realm
- There were questions about who will be designated for security, maintenance and governance of the public realm
- Privatization of public realm
- Noise pollution from Live Nation concerts and events
- Environmental impact and carbon footprint of overall redevelopment preliminary design
- Impact on birds, insects and other wildlife
- Impact on vehicular traffic in the area
- Impact of construction on nearby residents and communities
- Removal of trees and mature trees
- Not enough naturalized areas; too much concrete or paving
- Negative impact of lighting on wildlife
- Overcrowding of the public realm during Live Nation events
- Perception of closure of Trillium Park during construction
- Views of the lake will be limited and obstructed by large built facilities such as the Therme development, Live Nation and the OSC
- Concerns regarding stormwater issues

- Safety concerns with water quality and areas may not be suitable for swimming
- Beaches appear “poor and narrow”
- Canoers and kayakers may not be able to access the areas underneath the bridges
- Casual and untrained kayak and canoe users can be a hazard for swimmers
- Too much emphasis on commercial development and food and beverage vendors
- Lack of clarity on Indigenous design features or elements
- No mention or consideration of the “pond behind Budweiser Stage”
- Impact of light pollution
- Waste disposal and waste management in the water
- Introduction of invasive non-native plant species
- Increased flooding due to climate change

Recommendations

- Prioritize the natural environment, i.e. clean air, trees/greenery, water, wildlife
- Provide an “immersive experience” with nature
- Prioritize the natural environment over built structures
- More open green spaces
- More green spaces outside of Trillium Park
- More quiet spaces for rest and relaxation
- Make a commitment to maintain free public access to the site
- Develop more green spaces to meet the perceived increase in usage and demand of public parks in Toronto
- Connected bicycle lanes across Ontario Place
- Walking trails
- More transit stops along the site
- Uber pick-up and drop-off area
- More bird outposts and habitats
- Security features such as security poles and increased lighting
- More iconic features, architecture or art
- Engage local artists
- Engage Indigenous designers and architects
- Consider volunteer groups or partnerships with other agencies in the maintenance of Ontario Place
- Fire pits
- Winter-proof design
- More lighting
- Spaces to look at the lake
- Picnic areas and tables
- Places to linger and spend an entire day
- Bike parking
- Year-round access to washrooms
- Change rooms
- Connection to Martin Goodman Trail
- Increase shade and canopy coverage
- Preserve existing canopy coverage
- Accessibility for seniors and families
- Multi-use pathways for bicycles, strollers, wheelchairs, etc.
- Rentals of canoes, kayaks and bicycles
- Provide access to the water for swimming
- Wind and sun mitigation measures
- Planting that can withstand the wind and sun conditions of the site
- More bird outposts and habitats
- Create a solution to minimize or block noise from Live Nation, e.g. “build a large wall between the park and the concert area”
- Conserve mature trees
- Solar panels

- Flexible programming for markets
- Planting of trees with consideration to the four seasons
- Integration with Exhibition Place
- Energy-efficient and climate-resilient buildings
- Pursue green or blue water certification to help combat the negative public perception of the water quality of Lake Ontario
- Consider planting “productive plants” over ornamental plant species
- Maintain 24-hour or late-night public access to Ontario Place
- Affordable and accessible licensing agreements for commercial spaces
- Create solutions to sustain fish habitat
- Places for gathering and powwows
- Commercial spaces for restaurants and retail
- Integrate educational programming across the site, e.g. the south of the Forum and the underside of The Pods
- Provide information on how Indigenous groups and communities are consulted in the project
- Provide information on the amount of public space compared to private space
- Provide information on the budget and costs of the Ontario Place redevelopment

Zone 1: Water’s Edge

Likes

- Access to the shoreline
- Stone seating and steps

Concerns

- Safety and accessibility concerns with stone seating and steps for all, including children, seniors, individuals with strollers, wheelchair users, and people of all abilities; there were concerns about sharp edges, lack of lighting, the tiered design and the height of the steps
- Concern with slippery stone seating and steps with algae growth and winter conditions
- Lack of access to swimming on the water’s edge
- Proposed design does not seem to provide “180-degree views” to the lake

Recommendations

- Safe entry-point into the water for swimmers
- Smaller or child-friendly design for stone seating and steps
- Railing for stone seating and steps
- Skateboard park
- Areas designated for fishing
- More plantings
- Consider wood (or seasonal/removable wooden slats) as a material for the seating and steps
- Provide provisions for fish habitat

Zone 2: Marina

Likes

- Spaces for new vendors and small businesses

Concerns

- Pollution and emissions from the marina

Recommendations

- Eliminate the marina and prioritize swimming and water activities in the area
- Public canoeing and kayaking
- Provide public access to the larger marina docks and make them an attraction; put gates on individual tributaries/smaller docks
- Provide electric boat rental options
- Provide opportunities for people to take the boating test to get their license
- Maintain commercial spaces for small and local businesses

Zone 3: Brigantine Cove

Likes

- Floating Wetlands

Concerns

- Sand beach may not work
- Brigantine Cove water seems shallow and not suitable for swimming
- Concern with water quality

Recommendations

- Consider access to different types of watercrafts with the design of the East Gateway bridge

Zone 4: Mainland

Likes

- Zeidler-inspired design for Central and East Gateways
- Connection to TTC

Concerns

- Too many built structures
- Shipping containers may not be suitable for winter conditions
- Safety concern with floating boardwalks

Recommendations

- Winter-proof floating boardwalks
- Child-friendly design for floating boardwalks
- Heat insulation in shipping containers for winter seasons
- Volleyball mats
- Improve connection to parking at Exhibition GO Station
- Railing on floating boardwalks

Parking

Likes

- Removal of above ground structure
- More green space

Concerns

- Too much space dedicated to parking
- Surface parking takes up usable land
- Parking will increase traffic congestion, pollution and noise
- Cost of proposed parking design
- Impact of climate change and regular flooding of underground parking

- Environmental impact of underground parking, i.e., impact of groundwater, stormwater management, environmental conservation, issues around wildlife habitat and landscape/habitat protection

Recommendations

- Eliminate parking lots
- Solar panels on surface parking
- Provide protection from inclement weather
- Conduct traffic studies to support decision-making
- Investigate alternative off-site parking alternatives
- Prioritize public transportation over parking
- Elevated parking
- Underground parking with green roof
- Build a “small entrance building” with parking to the new OSC building
- Consider relocating the parking lot up at the GO Train and LRT stations with connections to Ontario Place via elevated transit
- Convert parking into green spaces
- Maintain parking for people with accessibility issues
- Provide information on the budget and costs for the proposed parking
- Provide information on any studies conducted related to traffic and congestion, public transportation and parking

Ontario Science Centre

Concerns

- Many participants expressed dissent against OSC relocation
- Proposed OSC structure is inferior to the original building
- Too many built structures in the area with the addition of OSC
- Lack of consultation with OSC employees and members of the public
- Lack of transparency on decision-making and projected costs with the OSC relocation
- Concern that the OSC relocation will open up the original site for private development
- The closing of the original OSC will be a loss for nearby communities such as Scarborough
- Current OSC has outdoor amenities and connections to the ravine and trails, which cannot be replicated with the relocation
- Relocation of OSC to Ontario Place will increase traffic congestion in the area
- Proposed OSC structure has a significantly reduced footprint from its current building, and may impact staffing and the quality of exhibitions
- There is a perception that the announced OSC relocation is a “political move”
- There is a perception that tearing down the current OSC building would be working against the City of Toronto’s climate targets
- Proposed four-storey structure will obstruct viewpoints to Ontario Place and the lake

Recommendations

- Strong support for maintaining the current building and location of OSC
- Conduct a cost-benefit analysis of OSC relocation vs. maintaining existing OSC
- Transform other existing buildings such as the Cinesphere and the Pods as satellites or extensions of the original OSC and provide educational programming on topics such as water; sustainability; green energy, innovation and technology; climate change; environmental studies; Indigenous knowledge; or the ecological features of the site and the region (e.g., wetlands, water ecology, wildlife, the Great Lakes, role of the Oak Ridges Moraine as an aquifer).

- Transform the Cinesphere as a planetarium for the OSC
- OSC should highlight the Ontario Place site in its educational programming
- Create a “Science Pavilion” that is connected to the Pods
- Provide information on the budget and costs of the proposed OSC in Ontario Place
- Provide information on the decision-making process behind the proposed OSC relocation

Zone 5: Forum

Likes

- Play Fountain
- Natural stone seating
- Moveable benches
- Ice skating rink

Concerns

- Some participants expressed their dislike for the precedents shown for the moveable planters/seating
- Many participants expressed their dislike for the Play Fountain; one participated stated that it is unnecessary and another did not see a clear purpose for it other than for aesthetic reasons
- Play Fountain will not look appealing during the winter season
- The Market Alley and other commercial activities may not be suited to Ontario Place as other areas in the city

Recommendations

- Minimize the footprint of the Play Fountain
- Eliminate the Play Fountain
- Consider moving the Play Fountain to Brigantine Cove
- Transform the Play Fountain into an ice skating rink during the winter season
- Replace Play Fountain with a natural water cove
- Add water mist to the Play Fountain design
- More washrooms
- Prioritize green spaces over concrete/paving
- Repurpose the Lookout Tower

Next steps

Indigenous input from a variety of First Nations and Indigenous organizations have been heard throughout the Ontario Place public realm design and EA process. The input is diverse in cultures, lived experiences, Traditional Knowledge, education and interests; all bringing unique perspectives to the project. Feedback received from the April 27th engagement event, as well as at previous public engagement events and engagement with Indigenous communities, will be used to inform the preferred design for Ontario Place’s public spaces as part of the EA process.

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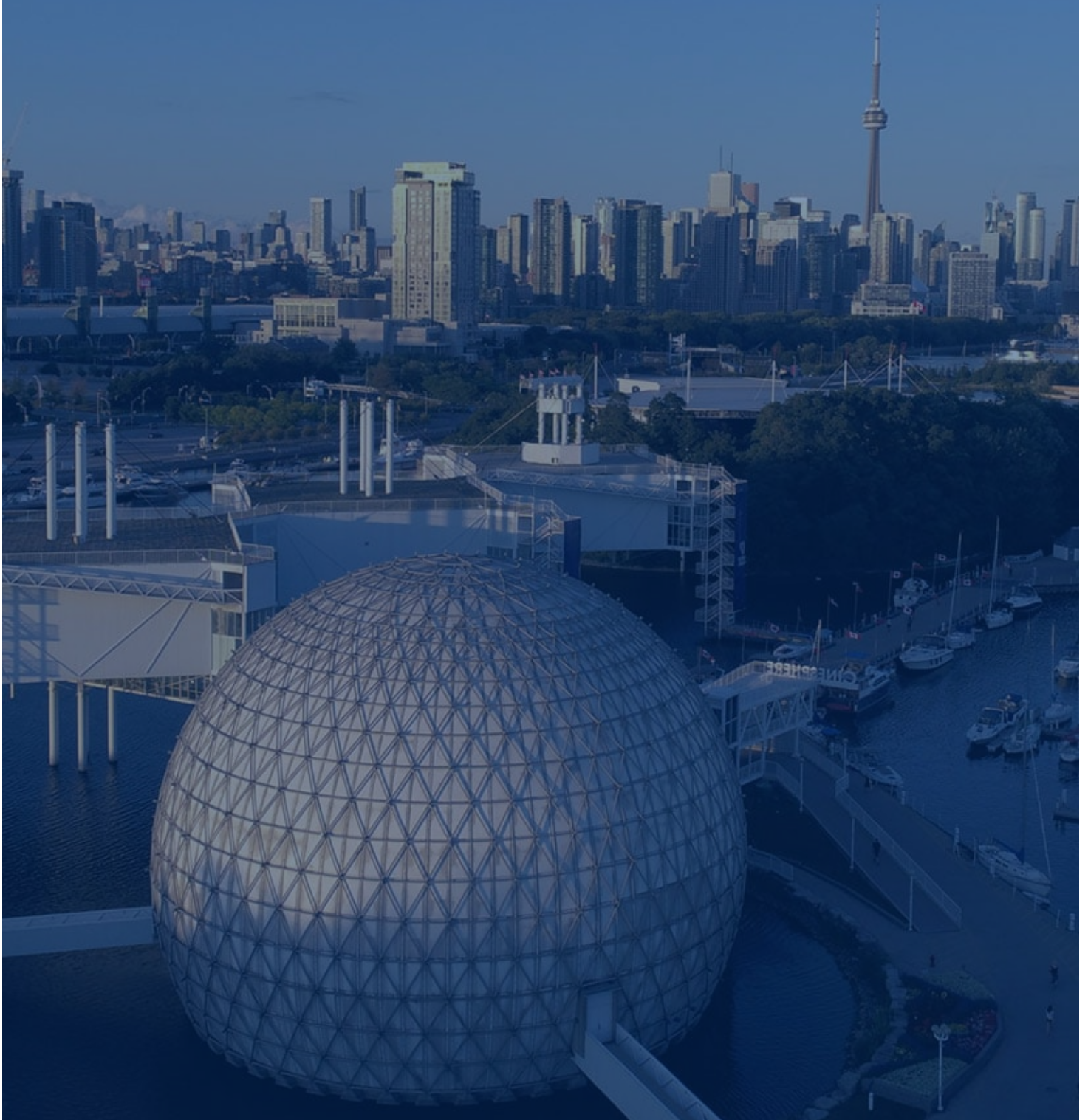
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1: Bold new vision



The Ontario Place opportunity

Ontario Place is being redeveloped into a remarkable world-class, year-round destination. New recreation and entertainment tenants are anchored around the central Pods and Cinesphere complex, while a modernized public realm will connect and integrate destinations across the site. Recreation is a key focus of the new Ontario Place, supported by a fully retained Trillium Park and marina, an expanded William G. Davis waterfront trail, upgraded park space and increased waterfront access.

The government's vision for Ontario Place will:

- Provide a remarkable world-class, year-round destination with a focus on family-friendly entertainment, health and wellness services, and recreation.
- Expand and improve waterfront access, parkland and public spaces.
- Respect Ontario's historical and natural features.
- Honour the rich traditions, cultures, and heritage of Indigenous peoples.
- Showcase Ontario's diversity and multiculturalism.
- Preserve and reuse its unique architectural and landscape features.
- Advance sustainability and climate resilience.



Therme Canada



Live Nation



Ontario Science Centre



Public Realm

The vision for Ontario Place is anchored by new tenants, as well as the existing and successful Trillium Park. Over the coming years, the private and public sector will work together to deliver the new vision. This will include:

1. **Recreation and entertainment-based attractions** provided by anchor tenants:

- Therme Canada
- Live Nation
- Announced in July 2021, discussions are also underway with the Ontario Science Centre to explore potential opportunities to have science-related tourism and educational programming in the Pods and Cinesphere.

2. **Upgrades to the parks and public spaces across the entire site** that all visitors can access for free. The design of the public spaces will create a unified, safe and cohesive landscape across the entire Ontario Place site, seamlessly integrating tenanted zones with the rest of the lands. The public walkways and trails at Ontario Place will provide access throughout the site, including the full circumference of the tenanted areas. This is shown in Station 4 of this virtual public engagement room.

3. Enhanced and **modernized infrastructure** to support the government's vision, including new transit connections, improved site access, soil remediation and site-wide flood mitigation measures.

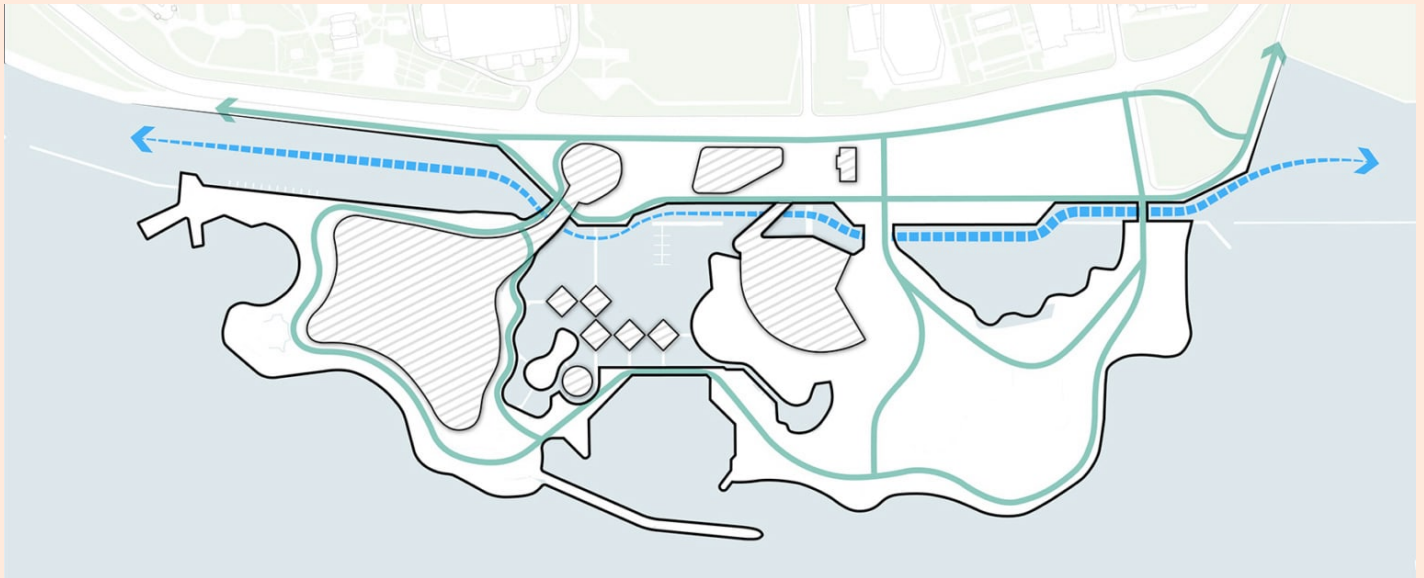
Construction will be phased with an expected build-out of 10+ years for completion. Replacement of site servicing (water, gas, electrical, stormwater, telecom) is expected to begin this Spring. It will be followed by tenant and public realm construction in 2024, after the

completion of the Category C Environmental Assessment (EA) and municipal development approval process.

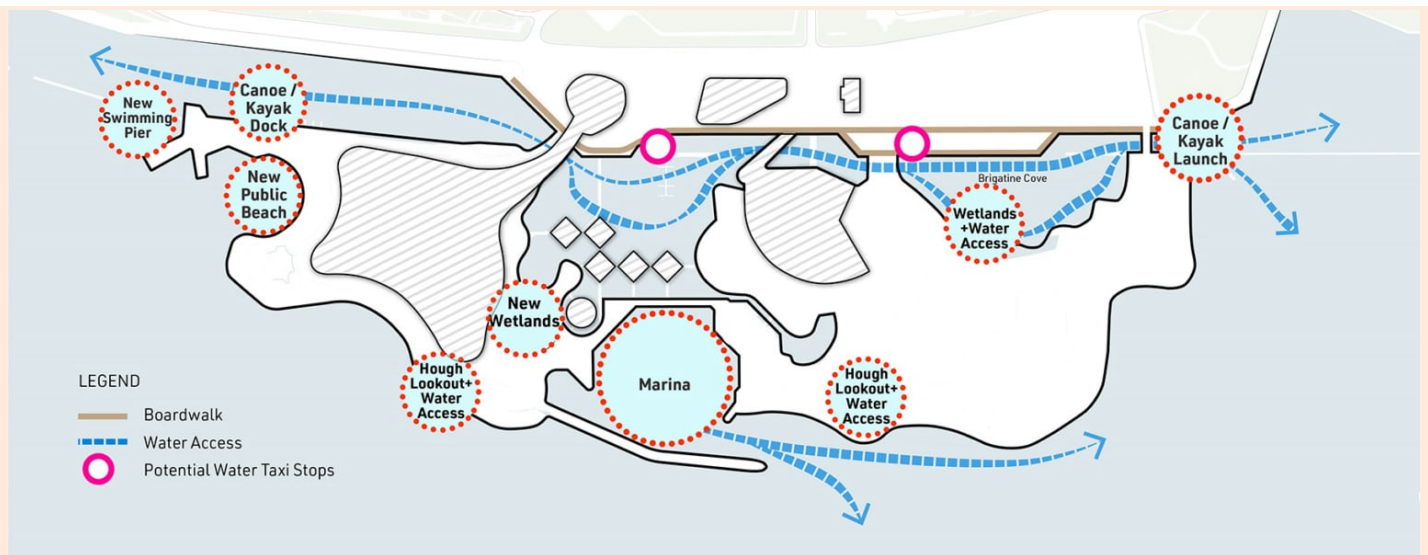
Key Directions

The vision for Ontario Place is guided by six key directions. These key directions are the “big moves” that will help meet the government’s vision for the redevelopment.

1. A redeveloped Ontario Place will help to **restore and enhance the water’s edge and secure continuous and public access**. While there are semi-public pathways that weave throughout the island, these paths are not maintained, are often inaccessible and at times interrupted by seasonal flooding. Improved waterfront paths will create new opportunities to experience the western waterfront and Ontario Place’s shoreline. Pedestrian and bicycle access will be complemented by new water connections for small crafts.

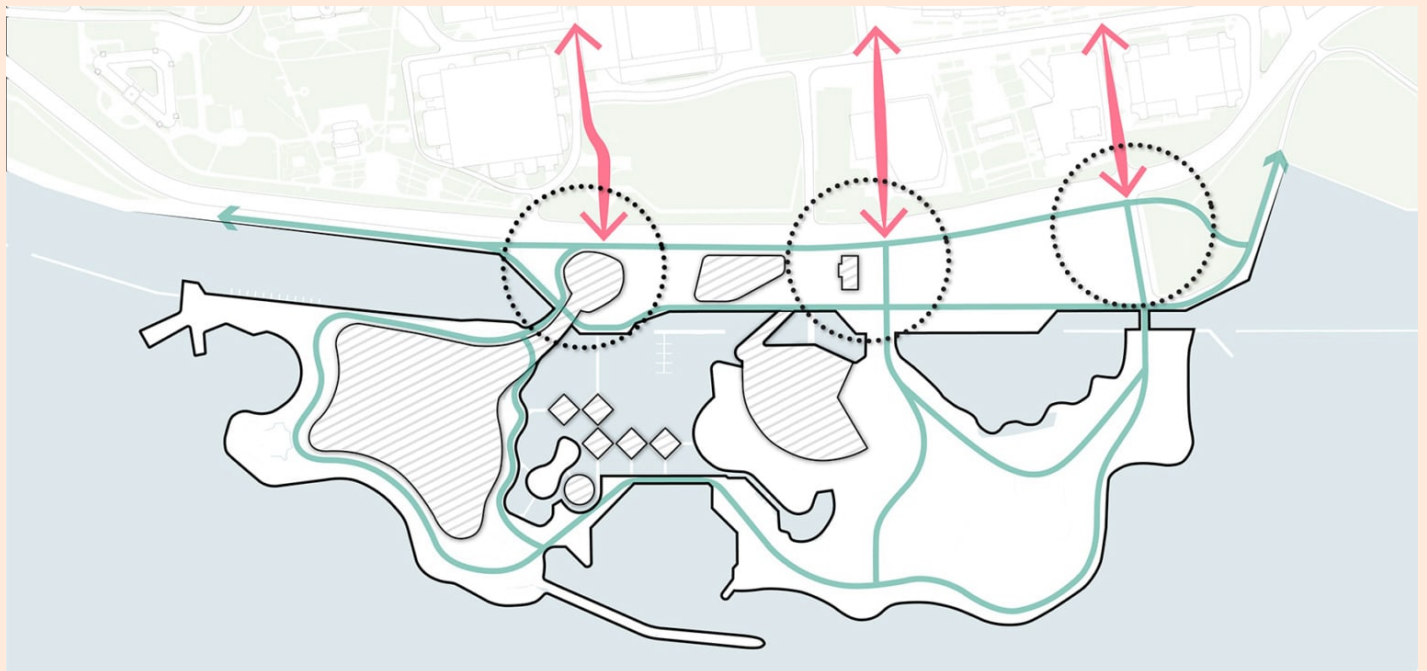


Restore and enhance the water’s edge and secure continuous public access.



Water and shoreline access.

2. Access to Ontario Place will be improved at the three gateways, including providing **improved connections** to public transit, including T.T.C., GO and the Ontario Line service at Exhibition Station.



Integrate with Exhibition Place and the city beyond.

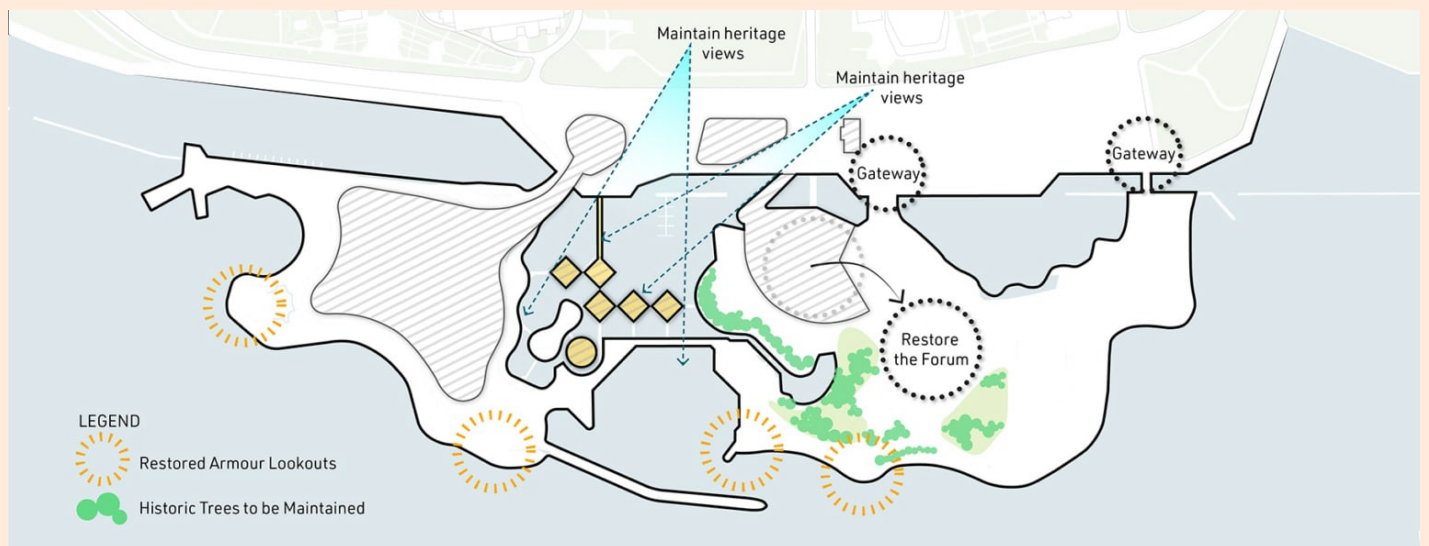
3. Ontario Place will include **new parks, public spaces and landscaped areas**. Building on the success of Trillium Park, these landscaped and open space areas will extend across the entire island and the mainland, connecting Ontario Place to the wider waterfront. The public

space and parkland at Ontario Place will be fully accessible and visitors will not be required to pay to access these spaces.



Upgrade the public spaces and create new and expanded greenspace along the waterfront.

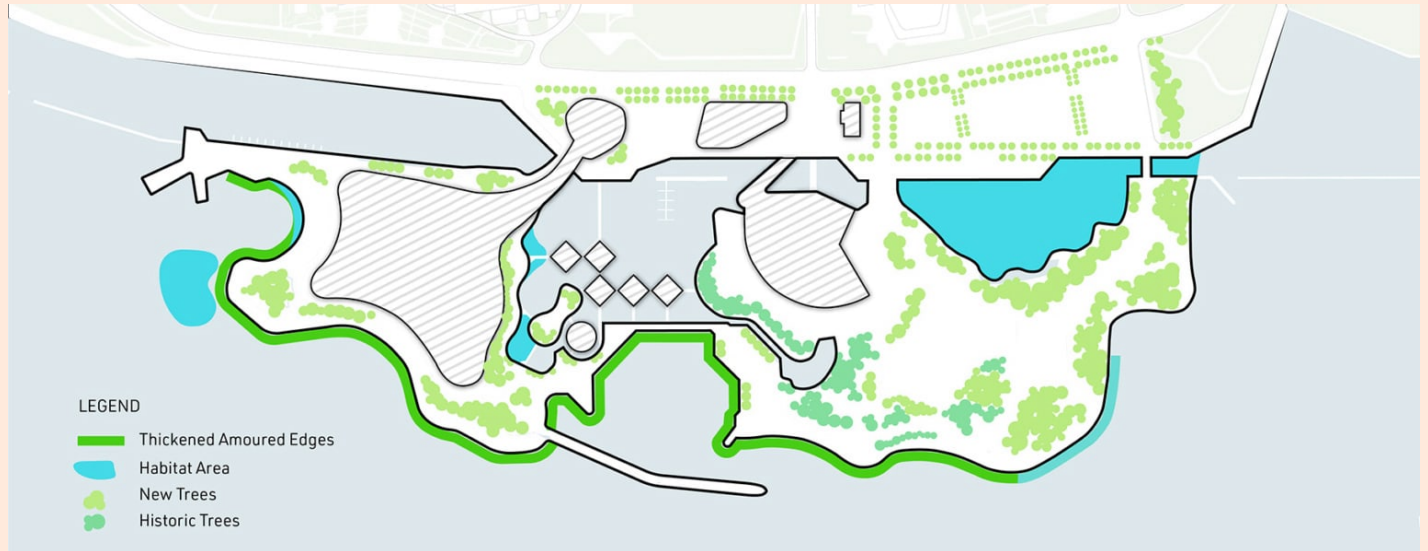
4. Ontario Place will continue to be defined by some of its most iconic features. At the center of Ontario Place, the pods and Cinesphere will be protected and potentially animated with new science programming. Key views of these structures from the mainland will also be preserved. The landscape design will also adhere to the original principles of Michael Hough, including soft and armored edges along the water's edge and immersive, wooded paths.



Respect heritage features, including the Pods & Cinesphere.

5. Upgrades across the island will **improve resilience and environmental sustainability**:

- Addressing rising water levels.
- Increasing permeability and expanding the tree canopy across the island.
- Supporting biodiversity and habitat creation, with an emphasis on native planting.



Ensure long-term resilience, environmental performance and sustainability.

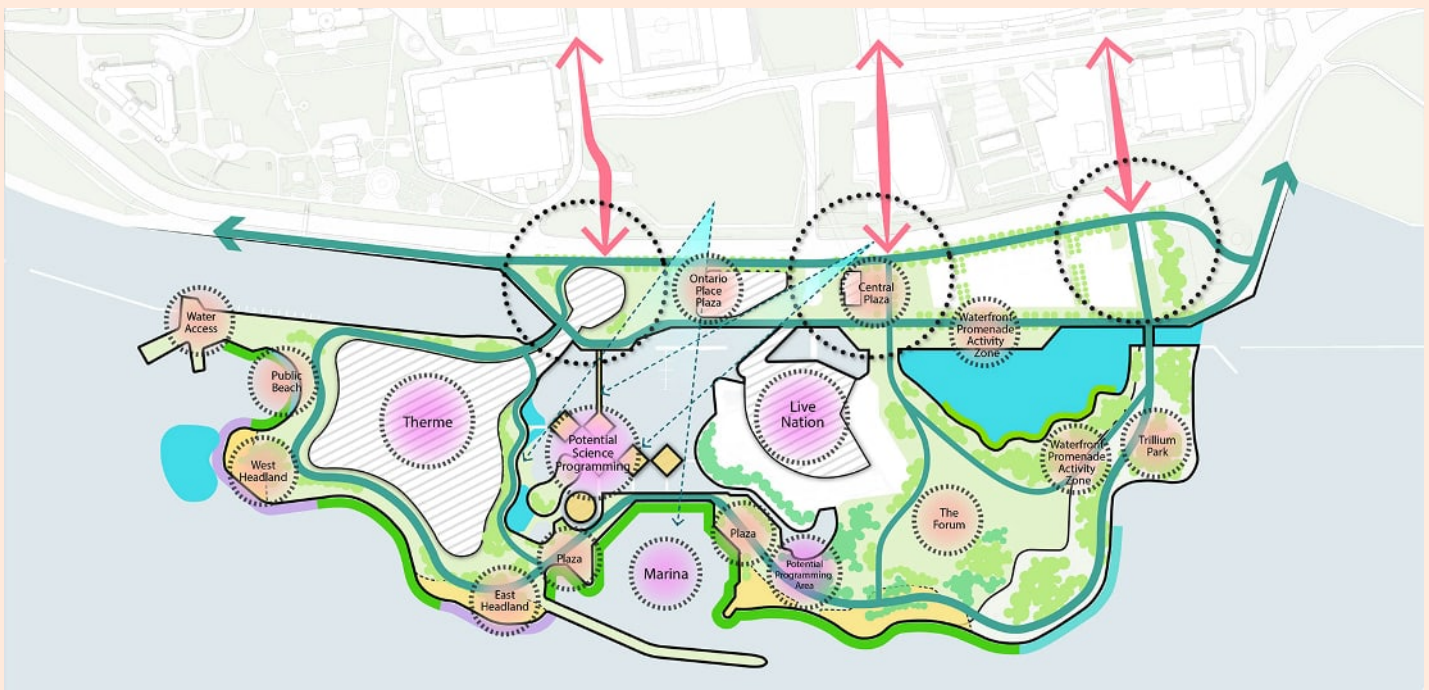
6. **Program partners will help deliver exciting programming for people of all ages, 365 days a year.** Discussions are also underway with the Ontario Science Centre to explore potential opportunities to have science-related tourism and educational programming at the Pods and Cinesphere.



Programming partners and activity zones.

Framework plan

These key directions form the framework plan for the redevelopment of Ontario Place, shown below.



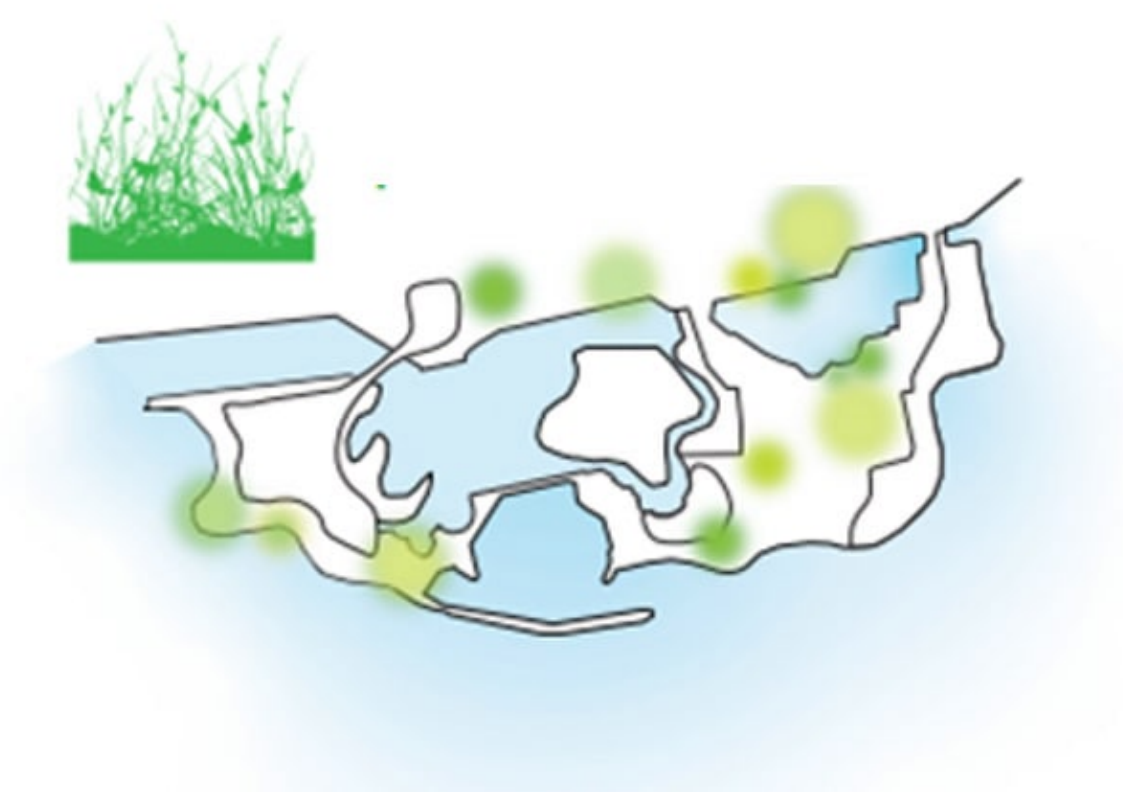
The framework plan for the redevelopment of Ontario Place.

Redevelopment ambitions

The following ambitions will be accomplished over time and are long-term targets for the redevelopment of Ontario Place.

Green Space

Enhanced public open spaces



Access

Preserve a publicly accessible waterfront



Water

Increased water access



Pods and Cinesphere restoration

Preserving cultural heritage



Wetlands

New aquatic habitat and wetlands



Trees

Increased canopy coverage



Bike paths

New and improved multi-use trails



Recreation

Animating the public realm



Project updates

Repairs & servicing upgrades

- Work is ongoing to repair the pods, bridges and Cinesphere complex.
 - Structural repairs on the marina bridge have been completed.
 - Temporary bridge and crane have been installed at Cedar Cove.
 - Scaffolding erection has commenced on the structures.
 - Work is underway to repair the Pod roofs and install
 - The Cinesphere will receive new exterior lighting and panels that will replicate the original heritage character of the structure
 - Work is expected to continue until early 2024.
- The Request for Proposals (RFP) to engage a Construction Manager to deliver the site servicing was released in December 2022.

- The RFP process closed on March 10, 2023, and the evaluation of the submissions is underway.
- The RFP was an open public competitive procurement process.
- Site servicing work is expected to start in May 2023.



Scaffolding along a bridge to the pods.

Artwork & monument relocation

- For their protection, artwork and a monument onsite must be removed prior to the commencement of construction activities.
- The artwork and monument to be relocated include three works from the Government of Ontario Art Collection and the Japanese Canadian Temple Bell.
- An art conservator has been engaged to oversee the removal, storage and relocation of the artwork and monument.
- Removal of the artwork and monument is expected for Spring 2023.



The Japanese Canadian Temple Bell (Goh Ohn Pavilion) by Raymond Moriyama.

Heritage

- The **Strategic Conservation Plan** is complete and can be viewed in the [document library at www.engageontarioplace.ca](http://www.engageontarioplace.ca).
- The **draft Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA)** was posted for a public review period that is now complete. Comments will be considered and addressed, if applicable, in the final version.



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2: Environmental Assessment process

About the Environmental Assessment

- The Ontario Place redevelopment project is following the approved planning process for Category C undertakings in accordance with the Public Work Class Environmental Assessment (EA). It focuses on provincial government realty and infrastructure projects for registered public bodies.
- The Category C EA Study Area is defined as the public realm area where government-led activities will occur and is subject to the *Environmental Assessment Act*.
- The key OP redevelopment activities encompassed by the EA include:
 - Planning approvals and realty activities
 - Building decommissioning and removal
 - Grading and landscaping
 - Development of parks, trails and open spaces
 - Shoreline repairs and flood mitigation
 - Site access and parking
 - Construction of new buildings and supporting site infrastructure.



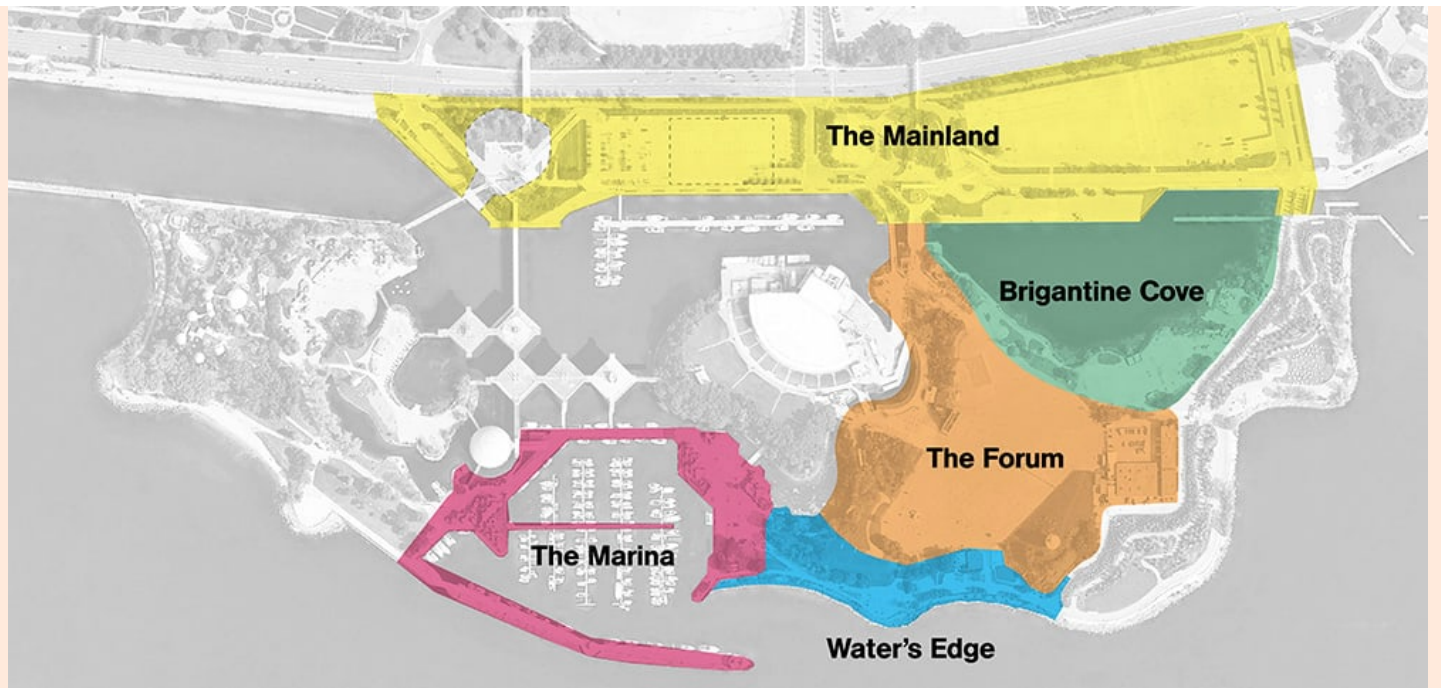
EA Study Area.

Note: This map is an approximate depiction of the land areas.

- The Environmental Assessment Act governs public sector developments and provides requirements for the environmental assessment process. The Planning Act governs land use planning and provides requirements for these activities across the province.
- **Private sector developments are not subject to the Environmental Assessment Act, but they are required to follow the Planning Act and the municipal planning process.** They are also required to secure zoning and site plan approval, as well as meet all the federal, provincial, and municipal environmental permits and approvals.

The Zones

To help navigate the site and facilitate thorough evaluation through the EA process, the Ontario Place public realm was divided into five zones.



The public realm zones.

Design development & the EA process

The Category C EA for Ontario Place is expected to run from early 2022 through to mid-2023. The process is integrated with the development of design and is comprised of five key stages, as shown below.

**Design
Process**

**Public Realm
Visioning**

**Identify the Problem
and/or Opportunity**



**Consultation
Program Design**



**Environmental
Assessment (EA)
Launch and Notice
of Commencement**



**Describe Existing
Conditions**



**Engagement Event
#1**

EA Process



Design Concepts

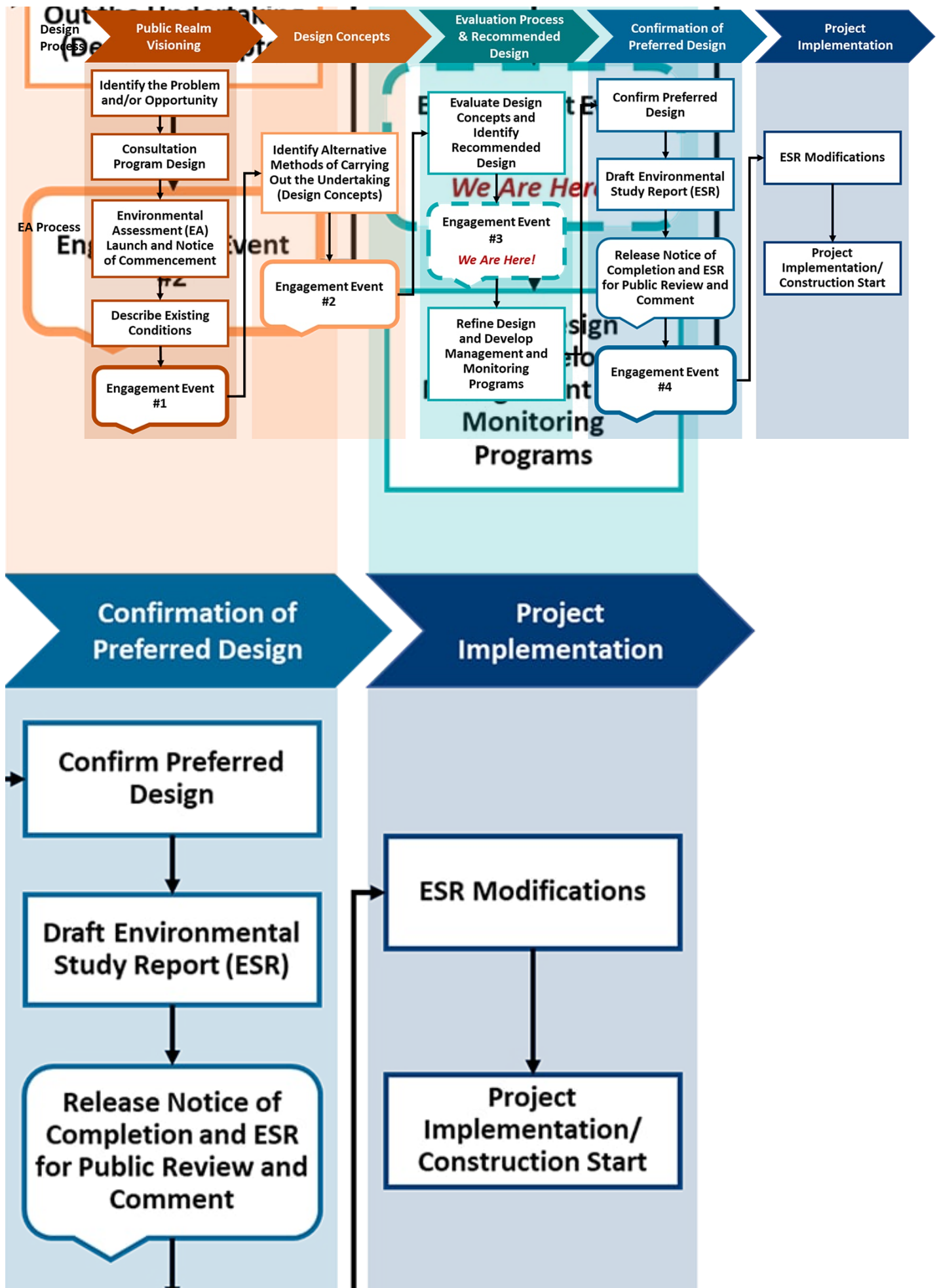
**Evaluation Process
& Recommended
Design**


**Identify Alternative
Methods of Carrying**



**Evaluate Design
Concepts and
Identify
Recommended
Design**





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Engagement Event #4

Where are we in the process?

- There are four public engagement events for site redevelopment and when complete, the draft Environmental Study Report will be available for a 60-day public comment period on the environmental registry of Ontario and available through www.engageontarioplace.ca.
- In Fall 2022 the Ontario Place redevelopment team presented design concepts A and B for each zone and the draft evaluation criteria for [public feedback and comment](#).
- Since then, the EA team and the design team have been working together to evaluate the design concepts using the refined evaluation criteria and guided by public, stakeholder and Indigenous community input.
- The EA evaluation has resulted in a recommended design for the public realm spaces at Ontario Place, which are being shared through this virtual public engagement room for feedback and comment.

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3: The evaluation process

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1: Bold new vision



The background image shows a waterfront park at dusk. In the foreground, there is a calm body of water reflecting the sky and the structures in the background. A grassy area with picnic tables and some people is visible. In the middle ground, there are modern buildings with glass facades and a large geodesic dome structure on the right. The sky is a mix of blue and orange from the setting or rising sun. The overall mood is serene and modern.

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3: The evaluation process

Overview of the EA evaluation

- Building on public feedback received in Fall 2022, the EA team finalized the EA evaluation criteria table that was then used to identify a recommended design for the public realm.
- The evaluation table is divided into the six categories, shown below. Examples of what is included and considered in each category are also provided.



Natural Environment

- Air
- Land
- Water



Social Environment

- Interactions of users with surrounding communities
- Land use compatibility



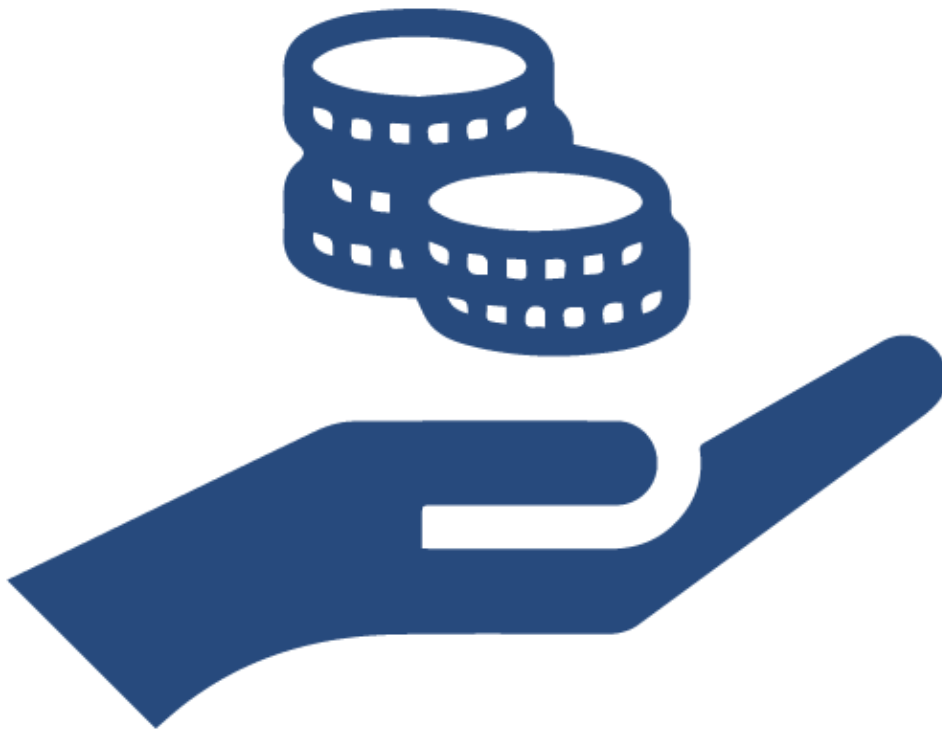
Cultural Environment

- Archeology
- Heritage
- Indigenous cultures



Technical Environment

- Engineering
- Construction constraints
- Soil and groundwater conditions



Economic Environment

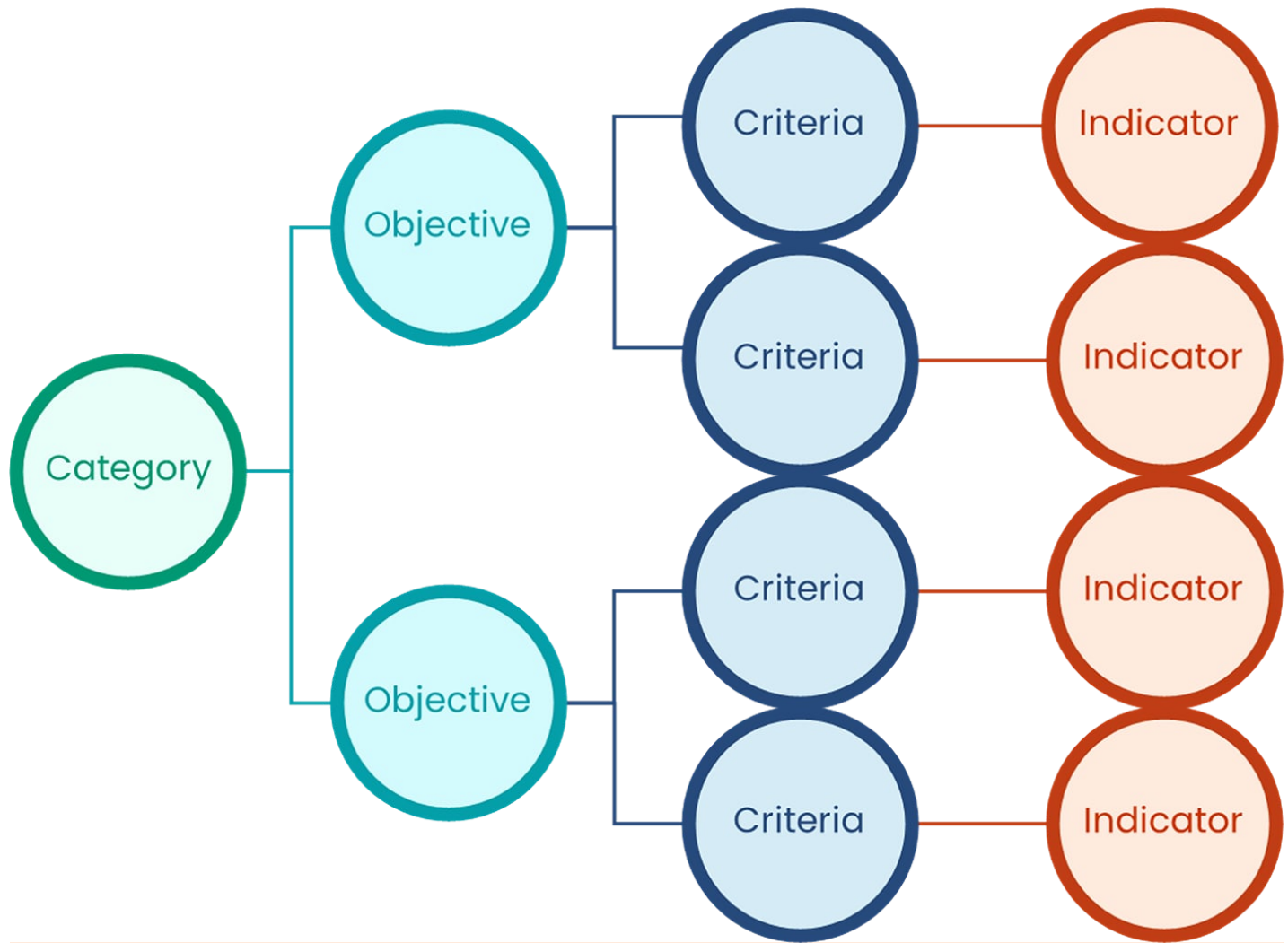
- Capital costs
- Operational and maintenance costs
- Job creation



Sustainability

- Climate resilience
- Long-term vitality
- Each of the six categories consist of site-specific objectives.
- Under each objective is a set of criteria specific to the project.

- Using a qualitative, rationale-based assessment, indicators identified for each criterion were used to measure how well design elements met the project objectives, vision and considered feedback received.
 - Design elements that were determined to best meet the objectives, vision and feedback were identified as preferred.



EA evaluation criteria table breakdown.

The complete draft evaluation criteria tables for each category were shared in the [previous VPER](#). Evaluation criteria were refined based on feedback following the Fall 2022 engagement period and the final [evaluation criteria can be found here](#).

The evaluation process for each zone

The environmental assessment team and design team worked together to complete the following three steps to identify a recommended design for each zone:

1. Examine design elements within design concepts A and B for the zone.
2. Identify preferred and less preferred design elements within both concepts, as described above.
3. Identify the recommended design for each zone as the design concept with more preferred design elements that were also determined to be technically and economically feasible.
 - In most cases however, there was not a clear preference for Concept A or B and instead the preferred design elements from both concepts were considered and/or integrated into one recommended design.

A summary of the evaluation and preferred design elements is presented per zone in Station 4. Each zone was evaluated separately, and the preferred design from each zone was brought together to form an overall recommended design for the public realm. This overall design was evaluated to confirm it met project objectives, was cohesive, well-balanced between the zones, and integrated well with the tenant developments. The overall recommended design that combines all five Zones together is presented at the end of Station 4.

Note: the final comprehensive evaluation tables will incorporate comments received from this virtual public engagement room and these will be included in the Environmental Study Report (ESR).

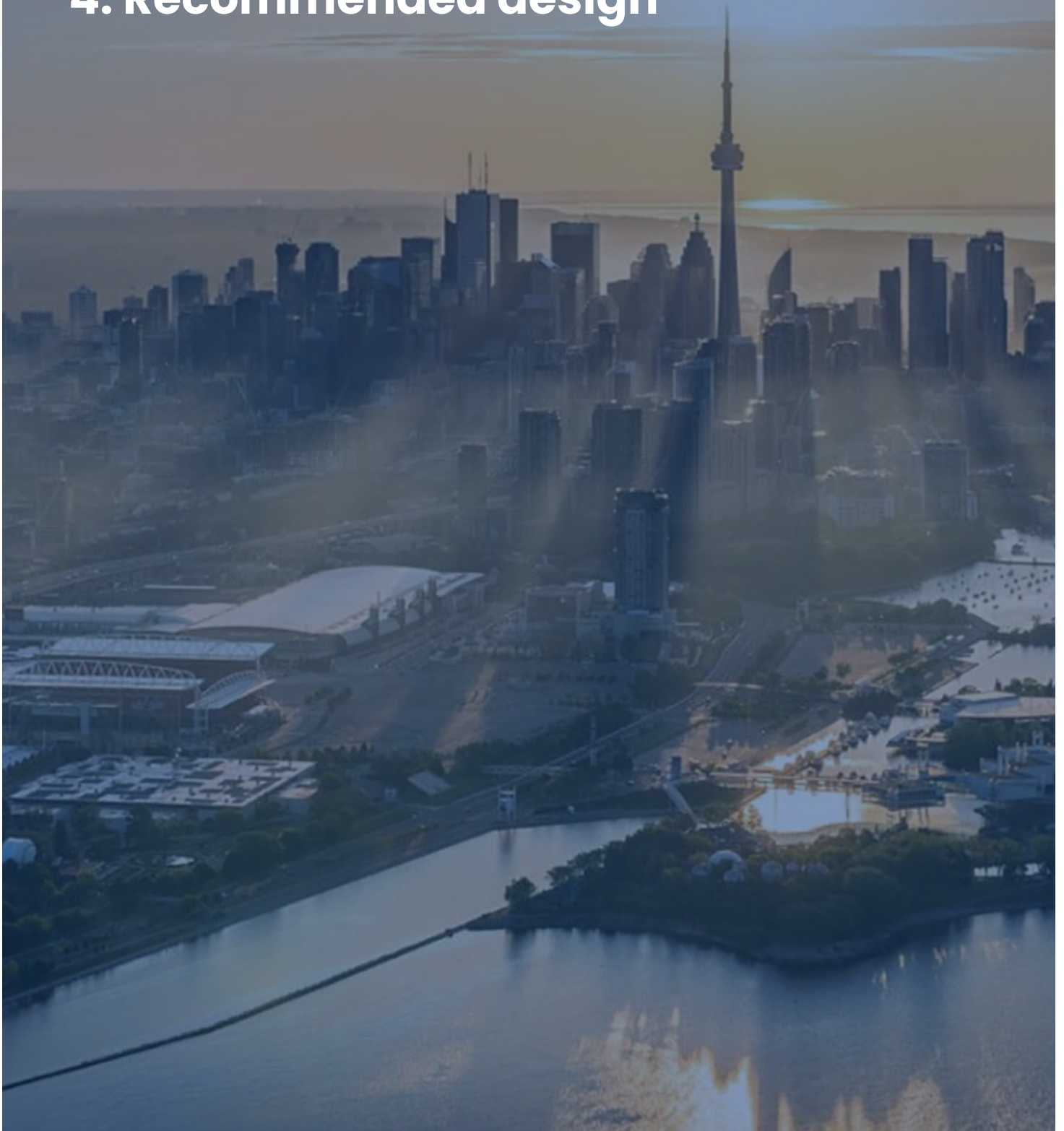
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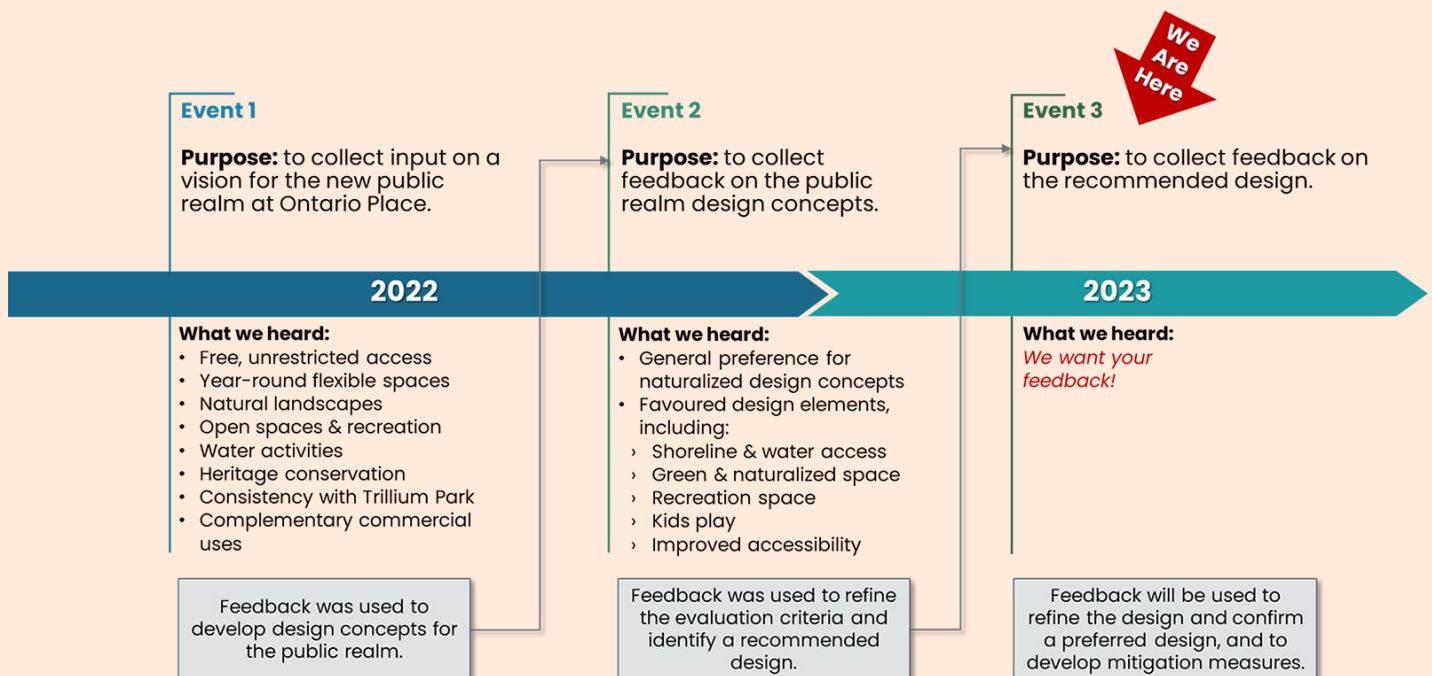
4: Recommended design



The design of Ontario Place's public realm is an iterative process, and the design team has been working to address feedback received to date from the public, stakeholders and Indigenous communities.

Since Fall 2022, the design team has developed a recommended design for the public realm spaces at Ontario Place based on the EA evaluation of the concepts and feedback from the public, Indigenous communities and stakeholders. This station of the Virtual Public Engagement Room will show the design concepts that were presented in Fall 2022, give a summary of the evaluation of the concepts, and explore the preferred design for each zone with you. At the end of this station, all of the zones are brought together to present an overall recommended design for the public realm and shows how it integrates with the tenant developments. **The recommended design presented in this station is subject to change and refinement based on feedback that was received during the April 27th live event and through this virtual public engagement room.** While the design is intended for the redevelopment of Ontario Place's public realm, it does not preclude future development opportunities from being considered on site.

How we got here & what we heard



Consultation and engagement with Indigenous communities

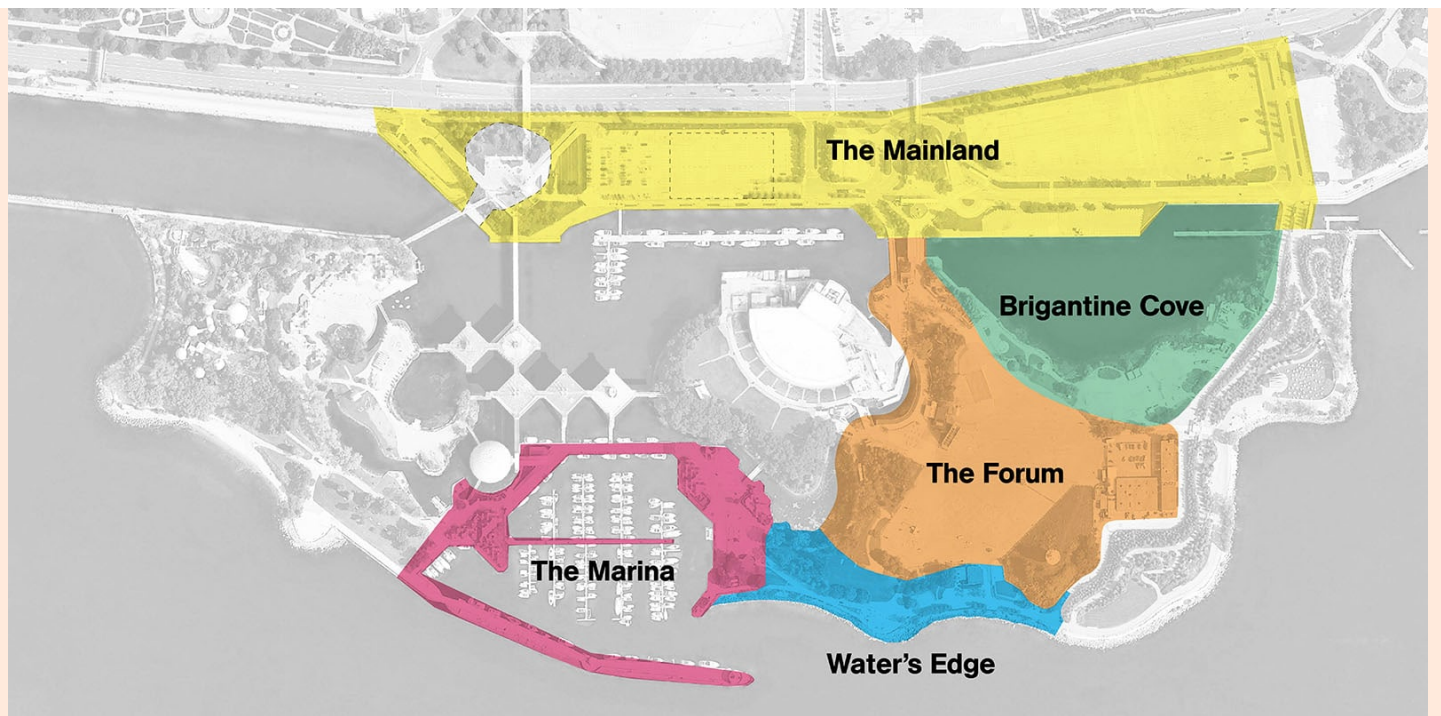
In addition to public engagement, consultation and engagement with rights-holding Indigenous communities and urban Indigenous organizations in Toronto has been ongoing and will continue throughout the EA and design process. Shelley Charles of Minokamik, a collective of Elders, knowledge holders, horticulturalists and environmental stewards, is the Indigenous Engagement Project Lead. She has been facilitating Indigenous engagement meetings and discussing ways to celebrate the distinct historical, cultural, environmental and educational contributions of Indigenous people at Ontario Place. Suggestions for the public realm design shared by Indigenous community members include:

- Using native trees and species
- Working with, not against nature
- Using of plants (i.e., water lilies) to filter out toxins in water
- Replacing impervious with pervious material where possible
- Sharing and teaching of Traditional Ecological Knowledge
- Leaving space for the natural world and for wildlife to exist without human interference
- Including linguistic diversity
- Including wampum belt teaching and symbolism
- Storytelling

*The above list only represents a few of the ideas discussed during engagement sessions and will be further considered during detail design.

The zones

The five zones are the key spaces that define the character of Ontario Place and are captured by the current EA process.



The zones.

Zone 1: Water's Edge



Water's Edge: The concepts

The two concepts that were shared for the Water's Edge in Fall 2022 and that were evaluated through the E&A process are:



Concept A: Stone lookouts



Concept B: Planted piers

Water's Edge: What we heard

- ✓ Maximize natural areas
- ✓ Design for year-round, all-season access
- ✓ Increase access to the water's edge

- ✓ Shaded seating and picnic opportunities
- ✓ Include accessibility for all ages and abilities

Water's Edge: The evaluation

Category	Concept A: Stone Lookouts	Concept B: Planted Piers
Natural Environment	Preferred	Less Preferred
Social Environment	Preferred	Less Preferred
Cultural Environment	Preferred	Preferred
Technical Environment	Less Preferred	Preferred
Economic Environment	Preferred	Preferred
Sustainability	Preferred	Less Preferred
Overall Preference	Preferred	Less Preferred

Concept A provides greater opportunity for long-term shoreline protection, integrates Hough principles, and allows for additional seating along the shoreline. This concept is being modified to make the lower waterfront accessible to all users and will increase vegetation to the extent possible. A summary table of the evaluation of the design concepts for the [Water's Edge](#) can be viewed [here](#).

Water's Edge: The recommended design

Designs for flooding and wave up-rush occurrences are extremely important for public safety along the south shore. The recommended design achieves this by pulling the water's edge further into the island to create a gradual series of terraces down to the water with the goal of creating a generous park space that faces the lake. Restoration of the south shore provides the opportunity to have stone terraces down to the water which create stone piers to view and interact with the water's edge. Stone piers of different sizes are included to allow families to use and claim them for the day. Some piers are big enough for a dozen people, some are smaller and more intimate for a gathering of 4-6.



Preliminary design plan for the Water's Edge recommended design.



Preliminary Water's Edge design vision looking west.



Preliminary Water's Edge stone piers design vision looking north-west.

Zone 1: Water's Edge Design Vision



Preliminary Water's Edge design vision in winter.

Feedback/Comment

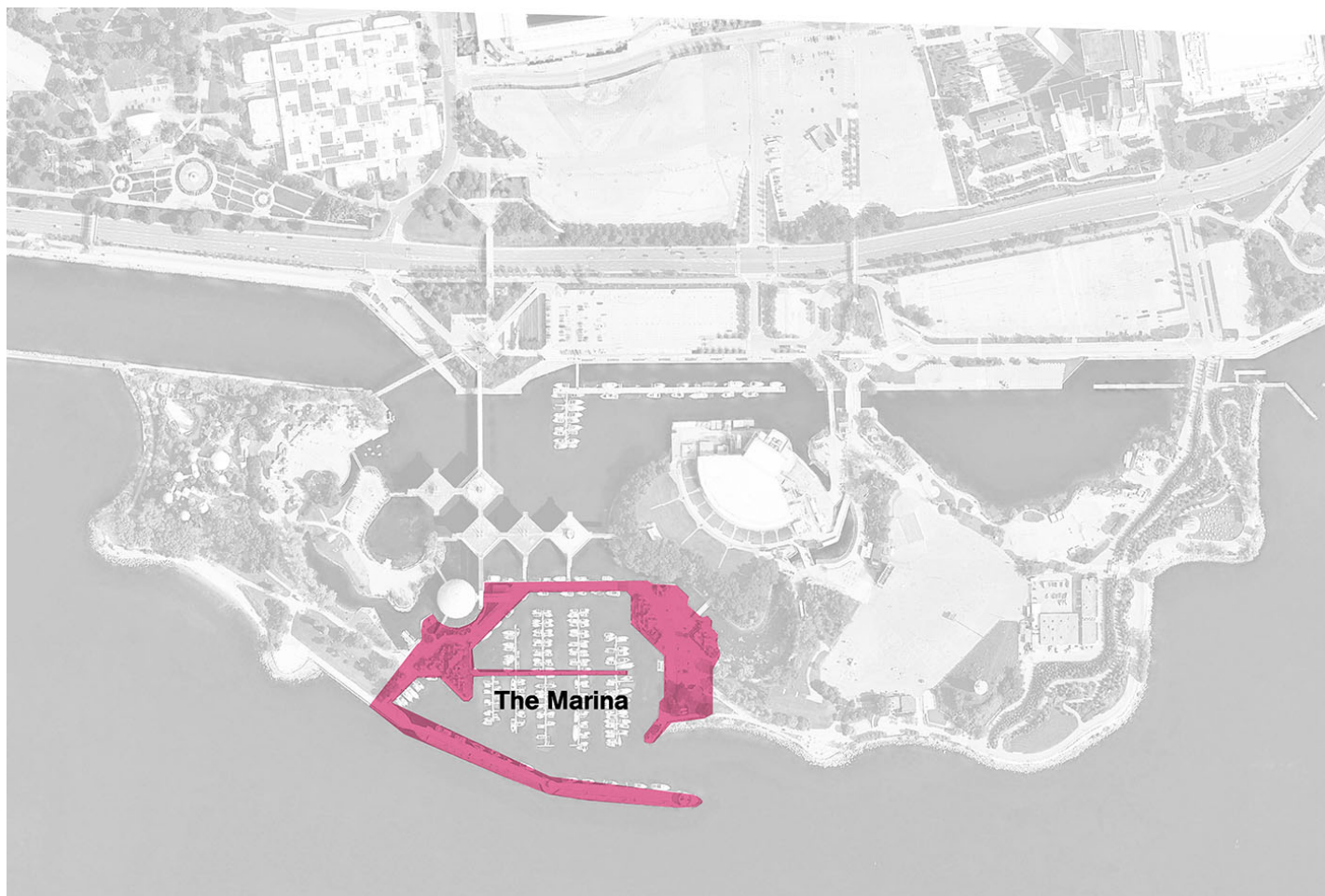
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Zone 2: Marina

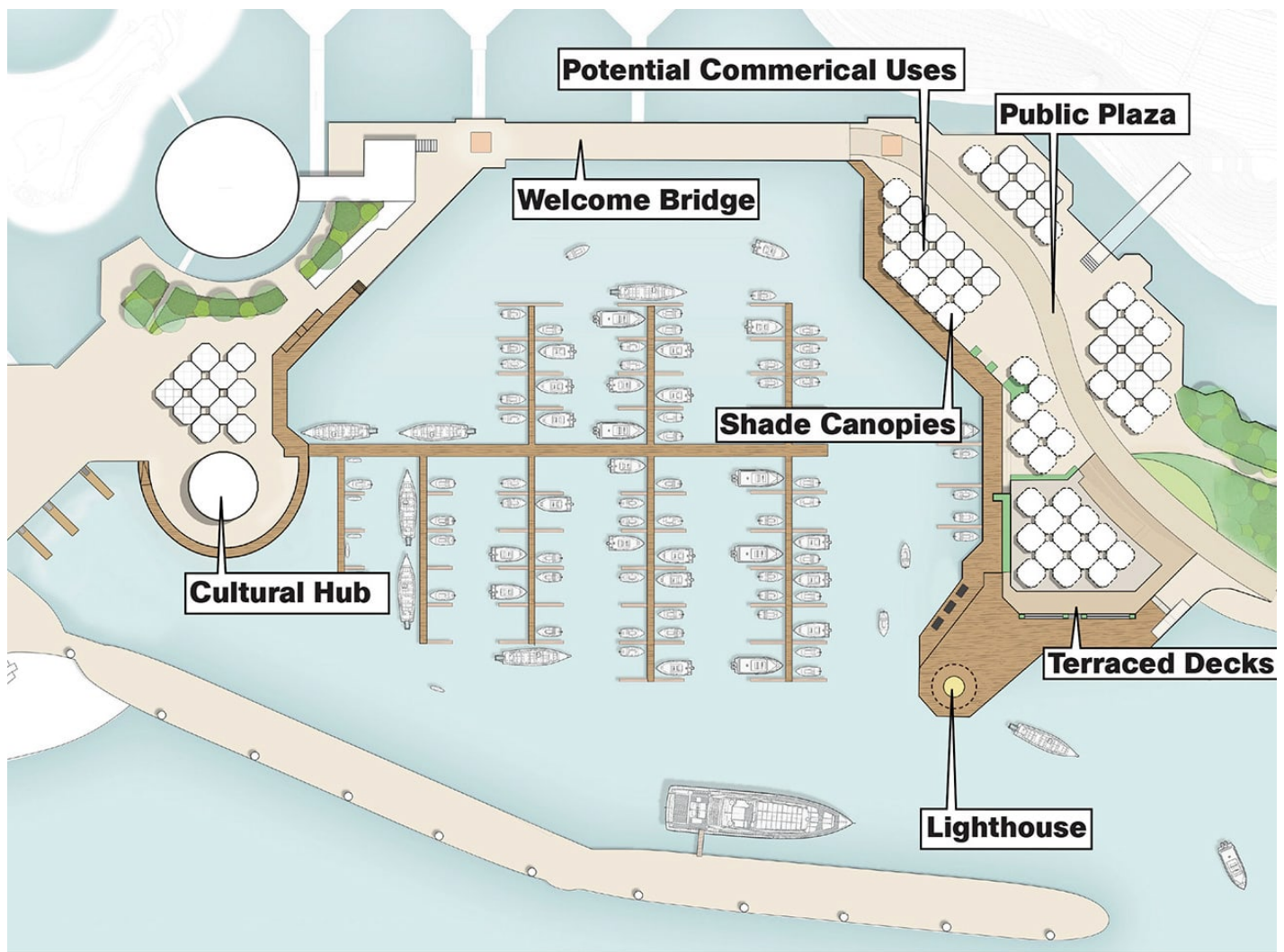


Marina: The concepts

The two concepts that were shared for the Marina in Fall 2022 and that were evaluated through the EA process are:



Concept A: Park Marina



Concept B: Ontario Port

Marina: What we heard

- ✓ Local and affordable commercial vendors
- ✓ Maximize public access
- ✓ Safe water access
- ✓ Shaded seating and nighttime lighting
- ✓ Increase green space

Marina: The evaluation

Category	Concept A: Park Marina	Concept B: Ontario Port
Natural Environment	Preferred	Less Preferred
Social Environment	Preferred	Less Preferred
Cultural Environment	Less Preferred	Preferred
Technical Environment	Preferred	Preferred
Economic Environment	Preferred	Preferred
Sustainability	Preferred	Less Preferred
Overall Preference	Preferred	Less Preferred

Concept A provides more opportunity for increasing vegetation and greenspace. Public feedback has indicated a preference for the features associated with Concept A. Ideas from both concepts will be integrated, including maximizing greenspace, educational opportunities, areas for future commercial use, shaded seating, and the Cultural Pavilion. A summary table of the evaluation of the design concepts for [the Marina can be viewed here](#).

Marina: Recommended design

The recommended design for this zone features open air park pavilions, commercial opportunities for cafes and restaurants, as well as flexible plaza spaces for a variety of public events and activities. A prominent boardwalk connects the east and west marina including a series of boardwalks that come closer to the water's edge. Expansion of the lighthouse pier creates an enhanced plaza space for viewing the Pods, the Cinesphere and passing boats. The Breakwater Sunset Pier will be a new exciting meeting place morning, day and night. It will also accommodate ferries and small ships to receive visitors via lake transportation.



Preliminary design plan for the recommended design for the Marina.



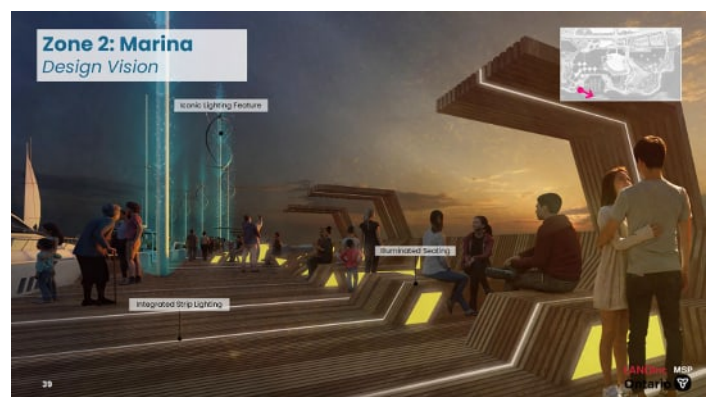
Preliminary design vision for the Marina looking south-west.



Night view of the proposed Marina.



Preliminary Marina pier design vision.



Preliminary Marina pier design vision at night.

Feedback/comments

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Zone 3: Brigantine Cove

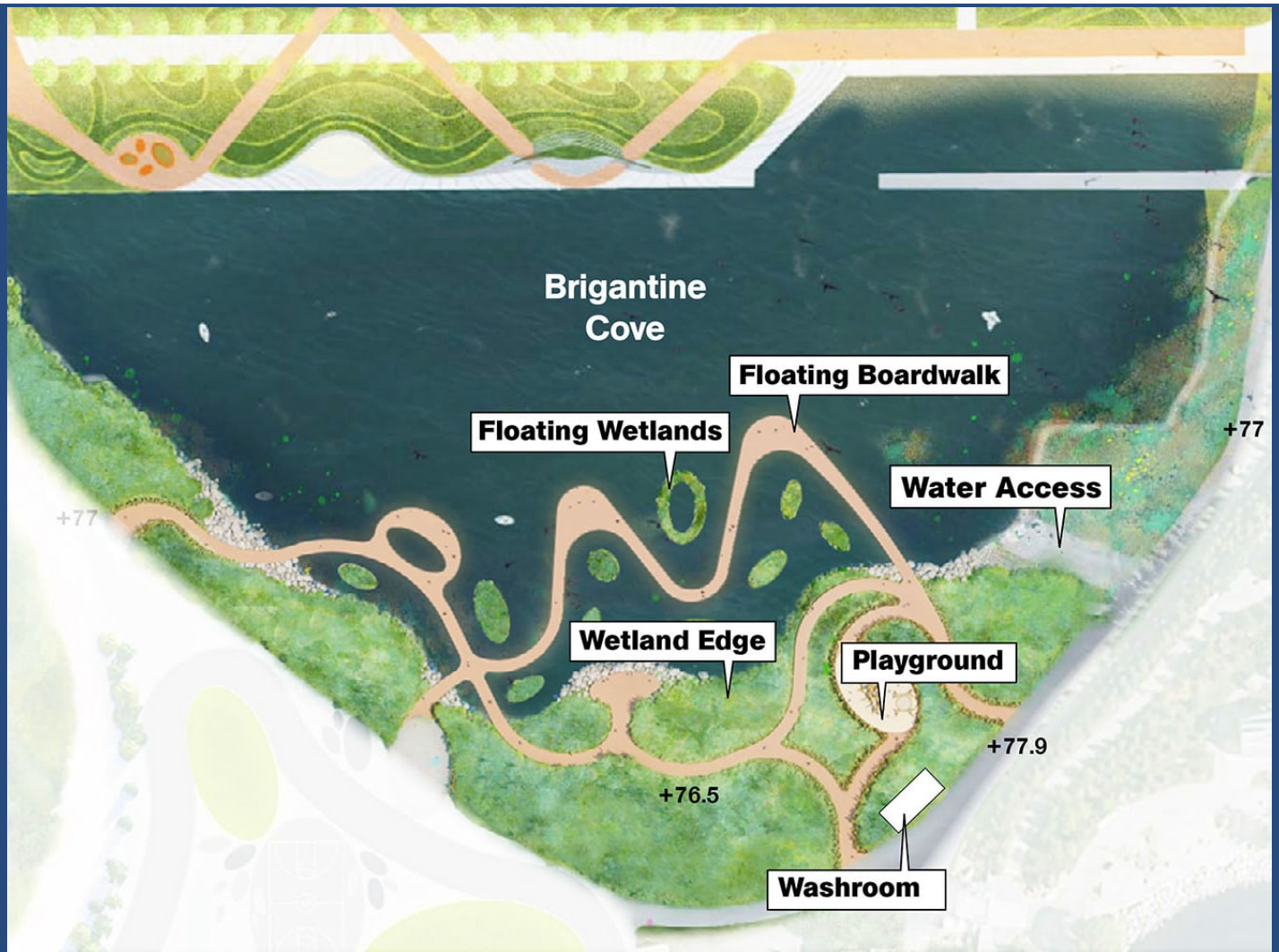


Brigantine Cove: The concepts

The two concepts that were shared for Brigantine Cove in Fall 2022 and that were evaluated through the EA process are:



Concept A: Event & Activities



Concept B: Wetland & Nature

Brigantine Cove: What we heard

- ✓ Provide an 'escape' from the city
- ✓ Improve water quality and circulation
- ✓ Provide access to the water
- ✓ Create green areas with native trees and plants
- ✓ Build an innovative children's play area

Brigantine Cove: The evaluation

Category	Concept A: Event & Activities	Concept B: Wetland & Nature
Natural Environment	Less Preferred	Preferred
Social Environment	Less Preferred	Preferred
Cultural Environment	Less Preferred	Preferred
Technical Environment	Less Preferred	Preferred
Economic Environment	Preferred	Less Preferred
Sustainability	Less Preferred	Preferred
Overall Preference	Less Preferred	Preferred

Concept B provides opportunity for park users to interact with the environment via boardwalk and wetlands, more vegetation, greenspace and a Children’s Play Zone, while providing effective and sustainable stormwater management protecting against flood risks. A summary table of the evaluation of the design concepts for [Brigantine Cove can be viewed here](#).

Brigantine Cove: The recommended design

The recommended design for Brigantine Cove (the cove) seeks to unify the space and create a more natural environment. This will help boost water quality and provide a park-like setting for the cove. The cove design provides space for children’s play inspired by Indigenous storytelling. A small beach area is provided in the center of the cove which creates a flexible play space for all ages to enjoy. Floating wetlands create a green edge along the cove and provide refuge and spawning habitat for aquatic species. The East Bridge is a key feature for allowing canoes and kayaks to pass through the cove while improving water quality and circulation within the cove. Fountains here also improve water circulation while creating an iconic water feature. Supporting amenities, such as washroom and changing room, are also included in the design for this zone.



Recommended design plan for Brigantine Cove.



Brigantine Cove preliminary design vision looking East.



Brigantine Cove play area design vision looking West.



Preliminary Brigantine Cove beach design vision.



East Gateway Bridge long-term vision.



East Gateway Bridge long-term vision.

Feedback/comments

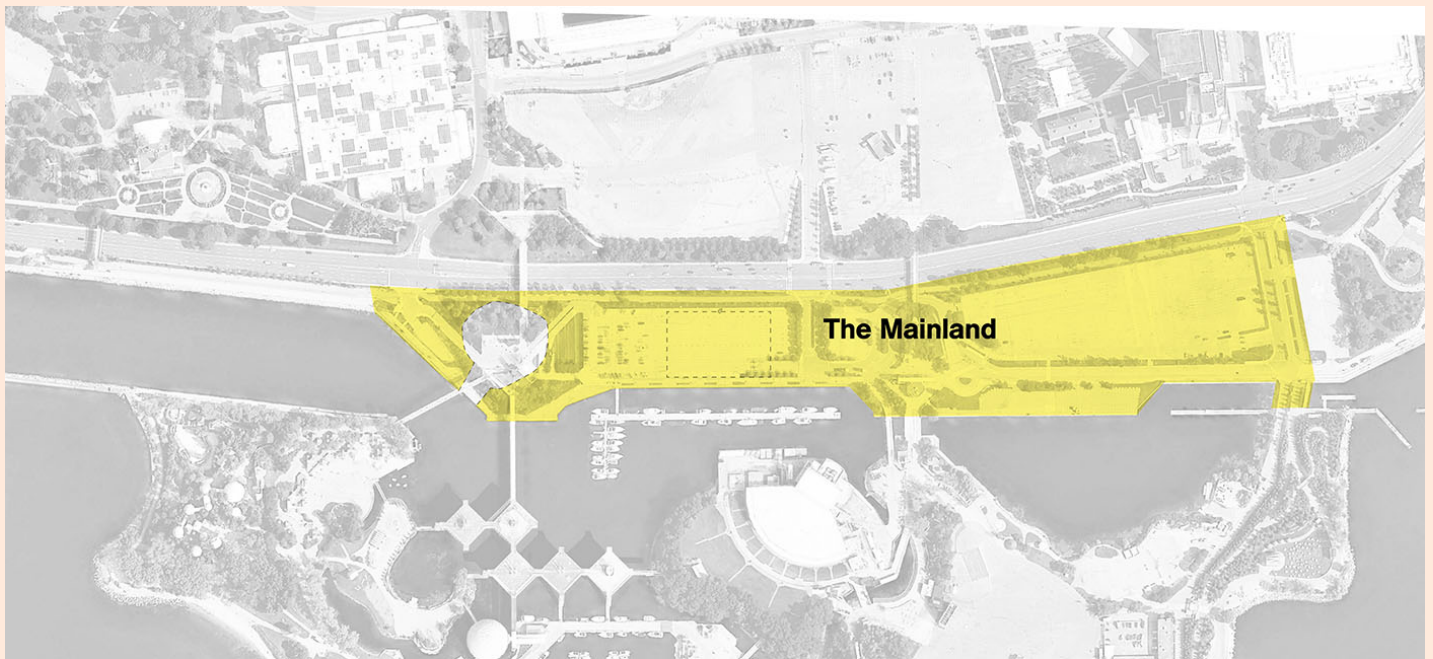
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Do you have any feedback on the recommended design for this zone?

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Zone 4: Mainland



Mainland: The concepts

The two concepts that were shared for the Mainland in Fall 2022 and that were evaluated through the EA process are:



Concept A: Urban and Active



Concept B: Green Gateway

Mainland: What we heard

- ✓ "Green" the currently paved areas
- ✓ Accessibility for all ages and abilities
- ✓ Improve walking and bicycling connections
- ✓ Provide recreational opportunities
- ✓ Improve transit connections

Mainland: The evaluation

Category	Concept A: Urban & Active	Concept B: Green Gateway
Natural Environment	Less Preferred	Preferred
Social Environment	Preferred	Preferred
Cultural Environment	Less Preferred	Preferred
Technical Environment	Preferred	Less Preferred
Economic Environment	Preferred	Less Preferred
Sustainability	Preferred	Preferred
Overall Preference	Preferred	Less Preferred

Concept A has lower construction and maintenance costs and is easier to implement. Features from Concept B will be integrated, such as increasing greenspace and vegetation. A summary table of the evaluation of the design concepts for the [Mainland can be viewed here](#).

Mainland: The recommended design

The Mainland zone is an active hub for food and beverage as well as flexible public plaza spaces with key points of arrival to Ontario Place. The north shore promenade connects east and west of Ontario Place with a multi-mode pedestrian path. This path goes through the Cabana market located just south of the surface parking lot. Food and beverage is proposed along the edges of an active central beach where people can relax and look over Brigantine Cove. The Mainland is also a key hub for pick up and drop off as well as a public bus loop that brings people into Ontario Place. The mainland has multiple plaza and flex spaces, and Ontario Plaza is anticipated to be one of the most active as it sits between the Therme pavilion and the potential science programming pavilion. This design also widens the Martin Goodman Trail along Lakeshore Boulevard, creating a safer environment for both cyclists, joggers, and pedestrians.



Preliminary design plan for the recommended design for the Mainland.



Preliminary design vision for the Mainland looking west.



North shore design vision on the Mainland.



North shore design vision on the Mainland at night.



Preliminary design vision of market plaza space on the Mainland.



Preliminary Central Gateway design vision.



Preliminary Central Gateway design vision.



Preliminary East Gateway design vision.



Preliminary East Gateway design vision.



Original Zeidler pavilions used as inspiration for the proposed gateway designs.

Parking

While parking is part of the Mainland zone, parking alternatives were identified separately from the Mainland design concepts. The key reason for taking this approach is that parking is required regardless of the design concept selected and is not part of the evaluation of Mainland design concepts. The parking solution considered should meet the following project objectives:

- Not limit or negatively impact new public spaces on Ontario Place
- Protect the heritage view of Pods and Cinesphere from Lake Shore Boulevard West
- Meet municipal policies for waterfront development
- Allow for increased provision of parking to meet projected demand

To help meet these objectives, parking alternatives considered included location and structure type. The parking location alternatives were an onsite parking facility or an offsite parking facility. Given the location of Ontario Place, the only alternative considered for offsite parking was the existing parking at Exhibition Place, which has been used for overflow parking during large events held at Ontario Place. The following parking structure alternatives were identified:

- An aboveground structure
- A belowground structure
- Surface parking lots
- A combination of a surface parking lot and a belowground structure

Parking evaluation

A two-step process was followed to determine the recommended parking alternative to address the parking needs identified for redevelopment of Ontario Place. The approximate number of spaces required is 2,600 to 2,800, which includes consideration for shared parking between the various uses of Ontario Place (such as, Therme, the public realm, Live Nation) and Transportation Demand Management (policies and programs to influence how people choose to travel with the aim to reduce single-occupant vehicle trips by encouraging more sustainable forms of transportation (such as, transit, cycling)).

In both Steps One and Two, alternatives were developed and evaluated against the following criteria (under five categories):

Category	Criteria
Natural Environment	Impacts to existing terrestrial species and aquatic environment.

Category	Criteria
	Ability to revegetate existing parking lots.
Social Environment	Traffic impacts on Lake Shore Boulevard West. Impacts to parking lot users (such as, fees, proximity). Ability to access Lake Shore Boulevard West and Ontario Place.
Cultural Environment	Compatibility with existing cultural heritage attributes.
Technical Environment	Ability to integrate redevelopment opportunities. Constructibility. Flexibility in parking lot sizing.
Economic Environment	Capital cost. Operational and maintenance costs. Construction related costs.

Step One requires an initial assessment of parking facilities onsite versus offsite at Ontario Place. Given the location of Ontario Place, the most likely off-site parking alternative available was Exhibition Place, which has been used for overflow parking during large events held at Ontario Place. Exhibition Place is undergoing a master plan exercise that is focused on active transportation, part of this process includes reviewing the parking supply and thus it cannot be assumed that a permanent parking supply will be available for Ontario Place users. The result is undertaking a screening process (that takes this information into consideration) to determine the preference for the parking location.

[Download Step One Parking Evaluation](#)

This evaluation resulted in onsite as the preferred solution.

Step Two consists of a comparative evaluation of parking structures to determine which is recommended to meet the future parking demand requirements. The evaluation looked at the opportunity for construction of parking structures on P1 and P2 within the Mainland zone of Ontario Place. The result of Step One was the selection of onsite parking as the recommended option for parking. The benefits of the selection of onsite parking at Ontario Place (such as, owned by the Province, parking revenues to the Province) is carried forward from the results of Step One. The five categories were used to evaluate the alternatives with selection of the recommended alternative.



P1 and P2 location on the Mainland.

[Download Step Two Parking Evaluation](#)

Category	Above ground structure	Below ground structure	Surface parking lots	Combination of surface and below ground
Natural Environment	Least Preferred	Preferred	Less Preferred	Preferred
Social Environment	Preferred	Less Preferred	Least Preferred	Less Preferred
Cultural Environment	Least Preferred	Preferred	Preferred	Preferred
Technical Environment	Least Preferred	Less Preferred	Least Preferred	Preferred
Economic Environment	Least Preferred	Less Preferred	Preferred	Less Preferred
Overall Preference	Least Preferred	Less Preferred	Least Preferred	Preferred

Combination of surface parking lot and belowground structure provides greatest onsite parking and flexibility in parking options for visitors. Maintains heritage views and views of Lake Ontario, opportunity for future development of west side of Mainland (including revegetation) and lower operating and maintenance costs.

Parking recommended alternative

As shown in the evaluation tables linked above, the recommended alternative for the parking is to have a combination of surface parking and a below ground parking structure on-site within the Mainland zone.



Ontario Science Centre

The Ontario Science Centre (OSC) will move to Ontario Place, creating a new state-of-the-art facility to welcome local visitors and tourists from across the province and around the world.

The OSC relocation will bring exciting, family-friendly science-based educational programming to Ontario Place, including to the five historic Pods and Cinesphere. Functional requirements for the new OSC were established by Lord Cultural Resources, in consultation with the OSC, with the goal of achieving both the OSC's modernization and sustainability objectives. To deliver its mandate and programming, the OSC will require approximately 200,000ft² on the mainland in a brand new state-of-the-art building, plus an additional 75,000ft² in the modernized Pod and Cinesphere complex, for a total size of 275,000sf – supported by brand new exhibits for all ages.

While the detail design for the new OSCC main building will be developed through a subsequent design process, several conceptual alternatives have been evaluated as part of this Category C Class EA to help determine potential impacts and develop mitigation measures to guide future design development. Alternatives considered include:

- Location: Mainland (P1), Mainland (P2)
- Height and Massing: Low (maximum 2 storeys; up to 80% P1 site coverage); Medium (3 to 6 storeys; up to 55% P1 site coverage); Tall (7 plus storeys; up to 25% P1 site coverage)

Ontario Science Centre evaluation

The OSCC main building alternatives were evaluated separately from the evaluation of the Mainland zone design concepts.

Alternatives were developed and evaluated against a series of high-level objectives including the ability to accommodate the functional and operational requirements for the OSCC's science-based educational programming and the need to incorporate the adaptive reuse of the existing Pods and Cinesphere. In addition, alternatives were assessed and evaluated against the following criteria:

Category	Criteria
Natural Environment	Impacts to existing terrestrial species and wildlife habitat.
Social Environment	Access to Lake Shore Boulevard West, transit and parking. Impacts on public space. Ability to serve as a gateway or landmark to Ontario Place.
Cultural Environment	Compatibility with existing cultural heritage attributes.
Technical Environment	Ability to accommodate functional program requirements (size, circulation between spaces, adjacency, etc.). Constructibility. Ability to integrate with the Pods and Cinesphere and existing bridge.
Economic Environment	Capital cost. Operational and maintenance costs.

A two-step process was followed to determine the recommended OSCC alternative. Step one included evaluating the location alternatives. Based on the space required to accommodate the delivery of science programming, existing lease agreements with other partners for

sections of the site, and proposed public realm improvements, feasible location alternatives for the OSC at Ontario Place include:

- Mainland (P1)
- Mainland (P2)



P1 and P2 on the Mainland; OSC location alternatives.

[Download OSC location alternative evaluation table.](#)

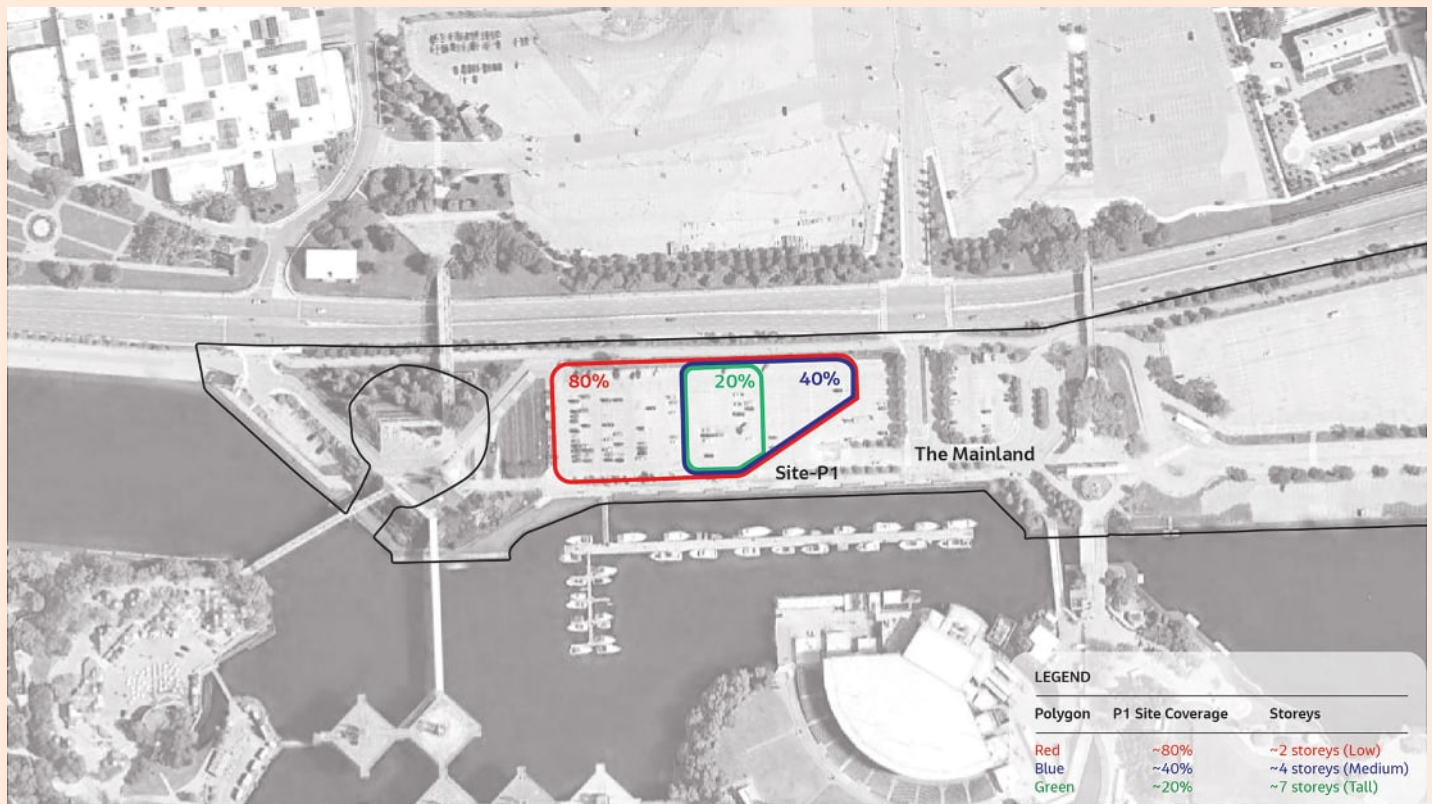
Category	Mainland (P1)	Mainland (P2)
Natural Environment	Preferred	Preferred
Social Environment	Preferred	Less Preferred
Cultural Environment	Preferred	Preferred
Technical Environment	Least Preferred	Less Preferred
Economic Environment	Least Preferred	Less Preferred
Overall Preference	Preferred	Less Preferred

The evaluation shows a clear preference for P1, which is the location west of the central gateway.

Step two evaluated built form alternatives including building height and massing. The functional program establishes that the OSC requires an approximate gross floor area (GFA) of 200,000 ft² (in addition to the Pods and Cinesphere at 75,700 ft²). This GFA could theoretically be accommodated in a variety of built forms, from a low rise building with a larger footprint to a tall slender building, or something in between. A key consideration in the evaluation of height and massing alternatives, however, is the need to maximize the efficiency of the building based on access, adjacency, and circulation between spaces. Based on the space available at the recommended location (P1) (as shown on the above map), the following height and massing alternatives were evaluated:

- Low (maximum 2 storeys; up to 80% P1 site coverage)
- Medium (3 to 6 storeys; up to 55% P1 site coverage)
- Tall (7 plus storeys; up to 25% P1 site coverage)

The image below shows an example footprint for a low, medium, and tall alternative.



Height and massing alternative examples at P1.

[Download OSC height and massing evaluation table.](#)

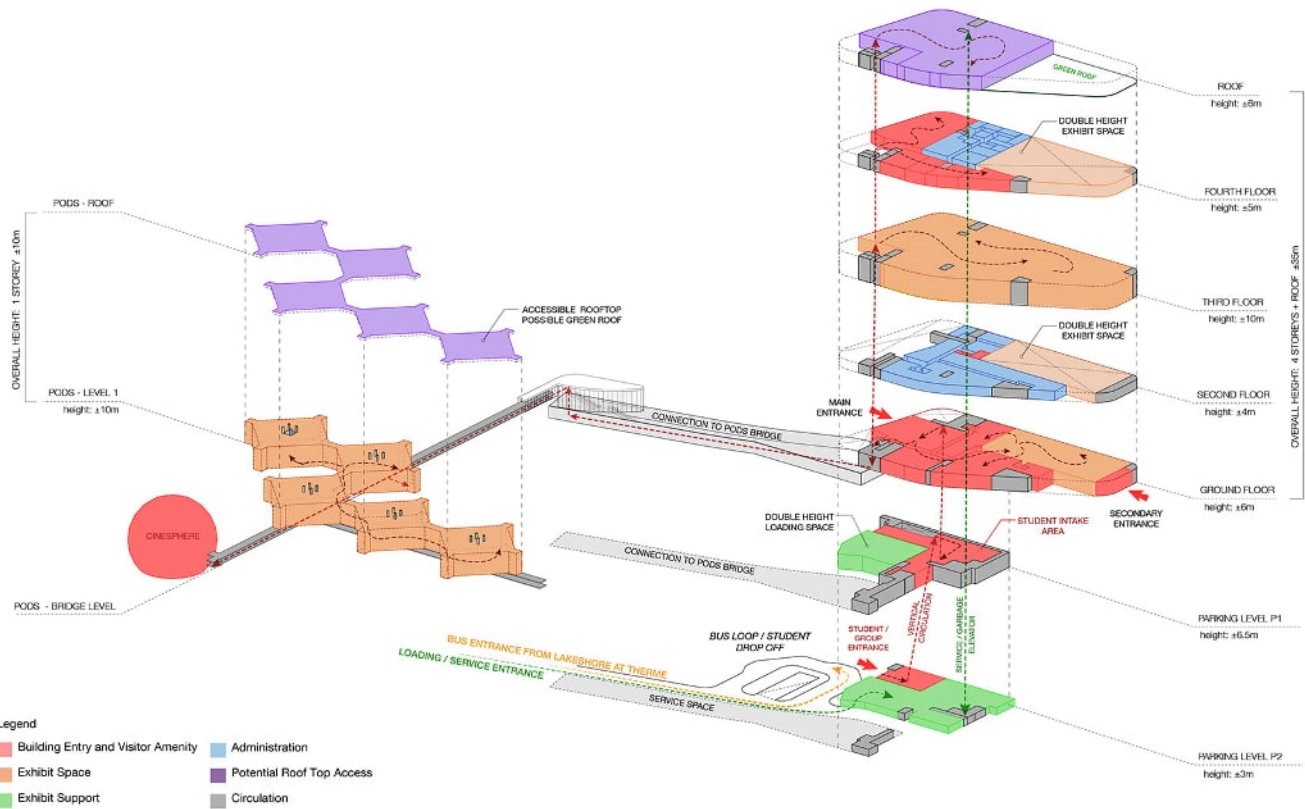
Category	Low (up to 2 storeys; P1 site coverage up to 80%)	Medium (3 to 6 storeys; P1 site coverage up to 55%)	Tall (7 plus storeys; P1 site coverage up to 25%)
Natural Environment	Preferred	Preferred	Preferred
Social Environment	Least Preferred	Preferred	Preferred
Cultural Environment	Least Preferred	Preferred	Preferred
Technical Environment	Less Preferred	Preferred	Least Preferred
Economic Environment	Less Preferred	Preferred	Preferred
Overall Preference	Least Preferred	Less Preferred	Less Preferred

The **medium (3 to 6 storeys; P1 site coverage up to 55%)** alternative can accommodate all OSC program requirements in an efficient configuration, while maintaining sufficient space on site for a public plaza, transit hub and other gateway or entrance features.

Recommended Alternative

The recommended alternative for the OSC main building is to have a medium (3 to 6 storeys; up to 55% P1 site coverage) building within P1 on the Mainland. Below is an example of how the existing Science Centre programming could fit onsite within a new 3 to 6 storey building connected to the five Pods and the Cinesphere. The image below shows a conceptual 4-storey layout; however, this is not the final design and is subject to change following feedback and through detail design.

Conceptual Layout Based on the Recommended Alternative



Ontario Science Centre conceptual layout. Example layout only and subject to change through detail design.

Feedback/comments

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Do you have any feedback on the recommended design for this zone?

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Zone 5: Forum



Forum: The concepts

The two concepts that were shared for the Forum in Fall 2022 and that were evaluated through the EA process are:



Concept A: Fountain & Flexible Space



Concept B: Sports & Recreation Hub

Forum: What we heard

- ✓ Flexible activity space
- ✓ Increase green areas; reduce paving
- ✓ Recreation for all ages, abilities, and genders
- ✓ Year-round and seasonal activities

Forum: The evaluation

Category	Concept A: Fountain & Flexible	Concept B: Sports & Recreation
Natural Environment	Preferred	Preferred
Social Environment	Preferred	Less Preferred
Cultural Environment	Preferred	Preferred
Technical Environment	Preferred	Less Preferred
Economic Environment	Preferred	Less Preferred
Sustainability	Preferred	Less Preferred
Overall Preference	Preferred	Less Preferred

Concept A provides more flexibility and multi-use spaces (including for recreational-based use) while reducing the amount of impervious surface. The concept includes the installation of a Play Fountain, Flexible Sports Court and Stone Amphitheater. Concept A will include design modifications and incorporation of bioswales to better address stormwater management. A summary table of the evaluation of the design concepts for the [Forum can be viewed here](#).

Forum: The recommended design

To accommodate a wide range of cultural, commercial and recreational events, we are aiming to maintain a flexible open space at The Forum. The forum is an event hub for both small and large events such as indigenous powwows, small concerts, art festivals, and more. The forum features an iconic 1-acre fountain for all ages to interact with or view from the rock bluff at the south edge of the forum. A proposed berm with appropriate vegetation is planned along the south edge of the forum to provide protection from south shore wind. A market alley activity space is included with temporary food and beverage. Connections from the Forum to the south shore to Trillium Park exist through a series of trails that wind through a forest landscape similar to Trillium Park.



Preliminary design plan for the Forum recommended design.



Preliminary design vision for the Forum looking South.



Winter and night fountain precedents.



Design vision of the market ally along the west edge of the forum.



Flexible event space with movable furniture precedents.

Feedback/Comments

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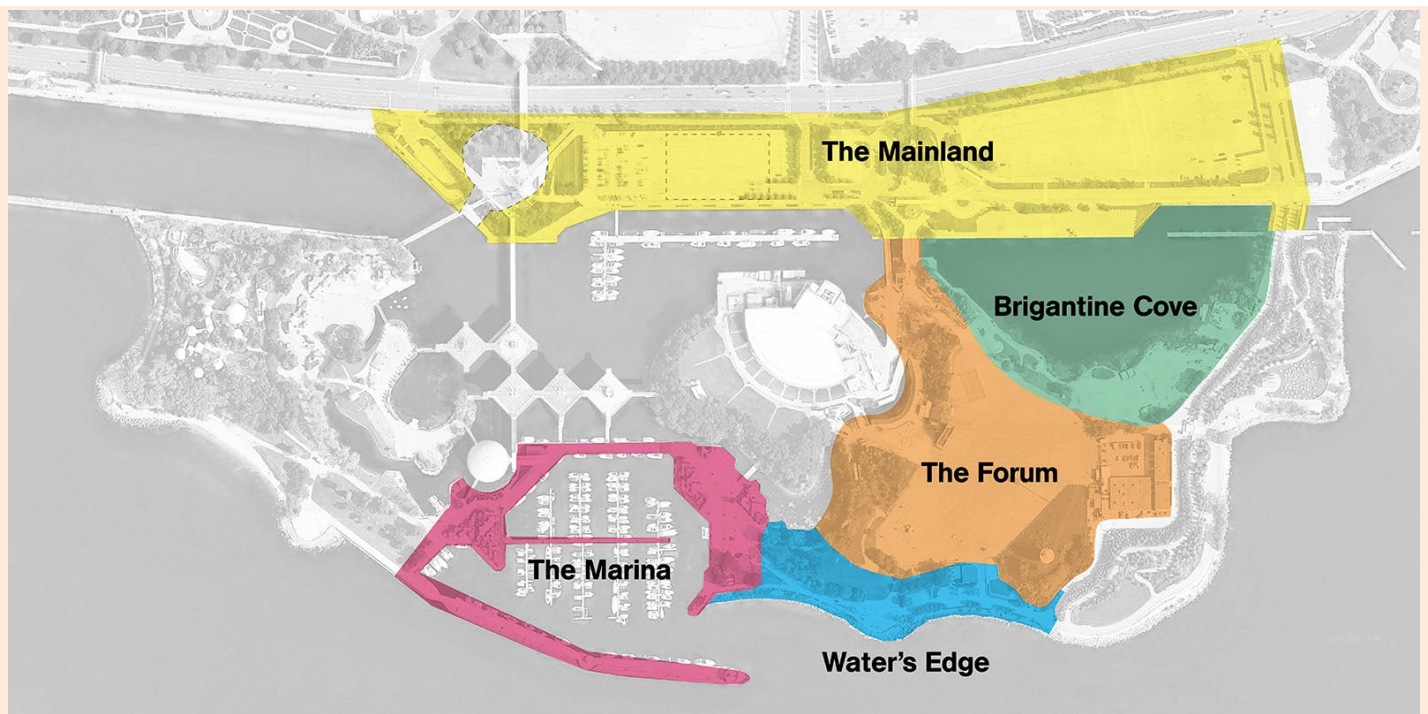
Do you have any feedback on the recommended design for this zone?



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Bringing it all together

After the design concepts for each zone were evaluated and a recommended design was selected, they were brought together, and the entire site was then assessed for cohesiveness and balance between the zones. While some zones resulted in a natural recommended design with more green space, others took on a more recreational focus to create a balance of needs and wants for the site. Integration with private (tenant) developments was also considered in developing this overall recommended design.



Key public priorities

Different elements of what we've heard from the public is reflected in each zone. Overall, the range of feedback we've received has been reflected in the recommended public realm design. The recommended public realm design addresses the following key public priorities:

- Maintain unrestricted, free, and accessible entry to the park year-round
- Provide access to the shoreline and the water
- Consider climate change
- Protect wildlife, aquatic species and their habitat
- Increase greenspace with native plants; limit asphalt and paving
- Provide pathways for pedestrians and cyclists throughout the site
- Provide a variety of cultural and recreational opportunities
- Provide an 'escape' from the city
- Restore the 'look and feel' of the original Ontario Place (Zeidler and Hough designs)
- Honour Indigenous culture



The overall EA recommended design



Overall redevelopment preliminary design

The design team has been working to ensure seamless integration with tenants and to provide continuous public access around the entire shoreline of the site. In the below design plan, linkages can be seen between the public realm lands (EA component) and all of the publicly accessible connections that will be provided throughout Ontario Place (indicated by the arrows). This design plan is a preliminary design for the overall redevelopment and is subject to change depending on comments received separately through the EA (applicable to the public realm) and development application (applicable to the tenant developments) processes.



Feedback/comments

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Now that you have seen the overall recommended design for the public realm:

What design elements do you like the most?

What design elements do you like the least?

What is missing?

Are there any other ways you would like to use the public space?

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Next virtual station

5: Schedule and next steps

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3: The evaluation process

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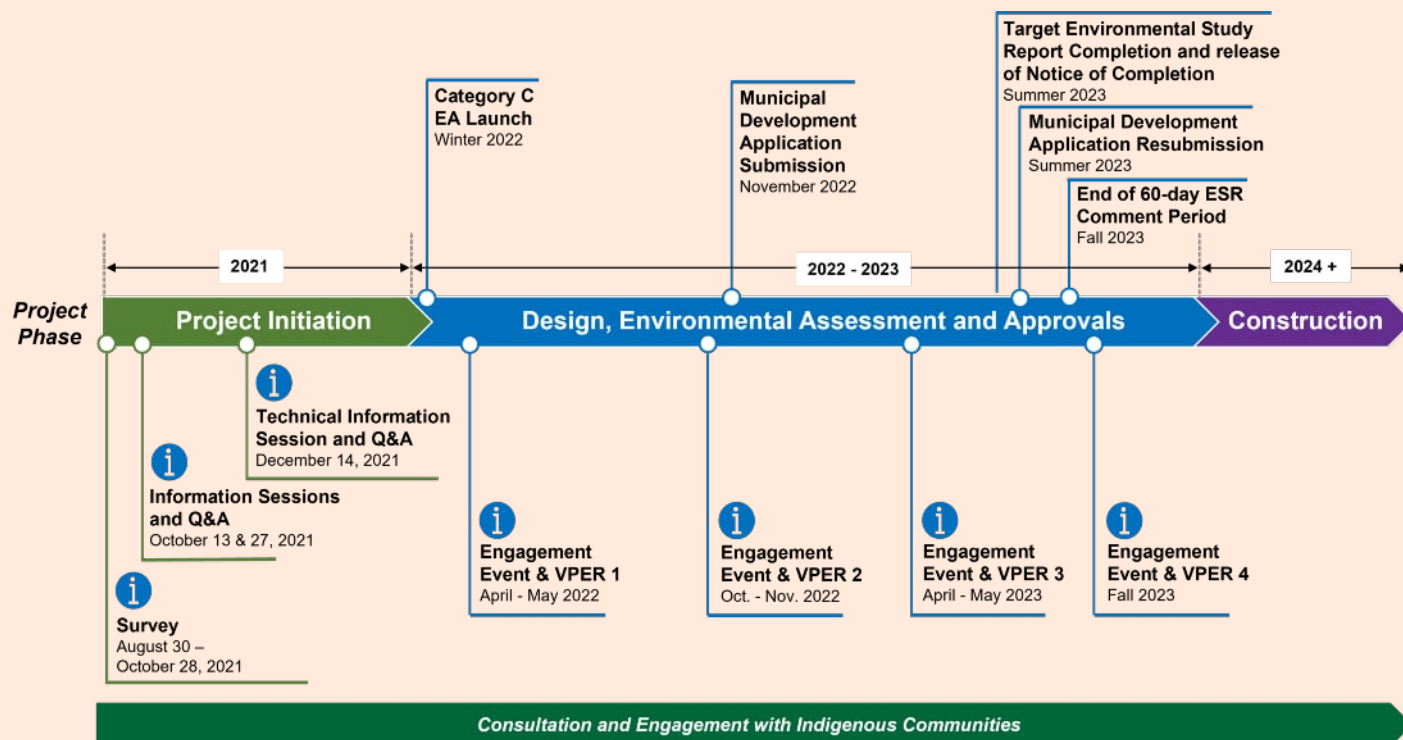


Thank you for participating in the Virtual Public Engagement Room

- This room will remain open for comments until May 19, 2023. Once the comment period is closed, the room will be archived but will remain accessible until the end of the EA and public realm design process in late 2023.
- Following this engagement period, the recommended design of the public realm spaces at Ontario Place will be refined based on feedback to arrive at a preferred design. Targeting summer 2023, the draft Environmental Study Report, documenting the EA process and the preferred design, will be available for a 60-day comment period.
- A preferred public realm design plan will also be included as part of the municipal development application resubmission to the City of Toronto (Summer 2023).
- A final public engagement event (event #4) for the Ontario Place redevelopment will be held in fall 2023 to review the conclusion of the ESR and to provide updates on project implementation.

Please visit the [Updates section](#) of the project website regularly for details.

The current timeline for the project is shown below:



Note: Timelines are indicative and subject to change

Comments/Feedback

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Thank you for taking the time to visit the virtual public engagement room. Now that you've explored the virtual room, do you have any additional comments on the information shared that you would like to provide to the project team?

Station 1: Bold new vision



Provide your comments here:

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Previous virtual station

4: Recommended design

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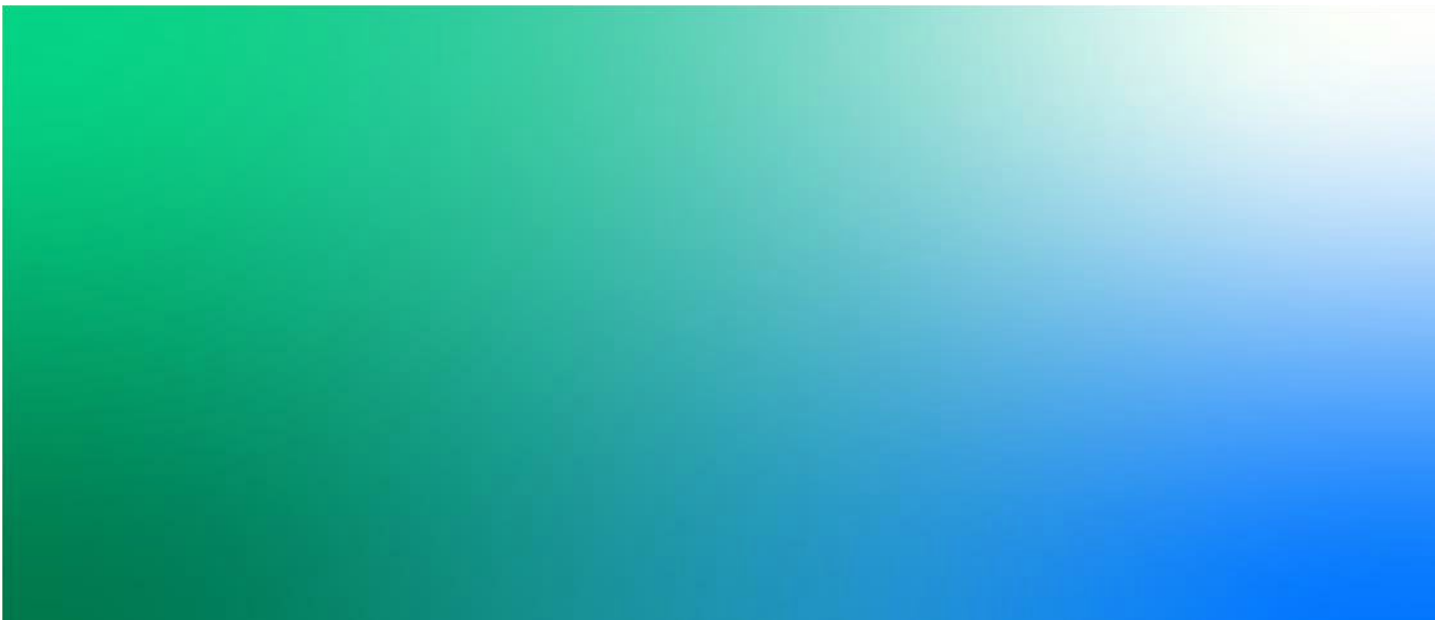




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1. Introduction

In March 2022, a Notice of Commencement was issued for the Category C Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA). The notice was related to the redevelopment of Ontario Place's public realm lands (the Project), located at 955 Lake Shore Boulevard West in Toronto, Ontario. Led by the Government of Ontario, Ontario Place will be redeveloped into a remarkable world-class, year-round destination. New recreation and entertainment tenants are anchored around the central Pods and Cinesphere complex, while a modernized public realm will connect and integrate destinations across the site.

The *Environmental Assessment Act* applies to the government-led activities on site, including site preparations and site redevelopment. Site preparations led by Government will be occurring across the entirety of Ontario Place with the exception of Trillium Park and William G. Davis Trail. Redevelopment activities led by Government will only occur within the public realm lands (that are subject to the *EA Act*). These will be assessed using the Ministry of Infrastructure's Public Work Class EA guidelines for a Category C undertaking. A Class EA is a study that examines the potential impacts (positive and negative) of a proposed project and identifies ways to manage negative environmental impacts before the project is implemented. Development work led by the private sector as part of the overall Ontario Place redevelopment will occur on tenanted lands outside the public realm boundaries.

A key component of the Class EA process includes consultation and engagement, which provides opportunities for Indigenous communities, stakeholders, and members of the public to contribute to and influence decisions relating to the Project. The consultation activities outlined in this report were specifically designed to facilitate comments and feedback from the public on the recommended design for the public realm. At this stage of the Project, consultation was intended to encourage feedback regarding the recommended design in order to refine and confirm a preferred design for the public realm. Consultation and engagement will continue throughout the EA process.

In April 2022, there were two opportunities for public input, including a virtual public engagement room (VPER), and a live, online public realm design visioning workshop. Feedback from this event was used to create design concepts for the public realm spaces at Ontario Place, which were then used to gather additional feedback in fall 2022.

A second live virtual engagement event was held on October 27, 2022 and was supplemented by a VPER 2.0 that was launched at www.engageontarioplace.ca. This event was used to gather feedback on the design concepts and on the draft EA evaluation criteria. Feedback was used to evaluate the design concepts and identify a recommended design for the public realm.

The third and final engagement event for the Class EA included a live virtual event held on April 27, 2023 and a VPER 3.0 that was launched at www.engageontarioplace.ca. VPER 3.0 comment forms were open from April 27, 2023 until May 19, 2023. Opportunities for comment and feedback were provided through both platforms. This report describes the VPER 3.0 and the feedback received through that platform. An overview of the live, virtual engagement event is documented here, but more detail can be found in the *April 27, 2023 environmental assessment engagement event #3: Summary report* prepared by Bespoke Collective (Bespoke) (2023).

2. Virtual Public Engagement Room 3.0

The VPER 3.0 launched on April 27, 2023, at www.engageontarioplace.ca to provide the public with additional opportunities to provide feedback after the live event (described in Section 3 of this report). A VPER is a self-guided, web-based platform that provides content developed by the Project team. The platform includes functions that help users to navigate the content and provide typed comments. Comments submitted by users are recorded as written for assessment by the Project team.

The VPER 3.0 provided an overview of the Ontario Place redevelopment, project updates, and the Class EA and design process. It also explained the design concept evaluation process that was undertaken and provided a summary of the evaluations of the design concepts. The platform requested feedback on the recommended design for each zone and on the overall public realm design with all the zones pulled together. The VPER provided an opportunity to participate and provide input, and consisted of five virtual stations (Appendix A):

- 1) Bold new vision
- 2) Environmental Assessment process
- 3) The evaluation process
- 4) Recommended design
- 5) Schedule and next steps

Site users had the option of clicking each station to access detailed information and to provide feedback through comment forms linked to two of the stations. Comment forms were provided throughout Station 4 and at the end of Stations 5. The comment period extended from April 27, 2023 to May 19, 2023. Access to the VPER information continues to remain available in the documents library at www.engageontarioplace.ca.

There was an approximate total of 1,200 distinct users on the VPER. The station with the most views or use was Station 4: Recommended design.

The project team reviewed the comments received from site users to gain an understanding of the public's likes, concerns and further suggestions for the recommended design for the public realm (Table 2-1).

Table 2-1. Summary of Comments Received

Station	Topic	Number of Comments Received
4	Zone 1: Water's Edge	33
	Zone 2: Marina	18
	Zone 3: Brigantine Cove	27
	Zone 4: Mainland	43
	Zone 5: Forum	26
	Overall Recommended Design for the Public Realm	52
5	General	39

Station	Topic	Number of Comments Received
Total	--	238

To help navigate the site and facilitate thorough evaluation through the EA process, the Ontario Place public realm was divided into five zones. A recommended design was presented for each zone, followed by an overall recommended design for the public realm lands (with all the zones brought together). Within Station 4, participants were provided an opportunity to comment on each part of the recommended design. One question was posed for each zone to facilitate feedback:

- 1) Do you have any feedback on the recommended design for this zone?

Meaningful feedback was sought on the overall recommended design for the public realm through 4 questions:

- 1) What design elements do you like the most?
- 2) What design elements do you like the least?
- 3) What is missing?
- 4) Are there any other ways you would like to use the public space?

Table 2-2 summarizes the comments received associated with these questions.

Table 2-2. General Comment Themes on the Recommended Design

Zone	General Comment Themes
Zone 1: Water's Edge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Strong response to increase native plants and mature trees, especially near the shoreline. ▪ Reduce the use of concrete and consider other environmentally friendly materials. ▪ Concern for the safety associated with the stone seating and steps. Concerns include slipping hazards due to water in the warmer months and ice in the winter months. ▪ Concern for accessibility related to the stone seating and steps. ▪ Improve water quality and include space for swimming. ▪ Concern for garbage with people near the water's edge.
Zone 2: The Marina	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Overall positive response to the addition of retail and commercial space. ▪ Do not allow chain restaurants within the retail spaces. ▪ Positive reception for nighttime features, particularly the integrated strip lighting. Ensure light pollution is considered in the design, particularly with the iconic lighting design element. ▪ Consider in-water planting to benefit water quality and minimize wave action.

Zone	General Comment Themes
Zone 3: Brigantine Cove	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Positive reception of the connected water space that allows for in-water recreation. General agreement to prohibit the area from motorboats. Include native plants along the water's edge and create habitat for native species. Reconsider floating boardwalks. Concern that the beach area is too small. Ensure engaging outdoor play for children. Consider the opportunity for skating. Provide skate rentals in the winter, and in-water recreation rentals in the summer. Concern for the placement of fountains within the cove. Ensure placement facilitates water traffic for recreational use and water taxis. Ensure spray from the fountains doesn't impede in-water recreational use.
Zone 4: The Mainland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prioritize walking, cycling, affordable public transportation over parking. Make visiting the park via the former options more favourable than by car. Design parking to the minimum required amount rather than the projections for peak use. Include consideration for future planning of events that currently use the existing parking lot as event space. Examples include fundraisers, marathons, triathlons, and other races. Include EV charging and bike parking within parking plans. Include more space for patios, food courts, and retail. Include opportunities for art installations. Concern about increased traffic along Lakeshore Boulevard and through neighboring areas such as Parkdale. Concerns about onsite traffic and parking congestion
Zone 5: The Forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Positive reception for the woodland trails. Positive reception for nighttime features. Ensure light pollution is considered in the design. Reconsider having the option for an ice rink over top of the fountain area back in the design. Include shaded seating. Include LIDs such as permeable pavement and bioswales. Include bike parking.
Overall Recommended Design for the Public Realm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Free access to green space is the most liked design element. There is a strong desire for even more park space that is simple, open, and connected to nature. Children's play space is a well-liked design element. Desire for recreational elements such as tennis, skating, communal games, and kayak rentals. Desire for more access to swimmable beaches.

Station 5 of the VPER provided a form for general feedback. The participants' main interests and concerns included:

- Prioritize green space. Utilize native species. Support natural ecosystems.
- Encourage visitors via walking, biking, and affordable public transit over travelling by car.

- Ensure protection from flooding.
- Include public access to washrooms year-round.
- Include renewable energy sources.

Comments were also received addressing tenant-led developments and addressing the relocation of OSC to Ontario Place. During review and synthesis of the VPER comments these comments were screened-out from being considered in this EA as they are not within the scope of the EA and public realm design process. The *Environmental Assessment Act* governs public sector developments (i.e., government-led) and provides requirements for the EA process. Thus, private sector (i.e., tenant) developments are not subject to the EA and comments related to those activities were not included in this EA process. The EA team shared comments related to the tenant developments to the applicable proponents for their consideration. Comments provided regarding the decision to relocate the OSC to Ontario Place are also outside the scope and were not considered in this EA. Per the Public Work (PW) Class EA, this decision (known as “alternatives to”) to relocate the OSC to Ontario Place was made as part of a government decision outside the EA process.

Appendix B provides the log of applicable comments received. The Project Team has incorporated this feedback, where appropriate, into refining the design and confirming a preferred design for the public realm. Detailed comments and suggestions beyond conceptual design will be carried forward for consideration during the detailed design phase of the public realm design (after the EA is complete).

3. Live Virtual Engagement Event 3

On April 27, 2023, a live virtual engagement event was hosted by the Project team for 2 hours. The event took place over Zoom and its purpose was to share information and project updates on the Ontario Place redevelopment and collect public feedback on the recommended design for the Ontario Place public realm. Approximately 265 participants attended the live event. The event consisted of the following agenda:

1. Setup and Bold New Vision
2. Category C Class Environmental Assessment
3. Recommended Public Realm Design
4. Breakout Session
5. Upcoming Work and Wrap Up

A front-end of the presentation portion provide an overview on the redevelopment project and context on the government-led works (1) and the integrated EA and design process (2). The second half of the presentation was separated by the zones and presented the Design Concepts A and B, what the Project Team heard on the design concepts, a summary of the evaluation of the design concepts, and a resultant recommended design for each zone (3). All the zones were then brought together to present an overall preferred design for the public realm (3 continued). Participants were then assigned to one of 11 breakout rooms where they were provided the opportunity to give feedback, verbally or by using the chat feature, on the presented recommended design (4). Each group consisted of a facilitator and a note-taker from the project team who guided conversations and recorded public feedback. Subject matter experts from IO and consultant teams were also assigned throughout breakout rooms to help answer project-related questions.

Note-takers from the Project Team documented information offered by participants during the breakout rooms, which Bespoke then reviewed and summarized. Key findings capture the public's perspectives as shared in breakout group conversations, as well as in the written comments submitted in the chat. Bespoke's summary reflects a long list of key findings that emerged across the 11 breakout groups. Feedback was broken down into likes, concerns and recommendations for the recommended design for each zone. The key findings can be found in the *April 27, 2023 environmental assessment engagement event #3: Summary report* prepared by Bespoke Collective (Bespoke) (2023).

The event was concluded with an overview of upcoming work onsite at Ontario Place, as well as upcoming work the Project Team (i.e., publishing the Environmental Study Report).

Similar to the VPER 3.0, the Project Team has reviewed the feedback obtained during the breakout rooms. The feedback has been incorporated, where applicable, into confirming a preferred design for the public realm. Comments and suggestions beyond the scope of conceptual design will be carried forward for consideration during the detailed design phase of the public realm design after the EA is complete.

4. Next Steps

Consultation and engagement activities will continue throughout the life of the project. Public feedback and ideas are an important part of the process and will help the project team as they prepare the Environmental Study Report to be posted for a public comment period in summer 2023.

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Appendix A. Virtual Public Engagement Room Stations

Virtual stations



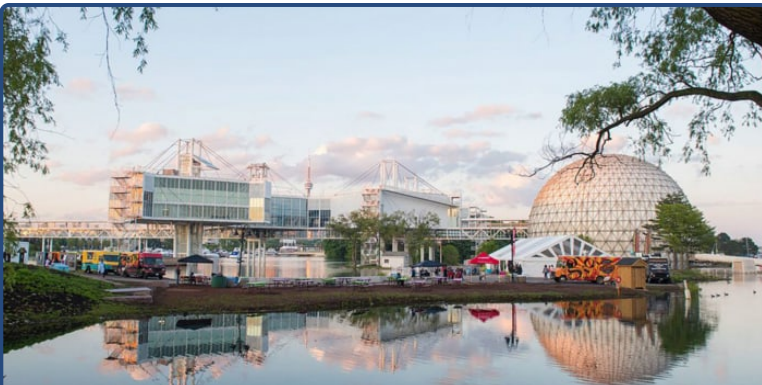
1: Bold new vision

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2: Environmental Assessment process

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3: The evaluation process

Learn how the design concepts presented in Fall 2022 were evaluated through the Environmental Assessment process here.



4: Recommended design

A recommended design has been identified through the Environmental Assessment evaluation and from feedback. Help us



5: Schedule and next steps

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Appendix B. Virtual Public Engagement Room Comments Received

Table B-1. Station 4 Comments on the Recommended Design by Zone

Date	Zone	Comment
4/27/2023	All	Repair what is already there. Leave the existing ecosystems intact.
4/27/2023	Brigantine Cove	Talk to evergreen (at the brickworks) about how to design actually fun and engaging outdoor play spaces for kids. Their kid zone is the best on in Toronto! They emphasize loose parts play and they often have a staff member running a cool activity.
4/27/2023	Brigantine Cove	I don't understand the continuous water access you diagrammed and how it works with this cove. You do not say how high that bridge is. I am a rower and will lose good water for rowing with this development - it is not clear to me that we will gain more with this plan with the various features and bridges that are not drawn to scale. These fake renderings do not give enough information for real comment or feedback. Also, please share more about how indigenous voices are being heard and then taken into account. This entire process is happening in secret and behind closed doors with NO ACCOUNTABILITY.
4/27/2023	Brigantine Cove	Could you please provide an explanation in this section for why we need "floating wetlands" instead of real ones? It looks more like a zoo than a natural habitat.
4/27/2023	Mainland	Way, way, way, way too much space is dedicated for parking. I would suggest that walking, cycling and public transit opportunities be prioritized above parking.
4/27/2023	Mainland	ELIMINATE ALL PARKING LOTS and make into park. Traffic patterns are not at all accounted for - that many more cars coming/going and turning into the parking lot with the number of bikes and pedestrians is not accounted for.
4/27/2023	Marina	No chain restaurants please
4/27/2023	Marina	Where is the increase in tree cover or green space? This is more pavement. In addition, I'm curious about how the wind will affect the path the sailboats would need to take in and out of the marina - have you even considered this?
4/27/2023	Water's Edge	I love the new concept for the Ontario place redesign. As a young resident and renter in Toronto, the new development provides an opportunity to go to a local destination. Especially during those cold winter months where it can act as an affordable destination. The public realm improvements also bring life to an often overlooked space. The east island with it's already abundant trails and Parks would be well accommodated by the new development which will increase public amenities. I also understand that most of the land and adjacent water is not really safe for swimmers, etc. So efforts to help with lake water quality, while beautifying the space is a win.
4/27/2023	Water's Edge	More plants and trees please! And a swimming beach!
4/27/2023	Water's Edge	What struck me the most about the various zones, especially the Water's Edge, is the overwhelming amount of stone, concrete and similar materials. It seems very cold and unnatural. While I appreciate that bike paths and accessibility are crucial, the theme seems to be "concrete jungle". I'm not adverse to concrete structures, but if I wanted to see them, I'd go into the city. Also, the stone piers look like they could get slippery when wet. How are we going to keep them safe? How do we keep people sitting so close to the water from leaving their garbage there, to be swept into the lake?
4/28/2023	Brigantine Cove	Please ensure only non-motor boats are allowed in this area, or else the water quality for swimmers etc. will be impacted. Consider more native ecosystems planted in the area near the Beaver Dam Lookout.
4/28/2023	Brigantine Cove	The floating boardwalk was a super unique concept. I hope we reconsider and potentially bring it back into the design.
4/28/2023	Brigantine Cove	Love it. Again, so long as this isn't overshadowed by a giant water park
4/28/2023	Brigantine Cove	Please look at the problems that a horse shoe shaped design for beach caused the beach at Hamilton's Harbourfront park. The design actually prevents water movement and birds, particularly Canada Geese poop leads to such high levels of contamination that the beach is no longer useable.
4/28/2023	Brigantine Cove	Cafes, eateries, farmers markets, artisans, etc?
4/28/2023	Brigantine Cove	Not sure I understand the "Boat Launch" part..... is it Kayak and Canoe Launch and is there a way to get there from the parking lot?? Could the cove get flooded with rising lake levels? what would that do to the children's playground, wetlands and beach? I like the fact that canoes and kayaks can come into the cove from the lake. Will they park their 'boats' and go for food somewhere? are things that connected? Again, how much will this cost Ontario taxpayers? will there be any user-pay support for upkeep? I did used to enjoy meeting the cousins of the family on an annual expedition, sometimes to Ontario place in it's prime.
4/28/2023	Brigantine Cove	I like the greening of this area. The water area is a little small for boats. The beach is a little small.

4/28/2023	Forum	Please consider more areas for shaded seating as the extensive concrete here will be very hot in the summer.
4/28/2023	Forum	None, looks great.
4/28/2023	Forum	Seriously 7 stories of parking?
4/28/2023	Forum	Access by public transit, shuttle service, etc.?
4/28/2023	Forum	<p>I never have used the forum to attend a concert, but see the traffic going there, so maybe it's a good thing to have it year-round and protected. And I assume the concert-goers will pay their share to keep this component going.</p> <p>I would suggest a lower ticket price for those who take the Ontario Line or TTC or GO or bicycles to get there, or a hefty parking fee for the cars to park at the Exhibition grounds and walk over to the concert.</p> <p>I hope this area is safe from flooding and becoming waste land. Again, any chance of solar or wind power to generate the electricity needed?</p>
4/28/2023	Forum	Very attractive. No clear path for cycling from Trillium and the east around this zone. There do not appear to be any facilities for people who cycle here to keep their bikes locked up here.
4/28/2023	Mainland	The parking lots to the east of the Ontario Place area are often used for pop up events including marathons, triathlons and races. Please consider how these events can continue after the development and how a running and cycling route can be incorporated.
4/28/2023	Mainland	It would be amazing to push ourselves to make parking purely underground and use the remainder of the space for greenspace and activity space for families. It's an eyesore to see so much precious, prime space taken up by cars. Also, I didn't see anything about EV charging or bike parking.
4/28/2023	Mainland	The parking makes no sense. Am I hallucinating or is there not a subway being built?
4/28/2023	Mainland	Parking is unnecessary and makes this place unpleasant, and unsafe, deterring many visitors. The pedestrian and bike experience and circulation should be prioritized
4/28/2023	Mainland	<p>I have several concerns about the PARKING planned..... why are we encouraging cars on this at times stand-still crowded Lakeshore Drive? Make them park elsewhere and travel by the Ontario Line and TTC when they want to get to Ontario Place. This is not climate friendly.</p> <p>Does the bike path go through the middle of the property boardwalk as it used to? or will bikes be stuck on Lakeshore Boulevard next to the walkway for pedestrians, so not encouraged to actually visit Ontario Place? Is there bike parking?</p> <p>I hope the fund-raiser hockey challenge can continue on some of the greened over parking lots, which was a useful plan for them.</p> <p>Again, is this all financed by the Ontario taxpayer? I doubt we can afford it.</p>
4/28/2023	Mainland	I would rather build a new science centre building connected to the bridge to the pods than the disconnected approach. Dump the Ontario Plaza and move the science centre so that it attaches to the bridge to the pods. It would cut out an unnecessarily long walk. I would build a separate parking structure on the P1 lands directly north of the Live Nation Stage. Have the transit loop along the water, the full length of P1. Widen the pedestrian bridge connecting to Exhibition Place.
4/28/2023	Marina	It is unclear to me if the Ontario Place Pier is publicly accessible or not. What will this pier be used for? Commercial? Public space ie: benches?
4/28/2023	Marina	Those chairs are insane... good use of money?
4/28/2023	Marina	Is there a plan for accessible public transit (eg shuttle buses) that enters OP to reduce need for car access/public parking?
4/28/2023	Marina	<p>The marina looks interesting and I would be tempted to visit this area once or twice a year. (The Toronto Island Park is closest to me and where I go when I want green space)</p> <p>I wonder if there is an opportunity to put some wind or solar power for light and energy generation here?</p>
4/28/2023	Marina	very attractive
4/28/2023	Water's Edge	Consider more plants and natural ecosystems in the stone structure.
4/28/2023	Water's Edge	Love it, and I support it!
4/28/2023	Water's Edge	Looks awesome... so long as it isn't in the shadow of a mega spa that I've paid for with my tax money... :(
4/28/2023	Water's Edge	Waters edge stone blocks are not going to happen. The design only looks 'cool' with no practical use and do not take into account any safety concerns. It is a slipping hazard in winter because of ice, and a slipping hazard in summer because rocks get slippery when wet either from water alone or because of algal growth. I have a feeling this entire design will be scrapped and an elevated walkway with a fence will be implemented to protect people. OR it may be left open but with a natural sandy beach and gentle incline without those hazardous blocks in the way. If blocks are implemented, perhaps a single row can be elevated sufficiently at the waters edge to prevent water from entering onto the walkway where people walk. and also prevent people from going into the water.
4/28/2023	Water's Edge	<p>Lovely, but a lot of concrete! How high is the flooding predicted to be, since we are not meeting any 'stop climate warming' recommended objectives? will the constructed island be protected for many years to come?</p> <p>How much will this cost the Ontario taxpayers? It will be a few years that Canada will have the most senior lower taxpaying population, so who will bear the brunt of this cost?</p>
4/28/2023	Water's Edge	Why is it being filled with concrete? Are the more environmentally friendly materials that could be used?

4/28/2023	Water's Edge	This stone step idea looks like a nightmare for wheelchairs and other mobility devices, and strollers. It is unclear from the graphics how one would get from the "waterfront promenade" to the "accessible patio" or navigate without inadvertently going over the edge of these steps.
4/28/2023	Water's Edge	nice upgrade
4/29/2023	Brigantine Cove	Really need a city beach. This looks very small. Expected high numbers to use a new beach. Can it be wider? Mitigate overcrowding.
4/29/2023	Forum	In winter where can one warm up?
4/29/2023	Mainland	This is all very confusing. The presentation a few weeks ago from the City and architects explained that 65% of visitors will be going by public transport. Yet this massive underground parking lot is planned by the government. Not only does this have huge design challenge so close to the water but it is \$600 mm tax payers money. This is a terribly rate of return that no public person would invest in. In addition Lakeshore is already packed as it is. It used to be an option instead of taking the Gardiner. In Europe people would take public transport in the proposed 65% (perhaps) however NOT in North America.
4/29/2023	Mainland	Parking is very expensive and the cost is a deterrent to going there. Transit should be affordable and frequent so that it didn't take an hour to get there.
4/30/2023	Brigantine Cove	<p>Although the recommended design for Brigantine Cove does a slightly better job of integrating the comments made on options A and B from the earlier assessment, than the previous study areas, it appears concerns over cost and maintenance were disproportionate drivers of the recommended design. In the end there is less floating wetlands, and the boardwalks out into the wetlands, which was well received in the summary of comments for options A & B, has completely disappeared (which is truly unfortunate). Such boardwalks are a terrific opportunity for the public to interact with a marsh ecosystem, which is both an educational opportunity for children and a chance to build public appreciation for marsh environments generally. Other similar boardwalks I have visited in conservation areas are hugely popular destinations in the summer and fall.</p> <p>Also, brigantine cove, because of its protection from the lake and from regular boat traffic, is an ideal place to have more soft shorelines, which increase water quality and provide habitats for spawning and nesting fish, water fowl and aquatic mammals (such as mink and muskrat, both of which are already present on the Toronto waterfront). The seaming preference for building formalized board walks around all the water front areas undermines the opportunity for shoreline naturalization. The boardwalk would be a much stronger component if it snaked through a variety of landscapes and wet scapes, providing a cross sectional experience of the site rather than just the same experience extruded around the entire waterfront.</p> <p>I notice in the renderings that even the floating marsh garden's have been given hard edges. These edges will limit their suitability as habitats. Softer edges with more reed beds would go a long way to provide habitats for species already present along the waterfront and will better improve water quality.</p> <p>I do commend the plan to open up access to the cove from the east end, by replacing the causeway with a bridge. This idea and removal of the concrete pier are both positive developments for Toronto's growing community of on water users. Note that the bridge will need to have at least 2500mm clearance from the high water mark if it is to provide access to the harbour east of the islands year round. The rendering of the bridge provided looked much lower than that.</p> <p>I also commend the plans to implement a Toronto water taxi service. This was an idea I put forward to the city in the early 2000's during my work with Community Air. I don't know if this had any influence on the current round of redevelopment talks but in any case it would be a welcome addition to Toronto's waterfront and could be a major tourist attraction, as well as a convenient alternative to using a car to get around Toronto's shoreline.</p>
4/30/2023	Forum	<p>The solution for the forum better addresses the comments from the consultation summary of schemes A&B.</p> <p>Only comments are to reinforce the need to ensure permeable pavement strategies are used along with adequate water management to ensure run off is properly filtered and treated through the use of bio swales and retention ponds before entering the lake. Avoid the use of any paving derived from oil products.</p>
4/30/2023	Mainland	<p>Although the consultation on Options A&B noted a desire for more landscape, and the renderings do show quite a bit of planting, the revised and recommended plan doesn't exactly reflect this spirit. However, if there was ever a place for boardwalks and public amenities such as veneers and a sun bathing area this is probably it. It is unfortunate that so much of the parking off of Lakeshore Blvd. remains. Success of this area will be in how the traffic noise from Lakeshore Blvd. is mitigated. Planting within the parking lot and along its northern edge would go a long way to help. However, it is unfortunate that the existing parking at the Exhibition grounds could not be better utilized so the parking between Lakeshore Blvd and the new "Mainland" could be removed. The parking at the Exhibition grounds are under utilized for all but 2 weeks out of the year. The only argument I can see for building a parking structure would be to remove the preponderance of surface parking from this part of the city and redevelop this part of both Ontario Place and the Exhibition Grounds. Currently, the two parking areas together constitute nearly as much surface area as the whole of Ontario Place. Generally limiting parking in this area is likely better for the city as a whole. The province should be looking to provide the minimum amount of parking required for this area instead of projections for peak use. Instead encourage the use of the new Ontario line, which lets face it, is where it is to support the current governments vision for Ontario Place, and instead, use the money that would not be spent on a provincially funded parking garage to improve the connection between Ontario Place and the Ontario Line.</p> <p>As for the science centre building mass study, a 5 story structure along the lakeshore seems to fit with the provinces desire to introduce mega structures to Ontario place. Whether this building is right for the site will depend on the design development. Considering its height and the need for better connection to the Exhibition grounds and the Ontario Line, perhaps the massing could include for public plaza bridging over Lakeshore Blvd. To provide a better pedestrian connection to Ontario Place and the proposed Science Centre. The proposed massing is it takes a very hands off approach to the existing entry pavilion to Zeidler's Ontario Place buildings. The existing entrance pavilion is not an architectural gem by any definition and probably the most sacrificial part of Zeilder's scheme. Perhaps the connection between the Pods and the proposed Ontario Place would be better if the scheme was moved further west so the building became the new entrance pavilion. This would allow a more direct connection to Zeilder's bridge.</p> <p>My last comment relates more to the water between the Brigantine Cove site and the Mainland. There appears to be three new fountains proposed as water features in the cove. Though I expect the intention is to aerate the water for improved oxygenation, depending on their design, I would question how the spray from these will impact recreational users of the cove and the proposed water taxi. Additionally the two northern most fountain nozzles are too close to what would be the channel for recreational and water taxi traffic. These would be navigational hazards when not in use, which they wouldn't be for much of the year. Careful consideration needs to be taken into their design and location from more than the perspective of someone viewing them from the shore.</p>

4/30/2023	Marina	The recommended design seems to be more like the previous option B, even though option A was stated as preferred over option be in the summary table of the previous evaluation. Again the summary table seems to prioritize more planting with some of the better elements of option B integrated into option A to create a hybrid of the two options. However, it appears the opposite has been done. One missed opportunity that was not shown in option A, or B and is also absent from the recommended option, is there is a lack of any shoreline planting that could mitigate water quality problems that are associated with all marinas. Planting of cat tail beds along the perimeter shore line, and the marina bottom profiling that would be required to create a cat tail bed would both mitigate wave action from boat traffic while the cat tails would absorb heavy metals and other toxins associated with fuel spillage, which is inevitable in a marina. In areas that are less impacted by wake, such as the extreme west pond where the primary break wall meets the shore and the small water course that runs around the east side of the space identified as the “Pop up Event’s Plaza” in Option A (that seems to have been filled in here) are ideal locations for larger marsh habitats that would also act as filters to mitigate water quality. Unfortunately this proposal seems to ignore opportunities to work with nature all together.
4/30/2023	Water's Edge	I am not sure how the recommended design is taking into account the feedback given on Options A&B. It seems to ignore many of the recommendations. The hard geometric terracing is far too extensive and seems to prioritize the mitigation of wave action on the shoreline, maintainability and public anccess over all other criteria. The resulting design is less naturalistic, less open to colonization by wildlife and nurturant ecosystems,, less accessible to persons with mobility challenges (surprisingly). The matrix from the previous public assessment points to a marriage between the best parts of Options A and B. This design seems to be an entirely different “third option” that is build out of the worst parts of proposals A and B and ignoring most of the stated goals of the “success criteria” outlined in the previous rooms of their presentation. There's an opportunity to design, not just for human needs but for a broader scope of species that might occupy and inhabit the shoreline. A broader multi species multi ecosystem approach seems to be central to the narrative that came from the indigenous consultation that was done. However, this opportunity seems to have been completely missed. Lake Ontario, along with the other Great Lakes still has remnants of its original shore line that have, over thousands of years, struck a balance between storm surges, erosion, and habitation by plants and animals. These shorelines should have been the president for the dining here. Some of this terracing, at a much reduced scope, might have been nice to have. However, how it is to be accessed by persons with mobility challenges needs to be addressed. The remainder of the shoreline should be treated more like the traditional balanced shorelines of pre-colonization but with a strategy that still allows public access while also allowing for native species of grasses, shrubs, trees, fish, amphibians, animals and birds to colonize and take refuge here.
5/1/2023	Brigantine Cove	Seems fine provided a minimal amount of money is spent and limited disruption to the land occurs. It is waterfront and keeping it simple and natural is most important.
5/1/2023	Brigantine Cove	I love the green space in this design and the attention to native species... better for our Ontario animal and bird species... and to deal with climate change.
5/1/2023	Forum	Kill it. Overall, a minimal amount of money should be spent and as limited disruption to the land should occur. It is waterfront and keeping it simple and natural is most important.
5/1/2023	Forum	Looks like a fun space with year round enjoyment
5/1/2023	Forum	Again, public expresses a strong preference for B and A is selected. People were excited about the ice rink (especially with Harbourfront removing theirs) but it is preferred to have "lower maintenance costs ongoing". Look again at what Ontario Place provided to families originally - water slides, lego rooms, movies, shows in the Forum, play areas and more. WHAT IS LEFT FOR PEOPLE WHO JUST WANT A FREE PARK AREA FOR THEMSELVES AND THIER KIDS?
5/1/2023	Mainland	The priority is to keep Ontario Place as a fully publicly accessible parkland and green space
5/1/2023	Mainland	The space provided for actual science centre exhibits is very small. The science centre is already extremely hard to manouever with a stroller during busy hours. I don't see how I'll be able to move my way through this much smaller exhibit space.
5/1/2023	Marina	Kill it. Overall, a minimal amount of money should be spent and as limited disruption to the land should occur. It is waterfront and keeping it simple and natural is most important.
5/1/2023	Water's Edge	Overall idea seems fine, but please ensure a minimal amount of money is spent and disruption to the land is occurring. It is waterfront and keeping it simple and natural is most important
5/1/2023	Water's Edge	I attended previous feedback sessions and am confused why the pretence of public consultation if it is simply ignored. A rubric can be presented that can put as many checkmarks as you like (and has been), but as stated: - Public feedback indicates a strong preference for Concept B including vegetation throughout the shoreline design. - greater opportunity to integrate feedback from Indigenous communities since there is a combination of hard and soft shoreline to protect or enhance habitat - Provides a thickened and elevated shoreline that will meet or exceed the 100-year storm event criteria Instead of listening you opt for big stone blocks as "the waterfront". Very disappointing process at so many levels.
5/2/2023	Brigantine Cove	This all looks very idyllic: great for children and parents, lovely for canoers and kayakers. I do have a question? Will this also be accessible to jet skis? My feedback is to limit access to the cove to non-mororized vessels.
5/2/2023	Forum	I think it's very impressive. I find the interactive fountain design very creative and fun and interesting and I really like the night and winter ideas. Great! My additional feedback on this area is: > happy to see the woodland trails. It's important to have green space as possible. > I would like to see the flexible event space hosting music/art performances. It looks like it would work for those types of events. > overall, very positive
5/2/2023	Mainland	I would like to see more opportunities for changing or permanent art installations in this region. A few years ago there was the IN/FUTURE art exhibition I was fortunate enough to see at Ontario Place. I was so impressed and I hope this new vision of Ontario Place will include some of the brilliant contemporary artists in Ontario.

5/2/2023	Marina	<p>I like the design:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">> the floating wooden boardwalk is very appealing.> the inclusion of small cafes, shops is a good idea> the pavilion/kisoque design is very attractive. I like the way it references the original pods from the old Ontario Place.> the integrated strip lighting is fantastic. (I was just on Ontario Place at night to see the Lumiere show and it was so dark I couldn't see where I was going.) <p>The seating on the pier, with the overhanging canopy is very unusual but depending on which way the seats are facing it could be really useful as a provder of shade or a windbreak.</p>
5/2/2023	Water's Edge	<p>The design is graceful and interesting and it takes advantage of the lake. I like it!</p> <p>I see there are smaller steps -- which would be negotiable for very young kids and elderly people -- further away from the lake, which lead to the piers, but it's not clear if those small steps continue. My feedback is to create some pathways to the piers/seating areas very close to the lake, which feature smaller steps. Otherwise, people who might not be entirely able bodied will be obliged to take big steps -- more like jumps -- down onto the next level of stone pier. That might be treacherous, especially in winter.</p> <p>Another point is to ensure there are trees/shrubs close to the water to soften the landscape. Willows, sumac and other plant life that is natural found in the area would be great. In some of the pictures there is less vegetation than in others. My feedback is to go heavy on the vegetation/trees found naturally along the lakefront.</p>
5/3/2023	Brigantine Cove	<p>Concept b is preferred since the people are clearly asking for more naturalized waterfront. It would still be possible to include a play space to draw visitors/ families but access remains a challenge and will continue to with the location of the Ontario line station (far away).</p>
5/3/2023	Forum	<p>Concept a is preferred.</p>
5/3/2023	Marina	<p>Concept b makes more sense but could use more vegetation/naturalization. Commercial endeavors will only function seasonally given the limited access to transit and winter activities--if we're being realistic, commercial opportunities are minimal and should not be included.</p>
5/3/2023	Water's Edge	<p>I believe a more naturalized space would be even more congruent with the summary table. Of the two, planted piers makes more sense. Engagement with a stone pier model elsewhere in the city is minimal.</p>
5/4/2023	Water's Edge	<p>How accessible will the steps be? Will there be a place for blind/low vision people to be able to go towards the shore safely? What about those in wheelchairs and/or with limited mobility - will they be able to access lower tiers on the Water's Edge?</p> <p>How will the steps be maintained in the winter for safe access?</p>
5/6/2023	Brigantine Cove	<p>What is the long term plan for the natural areas like the floating wetlands to feature native species? There can be significant work when invasive species take root. It may be beneficial to consider focussing on the best way to create habitat that truly supports the growth of native species, there are often very subtle differences in soil and water that make a habitat that promotes certain species and not others.</p>
5/6/2023	Forum	<p>The night time art is fun. Could it be designed to keep the light pollution at a minimum? Could Ontario Place like the city of Tokyo turn off the more artistic lighting at a set time every night?</p>
5/6/2023	Marina	<p>The iconic pavillion lighting does not appear to comply with the commitment for downward facing lighting to keep nighttime light pollution to a minimum. Could the design of these structures be reconsidered with this in mind?</p>
5/6/2023	Water's Edge	<p>Could the terraced water's edge planning extend into the water to enhance the edgewater habitat?</p>
5/12/2023	Forum	<p>This is great! Expanding the existing park space provides real value. Ideally this shouldn't be accessible during concerts as it will end up being trampled by mass crowds.</p>
5/12/2023	Forum	<p>And, with the new Ontario Line ending at Ontario Place, I believe that there should've be as much parking. There should be a greater emphasis on transit accessibility - including funding transit to run more frequently, reliably, and safely. I realize that's out of scope of this project, but I don't see how we can be promoting transit use while also providing such a large amount of parking. make people take transit to Ontario Place!</p>
5/12/2023	Water's Edge	<p>There should be safety railing on the steps to make it safer and more accessible.</p>
5/12/2023	Water's Edge	<p>In the early years, canopies will be needed for shade, until trees are established.</p> <p>If you plant shade trees, they should be mature. Budget for them to be watered and pruned as part of the plan.</p> <p>There should be washrooms year round.</p> <p>Dogs should be prohibited.</p> <p>There should be abundant trash and recycling bins that are emptied regularly.</p>
5/13/2023	Brigantine Cove	<p>It should be bigger. It's will be super crowded.</p>
5/13/2023	Forum	<p>Adding hockey + skating rink compatibility over the fountains would be great so the open area is used regularly by residents in the winter. Including a skate rental / kayak rental building would also be great.</p>
5/13/2023	Mainland	<p>More food courts + patios + retail would be fab</p>
5/13/2023	Mainland	<p>Adding hockey + skating rink compatibility over the fountains would be great so the open area is used regularly by residents in the winter. Including a skate rental / kayak rental building would also be great.</p>
5/13/2023	Marina	<p>More retail / waterfront restaurants would be fabulous - area should be a night time destination.</p>
5/13/2023	Water's Edge	<p>It's not big enough. It will be super crowded.</p>
5/15/2023	Brigantine Cove	<p>Reduce the amount of concrete, which retains excess heat and is not a desirable substance environmentally to manufacture or install. Use mulch, wood, pea gravel, plant-based groundcovers, cobblestone or natural surfaces that are porous, to absorb rainwater.</p> <p>No pets please. Sorry, but dog owners are not responsible.</p>

		Swimming: Expand the beach. Add a splash pad. Allow more access points to the water. Add water fountains for human consumption to fill reusable water bottles instead of buying water in plastic. Add kayak rentals. Add lockers for valuables. Add bike lockup stands. Add many garbage and recycling bins and service them. At least it's contained, instead of spread randomly. Plant mature trees and schedule regular watering in summer. Include shaded benches with back support, and tables for game play. A tiny library (take a book, leave a book).
5/15/2023	Brigantine Cove	This design seems to have crept away from the preferred one focused on wet land and nature. The beach and play area are too much - will disturb nature. What happened to the floating boardwalk to appreciate the wetlands? Would ask that it be put back in the design.
5/15/2023	Forum	I prefer a permanent all-season dome for tennis and pickleball courts, with a proper surface (not asphalt). No, this is not an elite or rough sport like hockey. There are too many hockey arenas, and it's not an affordable sport due to the high cost of equipment. Outdoor rinks are not a practical use of space, due to shorter seasons. Please reduce the amount of concrete. Enclose the Splash pad for year-round access, otherwise can only be used for 3 months of the year.
5/15/2023	Forum	Looks godd
5/15/2023	Water's Edge	Looks good. Include as much vegetation as possible to maintain natural look and benefits of vegetation for the environment and animals
5/16/2023	Brigantine Cove	More greenspace is good. But make sure to keep accessible washrooms
5/16/2023	Forum	Prefer the outdoor aspects and nature. I like the fountains to play in and the wood benches and trees
5/16/2023	Water's Edge	You have removed the only pebble beach & swimming area in the entire region, and therefore the only beach that people with a prosthesis can use. Those with a prosthesis are unable to use a sand beach because any sand coming in contact with the prosthesis interferes with the prosthesis' proper functioning. If you continue trying to implement this horrible design expect a complaint to the Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario.
5/16/2023	Water's Edge	More public bathrooms built on different locations through the park. There is too much use of paving and natural stone on the water front, it should have more greenery and trees. It is more environmentally friendly. The trees provide shade and beauty and the ground can absorb rain and snow. Since we are living in a climate crisis, it makes no sense to destroy destroy other natural environments by mining stone to use in the park.
5/16/2023	Water's Edge	I like the look of the stone steps going right to the water
5/18/2023	Brigantine Cove	Expected volume of visitors and size of East Gateway Bridge are unclear and do not necessarily need to be maximized. Wetlands should be as naturalized as possible rather than fabricated (e.g., unclear what these floating wetlands are but they don't appear truly natural or sustainable in the long term). Unclear what the surface of the play area is made of and whether it is soft and/or permeable. Suggest to used recycled materials (e.g., plastics, rubber) wherever possible.
5/18/2023	Mainland	The expansion of parking will encourage more road traffic to the area and through local neighborhoods. Parkdale cannot accommodate additional traffic in the area. Encouraging more car traffic to the area is irresponsible given the climate crisis. Parking and any private ventures should be minimized wherever possible. Areas should be naturalized to the greatest extent possible. It is unclear how the urban and active option was "preferred" given the number of preferable features of the wetland options; this leads me to believe that economic criteria trump all for the current provincial government, at the expense of the environment. This consultation is a farce.
5/18/2023	Marina	The capacity or expected volume for increased motorized boat traffic is unclear, and doesn't necessarily need to be maximized. Impact of increased motorized boat traffic is unclear, but likely to be negative (water quality, noise, impact on wildlife).
5/18/2023	Water's Edge	Combination of hard and soft surfaces at water's edge is preferred. Natural vegetation should be maximized rather than rock structures

Table B-2. Station 4 Comments on the Overall Recommended Design for the Public Realm

Date	What design elements do you like the most?	What design elements do you like the least?	What is missing?	Are there any other ways you would like to use the public space?
4/27/2023	The parts that are just repaired elements of the old design	Literally anything that is materially different from the original layout		
4/27/2023	public/free space	I dislike the parking options	world class public transit/accessibility	more free/public space
4/27/2023	Trillium Park but there is not enough concrete design here to make an evaluation. What I see is an overbuilt, overly dense imposition on the waterfront.nt	It is overbuilt and not readily accessible to the general public. It brings too many functions together in one place and in particular Ontario Place should not be put here. This looks like another sello ut by DOug Ford who will sell the current Ontario Place to his sleazy friends to build cheap housing.	Large , simple open space with room for people to truly enjoy the lake in a relaxed and simple environment.	This proposal will not be enjoyed byt he majority of people. It is an overbuilt theme park built to generate dollars and syphon off government subsidies a the expense of more important public natural space. It is a disgrace.
4/27/2023	Trillium Park is a beautiful park which is open to all Ontarians to enjoy. It shows how with only \$30 million you can build something great that everyone loves.			This public space is waterfront public park and should remain a public park.
4/27/2023	Green space and children's play space	Not enough trees or swimming access	Swimming beaches	To swim
4/27/2023		The Cove could be nice but without actual measurements the renderings are useless fiction.		Rowing on the water (NOT CANOEING/KAYAKING/PADDLEBOARDING. Also an actual swim area is missing - the pier on the therme side will not allow a protected area for distance swimming. Just jumping in the water. This whole process doesn't seem to understand that swimming is not splashing about - but actual exercise.
4/27/2023	I don't like any of this.	It's a tie for first place.	This should all be a public park.	It should all be a world class public park.
4/27/2023	Revitalization of Ontario Place would be great, if done well	There's way too much parking. Any urban planner worth their salt knows that car infrastructure is expensive, unsustainable and horrible for the environment. In an earlier consultation the applicants said they were trying to aggressively reduce the amount of trips taken by car and that just isn't consistent with the application. If you want people to choose sustainable, clean, efficient modes of transportation don't build 2700 parking spots.	Bus lanes on Lakeshore	Nope
4/27/2023	Nature - keep the trees - all of them!		Acknowledgement of the corruption that shaped this process	As a park, full stop. Green and a public good!
4/27/2023	None		public space	Make the whole area public space
4/28/2023	Park areas		More park land	Make the entire thing a public park
4/28/2023			Would love to see other cultures represented, not only Indigenous cultures. I would also love to see more details of the Indigenous cultural aspects released to the public.	Please consider how races and other pop up events can continue to use this space.
4/28/2023	Outdoor space, green space.	The parking lot	Bike parking, and EV charging	
4/28/2023	Green space and children's play space		More green space	Ya - by not giving it away to there
4/28/2023			More trees	Walking among naturalized bird friendly environments without giant glass spas
4/28/2023		The parking lot	More commuter, bike and pedestrian access points and integration	

Date	What design elements do you like the most?	What design elements do you like the least?	What is missing?	Are there any other ways you would like to use the public space?
4/28/2023	Start on the Forum and Marina areas to get revenue flow; the rest can wait.	Very much dislike the parking plan and moving the entire OSC rather than adding a component of it here.	What is the cost and how will Ontario pay for it? Will there be a tax discount for actually using the space?	not I
4/28/2023	forum, brigantine cove, water's edge	parking/science centre	facilities for people to cycle to the space. they need secure lockups. Some way to share concessions with live nation space and daily use.	some activities like basketball, mini-putt and pickleball would make nice additions
4/29/2023	Beach cove, Water's edge design, wooden steps down to water at East Village Marina	Pavement in the Forum	A true grassy/tree "escape" area to lie down in for a day. Currently only places to sit on benches, stones, or rocks.	
4/30/2023	The existing Ontario Place		Integrity and Honesty around the corruption involved in this giving away of public land to private interests	I would like to use public space publicly, as a member of the public.
4/30/2023	The provision of a water connection to the east of Ontario Place and the introduction of some albeit more limited than it should be.	The amount of hard edges on the interior waterway. I expect this is viewed as a response to flood mitigation it is not the only way to address rising and falling water levels. Moving berms flood barriers back from the waterfront and allowing some of the water front to submerge at high water events would allow for more soft shorelines while still addressing flood risks.	More soft shorelines and more naturalized Lake shoreline environments.	More parkland. Sorry but the idea that Ontario Place is underutilizes does not recognize the reality of the past three years when OP has been free and open to the public. It is highly used public park and fills a need for parkland on the waterfront and down town.
5/1/2023	Anything that is low cost and helps ensure connectivity with nature/waterfront.	The mainland is simply preposterous. Kill it. Overall, a minimal amount of money should be spent and as limited disruption to the land should occur. It is waterfront and keeping it simple and natural is most important.	Business case that is to be shared with the public. Understanding of real motivations behind this plan.	Keep it natural.
5/1/2023	Open walkways, boardwalks, easy navigation by wheelchairs		Full planning and understanding of innovative science centre programming	Free festivals throughout the year... can have vendors, food truck, but free for Ontarians to attend
5/1/2023	Maintaining marina.		Actual free activities for families. Sitting on rocks by the water and walking some trails does not do the job.	Go back to what people said - green, sustainable, soft not rock/low maintenance
5/2/2023	I think its a very well thought out design, the elements work together and appear to provide separate but unified areas.	Too much emphasis on parking.	Not sure.	Some full time arts/music programming.
5/3/2023	naturalization	commercial space		
5/4/2023		Moving the Ontario Science Centre to Ontario Place	Consider a new tourist attraction to attract patron, perhaps a planetarium.s	
5/4/2023				Pavillions for public use
5/4/2023	Brigantine Cove		It still feels like it will be overcrowded	
5/5/2023	I like the idea of a redesign, but Doug should be in Jail for selling public assets to foreign investors	Who cares, you'll just take a big steaming dump and call it success.	Affordable activities.	Just keep it open to the public. This is for all ontarians, not just the rich.
5/5/2023	None	All of it	Transparency	Not this
5/5/2023	The original Ontario place architecture		More open nature.	More open nature.
5/7/2023	Fountain. Accessible walkways		Nature.	Nature -- space for animals, birds (an important stop for migrating birds) and natural space for people to enjoy. They don't need all sorts of activities to be able to enjoy the space -- nature can be enjoyed as it is. We learned through Covid and lots of research and reports by doctors that access to nature and park space is critical for people's health and wellbeing.
5/8/2023	Most elements.			

Date	What design elements do you like the most?	What design elements do you like the least?	What is missing?	Are there any other ways you would like to use the public space?
5/10/2023	Space for bird migration	The presentation / Explanation is Too extensive	A clearer financial feasibility for its maintenance upkeep and profit	Education
5/12/2023	Increased Public Park space			If and only if the increased public space goes in on the east side is the lack of public space on the west island acceptable.
5/15/2023	Public parkland and animal space	Structures that will remove trees and animal habitat	More public park space	Do not remove old trees and animal habitat, toronto has already ruined the majority of the waterfront with developments. Let's just leave the parkland that has been growing for 52 years and put the money towards upkeep and maintenance, add more wildlife habitat.
5/15/2023	Trees and trails for biking and walking.		Domed Tennis/pickleball courts, kayak rentals, communal game tables, recycling stations, drinking fountains.	Demonstration stage for small crowds to sit and watch cooking, craft demos, kids puppet shows, music, theatre.
5/15/2023	Increasing naturalized areas features and sustainable storm water management			
5/15/2023	Floating boardwalks in brigantine cove		Skating rink, Indigenous Cultural Centre (to provide history, education, programming, ceremony, etc)	I want it fully publicly accessible...
5/16/2023	I like the water access, the natural stone and wood benches and access to the water, the trees and beaches	I don't like the built up areas and over emphasis on parking or events		
5/18/2023				Birdwatching. That's assuming there will be enough nature to attract birds.
5/18/2023	Any areas of naturalization			
5/18/2023	naturalization and public access features and the recommended changes proposed by Waterfront Toronto Design Review Panel. How will the latter be incorporated?		design that blends with the goals and scale of Ontario Place as envisioned and as existing.	Public space that allows active and passive use of more space on the west island would be good. Currently it looks like it will only be a path. Picnic areas on lawns and near the water are missing from the current renderings.

Table B-3. Station 5 General Comments

Date	Topic/Station	Comment
4/27/2023	Station 1: Bold New Vision	Hi this is [REDACTED] how are you doing today we hope that the redevelopment at Ontario place we called them on the phone and we gave them our support for the redevelopment at Ontario place.
4/27/2023	Station 1: Bold New Vision	Please stop this plan. it's a waste of taxpayer dollars.
4/28/2023	Station 5: Schedule and next steps	We are a Canadian company and a leader in Information/wayfinding digital signage and want to be invited to the discussions about digital signage in the early stages of the project. How can we add our name to the list of companies that can provide consultation on the subject and also the hardware, software and post installation service and support? I look forward to your assistance/advice. [REDACTED]
4/28/2023	Station 1: Bold New Vision	Yes, Ontario Place needs regeneration, and consulting the Neighbours who are impacted is a necessary step, which should happen no matter where development is to take place all over Ontario. We need to be mindful of population, financial, and climate change considerations that have been cautioned about lately. We don't need to repeat the mistakes of the past. Slow and steady progress will allow changes as needed.
4/29/2023	Station 1: Bold New Vision	Hi, I like the new waterfront areas that are accessible to the public. I like the there is money being. on revitalizing Ontario Place . I love the pods . Please keep more green space Thanks
4/30/2023	Other	In many of the recommended designs there seems to be a disconnect between the comments raised a previous public consultations, which is unfortunate because I consultation summaries were very on point. Not sure if the disconnect is due to maintenance criteria being forced on the design by public works or some other site management source but I would recommend a step back to re-evaluate how the recommended design addresses the comments in the various consultation summaries and the outcome of the Indigenous consultation, which I thought provided a very good framework from which to approach and assess the redevelopment proposal. The recommended design seems to have strayed too far from what was heard through consultation generally
5/10/2023	Other	It would be good to have a schematic os a financial feasibility plan to accompany the design presentation
5/13/2023	Station 1: Bold New Vision	The elephant in the room is there is no effective plan. to get people in & out of the facility As you are aware the traffic onLakeshore road is now a parking lot at certain times such as when there is a Ball Game on or some other downtown event
5/15/2023	Station 1: Bold New Vision	How do I get a copy of my comments and feedback for my own records??
5/16/2023	Station 1: Bold New Vision	1. For myself, no design is satisfactory unless 100% of the historic Ontario Place land-base is open and accessible to the public - either free or at very nominal cost for families to enjoy. 2. I want to have an outdoor space that provides a country-park setting amid the crowded city; a fresh-air "lung"; mature trees in small woodland settings, grass, water views, walking trails. 3. Minimal parking spaces and excellent, frequent public transit access from the GTA at "Presto" prices. No motorized bicycles in the park. A single separate biking trail to traverse the grounds. 4. Fixtures & rules for a safe, healthy child-friendly family get-away location. i.e. Many good clean safe accessible washrooms; Zero or location restricted access to alcohol, smoking, dogs and glass containers. Excellent and friendly security personnel and first-aid on-site. Sender: [REDACTED]
5/16/2023	Station 1: Bold New Vision	The entire complex should have recurring activities available to nearby neighbourhoods, like a community centre. It should be affordable for all incomes, not just tourists.

Date	Topic/Station	Comment
5/19/2023	Station 5: Schedule and next steps	The Waterfront Toronto Design Review Panel is comprised of highly thoughtful and experienced professionals from a range of relevant disciplines and their comments from the March 2023 meeting were excellent. I hope those will inform subsequent iterations of this project assessment and review by the province as well as the municipality.

Environmental Assessment *Engagement 4: Project Updates*

November 17, 2023

Welcome to Engagement 4 for the Ontario Place Category C Environmental Assessment!

The purpose of this presentation is to provide an overview of the Category C Environmental Assessment and share the latest information on the Environmental Study Report (ESR), including what the project team heard during the draft ESR comment period and modifications that have been made to the final ESR and the preferred public realm design.

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Environmental Assessment Overview



Category C Environmental Assessment

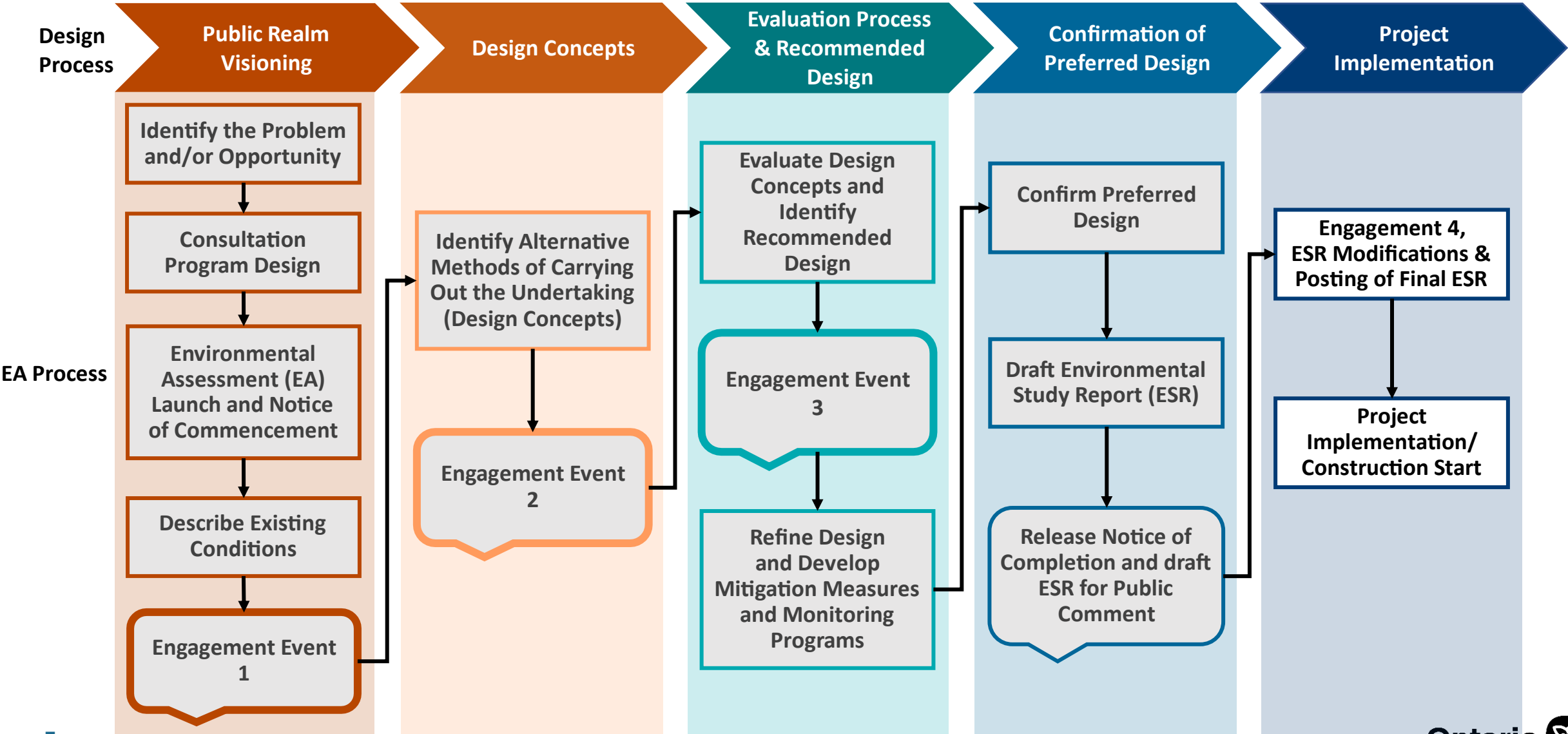
- The Ministry of Infrastructure (MOI) has undertaken the Category C Environmental Assessment (EA) for the redevelopment of the public spaces and parkland (the public realm) at Ontario Place (the Project).
- The Public Work Class EA is an approved process under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* that focuses on provincial government realty and infrastructure projects for registered public bodies. The project has been categorized as a Category C undertaking under the Public Work Class EA process.
- The key redevelopment activities encompassed by the Ontario Place Category C EA include:
 - › Planning approvals and realty activities
 - › Building decommissioning and removal
 - › Grading and landscaping
 - › Development of parks, trails and open spaces
 - › Shoreline repairs and flood mitigation
 - › Site access and parking
 - › Construction of new buildings, including the new Ontario Science Centre (expanding into the existing Pod complex and Cinesphere), and supporting site infrastructure.

Category C EA Public Realm Study Area

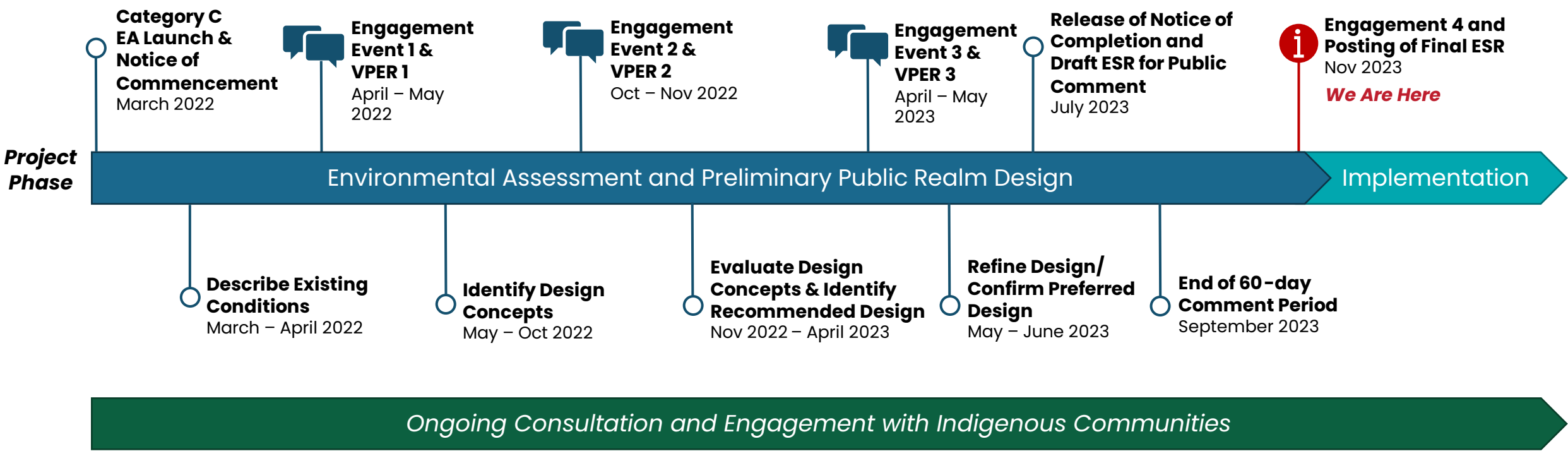
- The *Environmental Assessment Act* governs public sector developments and provides requirements for the environmental assessment process.
- Thus, the Category C EA is only applicable to the government-led activities.
- The Category C EA Study Area is defined as the public realm area where government-led activities will occur.
- Site preparations will occur across the Ontario Place Property Site (excluding Trillium Park).



Category C EA Process



Category C EA Timeline



The Category C EA process, including the full planning and decision-making process and the EA results have been documented in a draft Environmental Study Report (ESR) (available at www.engageontarioplace.ca). The draft ESR has been reviewed and modified, as applicable, based on public comments, with the final version released in Fall of 2023.

What We Heard

We have been engaging with the public on the design for the public realm and have been incorporating public input in the development of the preferred design.

Event 1

Purpose: to collect input on a vision for the new public realm at Ontario Place.

For more information visit:
engageontarioplace.ca/spring-22/

2022

What we heard:

- Free, unrestricted access
- Year-round flexible spaces
- Natural landscapes
- Open spaces & recreation
- Water activities
- Heritage conservation
- Consistency with Trillium Park
- Complementary commercial uses

Feedback was used to develop design concepts for the public realm.

Event 2

Purpose: to collect feedback on the public realm design concepts.

For more information visit:
engageontarioplace.ca/fall-22/

What we heard:

- General preference for naturalized design concepts
- Favoured design elements, including:
 - › Shoreline & water access
 - › Green & naturalized space
 - › Recreation space
 - › Kids play
 - › Improved accessibility

Feedback was used to refine the evaluation criteria and identify a recommended design.

Event 3

Purpose: to collect feedback on the recommended design.

For more information visit:
engageontarioplace.ca/virtual/

2023

What we heard:

- General positive response to the design
- Desire for more green space
- Parking and traffic concerns
- Further consider safety and accessibility
- General approval of food & beverage
- Suggestions for detailed design & programming

Feedback was used to refine the design and confirm a preferred design, and to develop mitigation measures.

Consultation & Engagement with Indigenous Communities

- Indigenous communities have provided feedback on the design throughout the redevelopment project.
- Additionally, Indigenous communities and organizations have contributed to and provided feedback on Indigenous placekeeping concepts and have suggested ways of knowing to be applied and considered by the design team.

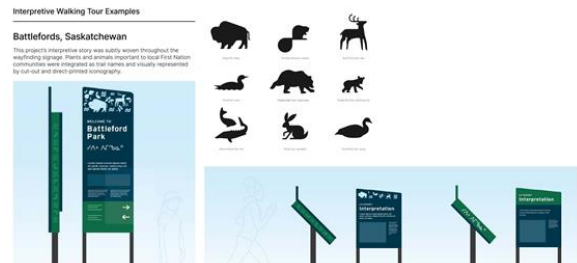
Example recommendations for Indigenous placemaking features being considered:

- › Incorporate Traditional Knowledge teachings about the natural environment at select locations in the park.
- › Include, and focus on, the diversity of Indigenous languages.
- › Leave space for the natural environment (water, animals, plants).
- › Include gathering space and space for workshops and events.

Indigenous placekeeping concepts and features will be finalized during detailed design.



Plant Identification Plaque. Source: LANDinc



Interpretive Signage. Source: Fathom Studio.



Cultural Pavilion. Source: Mitch Lenet

Example recommendations for Indigenous ways of knowing to be applied and considered:


- › Create a planting palette that consists of locally sourced native tree and plant species that are climate resilient.
- › Use landforms to create microclimates that increase biodiversity and make event spaces more comfortable year-round.
- › Protect and accommodate fish/reptile/amphibian habitat during shoreline repair and redevelopment and create environments that attract pollinators and birds.

What We Heard on the Draft ESR


The Draft ESR was posted on engageontarioplace.ca and on the Environmental Registry of Ontario in July 2023 for a 60-day public comment period. The following slides include common inquiries that were received (within the scope of the Category C EA) and the Project Team's responses.




Common Inquiries on the Draft ESR

Comment or Question	Response
<p>I am concerned about the negative impacts to trees, Species at Risk, Migratory birds and wildlife habitat.</p> 	<p>The potential environmental impacts, mitigation measures and net environmental effects described in the ESR for the proposed public realm redevelopment took into consideration features such as wildlife and wildlife habitat, Species At Risk, migratory birds and aquatic habitat.</p> <p>Disturbance to natural heritage features will be minimized as much as possible and opportunities to improve existing features or provide net-new wildlife habitat are being explored as part of the ongoing design work. Improvements are being explored for Brigantine Cove that would improve water quality and habitat conditions in this area. Improvements to the shoreline across the East Island will offer opportunities to stabilize and green these edges and improve aquatic habitat conditions.</p> <p>At a minimum, the redevelopment will replace trees removed as a result of construction and will increase the long-term tree canopy on-site. The project team is actively working with partners at the City, stakeholder agencies and Indigenous communities on opportunities to increase the number of trees being preserved. Based on best practices used at Trillium Park, a planting strategy will be developed during detailed design and will ensure that trees of a variety of size, age, and species are planted given the unique site conditions. The planting strategy for the site will be supported by engagement with Indigenous communities to identify native species, which will thrive naturally on site for future generations. These commitments are documented in the Construction and Operations Monitoring Plans, in the draft ESR and will be used to guide the detailed design stage which follows the EA process.</p> <p>Redevelopment activities will ultimately improve wildlife habitat across the Project footprint by increasing the amount and type of vegetation (that is, native vegetation) from existing conditions and including trees and shrubs of varying heights to create diverse vegetative cover used by a diverse range of wildlife species (refer to Section 5.4.1.3 and Section 5.4.1.5 of the draft ESR).</p>



Common Inquiries on the Draft ESR (Continued)

Comment or Question	Response
<p>There should not be an increase in parking, instead more sustainable modes of travel should be encouraged.</p> 	<p>Parking is required to accommodate all modes of travel to the site and to accommodate a range of site visitors from across the province and of all ages and abilities. Within the Ontario Place lands, 1,301 parking spaces are currently provided to serve the existing uses. Redevelopment activities are intended to increase park use and while the parking supply is proposed to double from existing conditions, the proposed parking structure is designed to only accommodate up to 10% of visitors arriving to the site by personal automobile during the peak periods. Most remaining visitors are expected to arrive using sustainable modes of travel, including transit, cycling, and walking. As such, the increase in parking supply is considered modest compared to the expected visitors to the site year-round for the proposed uses.</p> <p>The proposed parking solution is only one part of a multi-modal transportation approach. The proposed redevelopment also identifies potential for significant improvements in active transportation facilities—such as planned expansion and upgrade of pedestrian and cycling facilities along the Martin Goodman Trail, extension of the William G. Davis trail and a new waterfront multi-use pathway—and supports greater integration with the broader transit network, protecting for a mobility hub and last-mile connection to the future Ontario Line station. A number of transportation demand management measures, including shuttle buses, partnership with ridesharing apps, implementing safewalk programs, transit ticket integration, and bike share passes, are also being proposed to reduce dependency on single-occupancy vehicle trips and to encourage sustainable modes of travel to the site. A significant shift to more sustainable modes from existing conditions is anticipated for the Ontario Place redevelopment given that key transit and active transportation improvements are planned for the area.</p>

Common Inquiries on the Draft ESR (Continued)

Comment or Question	Response
<p>Was deciding to relocate the Ontario Science Centre to Ontario Place part of the Category C EA process?</p> 	<p>The decision to relocate the Ontario Science Centre (OSC) to Ontario Place is an evaluation of “Alternatives to the Undertaking” or just “Alternatives To” in the Public Work (PW) Class Environmental Assessment (EA) (MOI 2012). “Alternatives to” refers to the different solutions that may be considered to address an identified problem or opportunity. Solutions, for example, could range from “do nothing” (maintaining the current situation), to building a new facility. The PW Class EA framework recognizes that for most Public Work projects, this step occurs as part of another planning or policy decision-making process and thus permits this step to occur outside the EA process. For the OSC, this is the case, and the decision to relocate to Ontario Place was made outside the EA process as part of another Government decision-making process.</p> <p>As per the PW Class EA, any future use of the current OSC is not considered part of the Category C EA process for the public realm lands. This would be taken into consideration depending on the future decision for the current OSC.</p>
<p>Why is the proposed Ontario Science Centre (OSC) smaller than the current facility?</p>	<p>The new OSC at Ontario Place will be a smaller, yet more efficient and more modern facility – leading to efficiencies for maintenance and operations. The current OSC is about 560,000 sq. ft.; however, the permanent exhibition space occupies only 20% of the net floor space. The new OSC at Ontario Place will be approximately 275,000 sq. ft., including an approximately 200,000 sq. ft. new Mainland building and the 75,000 sq. ft. pods and Cinesphere. The planned new facility will have 10,000 sq. ft more of permanent exhibition space than the current facility.</p>

Common Inquiries on the Draft ESR (Continued)

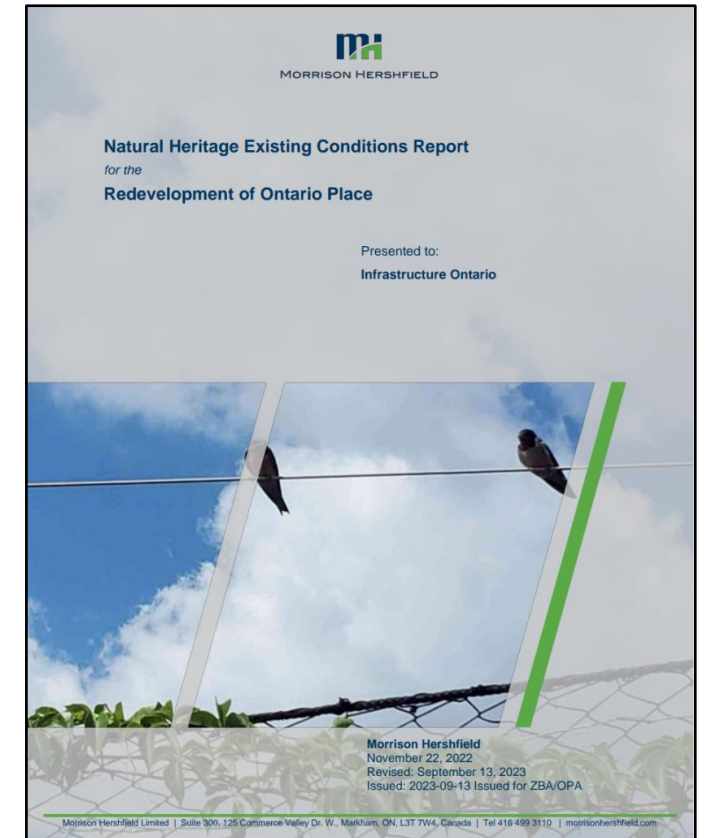
Comment or Question	Response
<p>Recommendations for materiality, lighting, seating, programming and operations.</p>	<p>Specific materiality of surfaces will be determined during detailed design however the preferred conceptual design (see Section 5.1 of the draft ESR) already increases the amount of permeable surfaces from existing conditions. Lighting, seating, park operations and programming (i.e., festivals and events) will be determined during detailed design and comments will be considered at that time.</p>
<p>Increase green space and permeable surfaces.</p> 	<p>The preferred design proposes to increase vegetation from existing conditions. And includes increased green space within Brigantine Cove, the Forum, and on the Mainland, replacing much of the currently paved services with pervious material. Refer to Section 5.1 of the draft ESR for the full preferred design for the public realm.</p>
<p>Ensure opportunities for recreation and other activities.</p> 	<p>The preferred design includes flexible space within the Forum and on the Mainland that provides for a range of activities. A children's play zone is proposed in Brigantine Cove to provide play opportunities for a range of children's age groups. The preferred design also includes continuous multi-use trails throughout the site for walking, running, bicycling, and roller-skating with improved connections to Exhibition Place and the existing Martin Goodman Trail. Refer to Section 5.1 of the draft ESR for the full preferred design for the public realm. Recreation and activities will be provided for all seasons.</p>

Modifications to the Draft ESR



Changes to the Draft ESR

- Barn Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*) is no longer provincially Threatened and has now been designated as a species of Special Concern, which has been updated in the final ESR.
- The Natural Heritage Impact Study/Existing Conditions Report (Morrison Hershfield, 2023) has been updated and appended to the final ESR. Any relevant changes have been reflected in the text of the final ESR.
- The Traffic Impact Assessment (LEA Consulting 2023) has been updated to include considerations for the Ontario Science Centre. Relevant findings not previously included in the draft ESR have been added to the final ESR.
- A summary of comments received during the draft ESR comment period have been included with responses and where the comment was addressed in the final ESR, where applicable.
- Changes to text as a result of applicable comments received from Indigenous communities, stakeholders and the public.
- A cover letter has been provided at the beginning of the final ESR to summarize changes that were made to the draft ESR.



Refinements to the Preferred Design

Refinements to the preferred (conceptual) design provided in the draft ESR that are being considered for the final ESR are as follows:

1. Moving the Indigenous Cultural Pavilion from the Marina to the proposed boathouse in Brigantine Cove as a placekeeping feature that could be used year-round for gathering and Indigenous community events.
2. Splitting the South Berm to connect the Forum to the Water's Edge with an at-grade path to improve views and connection to the water. An accessible pedestrian bridge will connect the two sides of the berm above the at-grade pathway.

The design is still conceptual and subject to further refinement through the approval process and detail design.



Refinements to the Preferred Design (Continued)

3. Identification of potential locations within the public realm where bicycle parking will be provided: in the Forum, within the transit hub, in the plaza around the new Ontario Science Centre main building, and in the underground parking structure.
4. The existing maintenance and administration buildings will be demolished at a future date, as shown in the draft ESR; however, a new maintenance building may be constructed within the existing footprint, anticipated to be 1-2 storeys in size, taking up a smaller portion of the existing building's footprint.

The design is still conceptual and subject to further refinement through detail design.

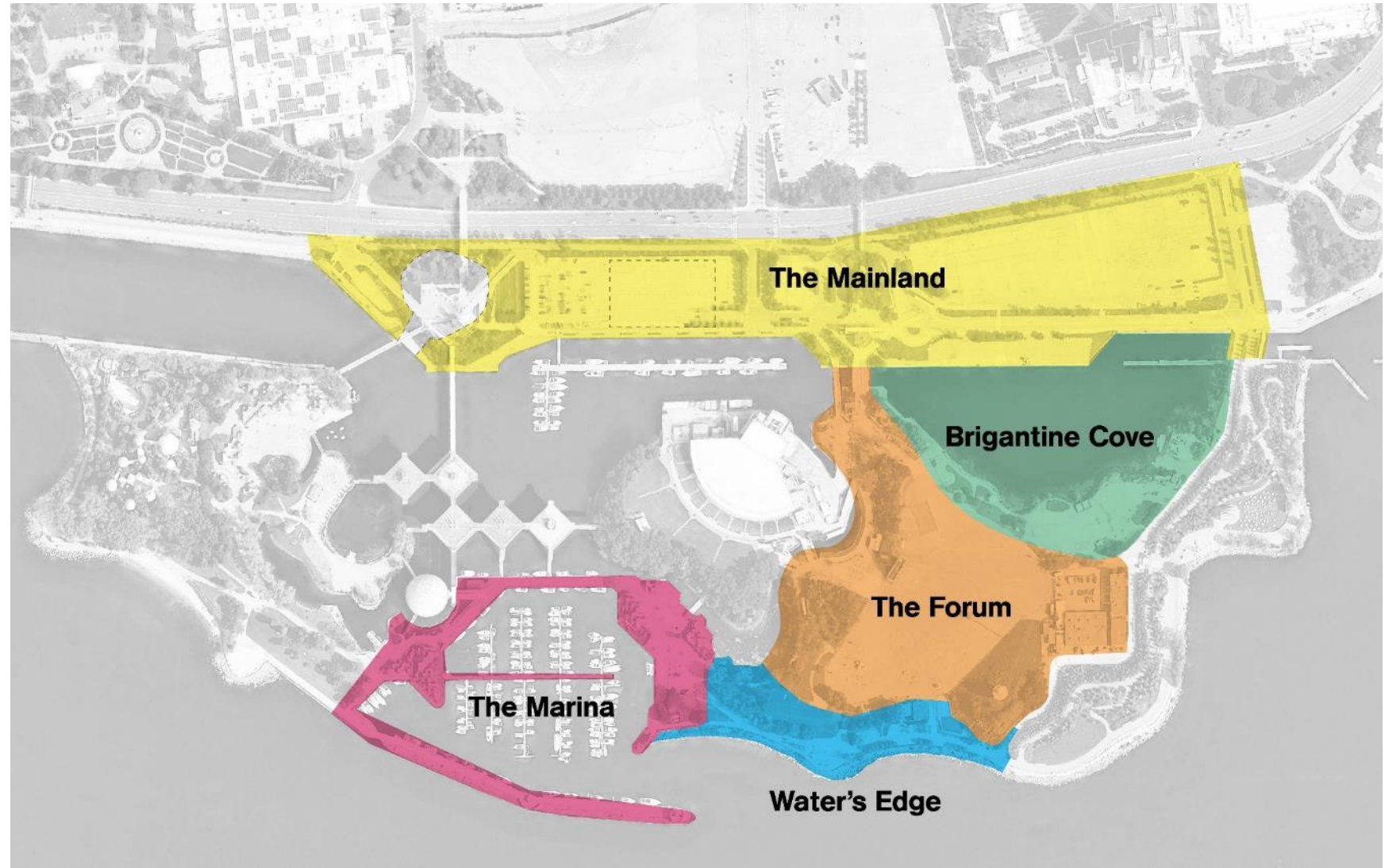


Preferred Public Realm Design Presented in the Final ESR



The Zones

To help navigate the site and facilitate thorough evaluation through the EA process, the Ontario Place public realm was divided into 5 zones.



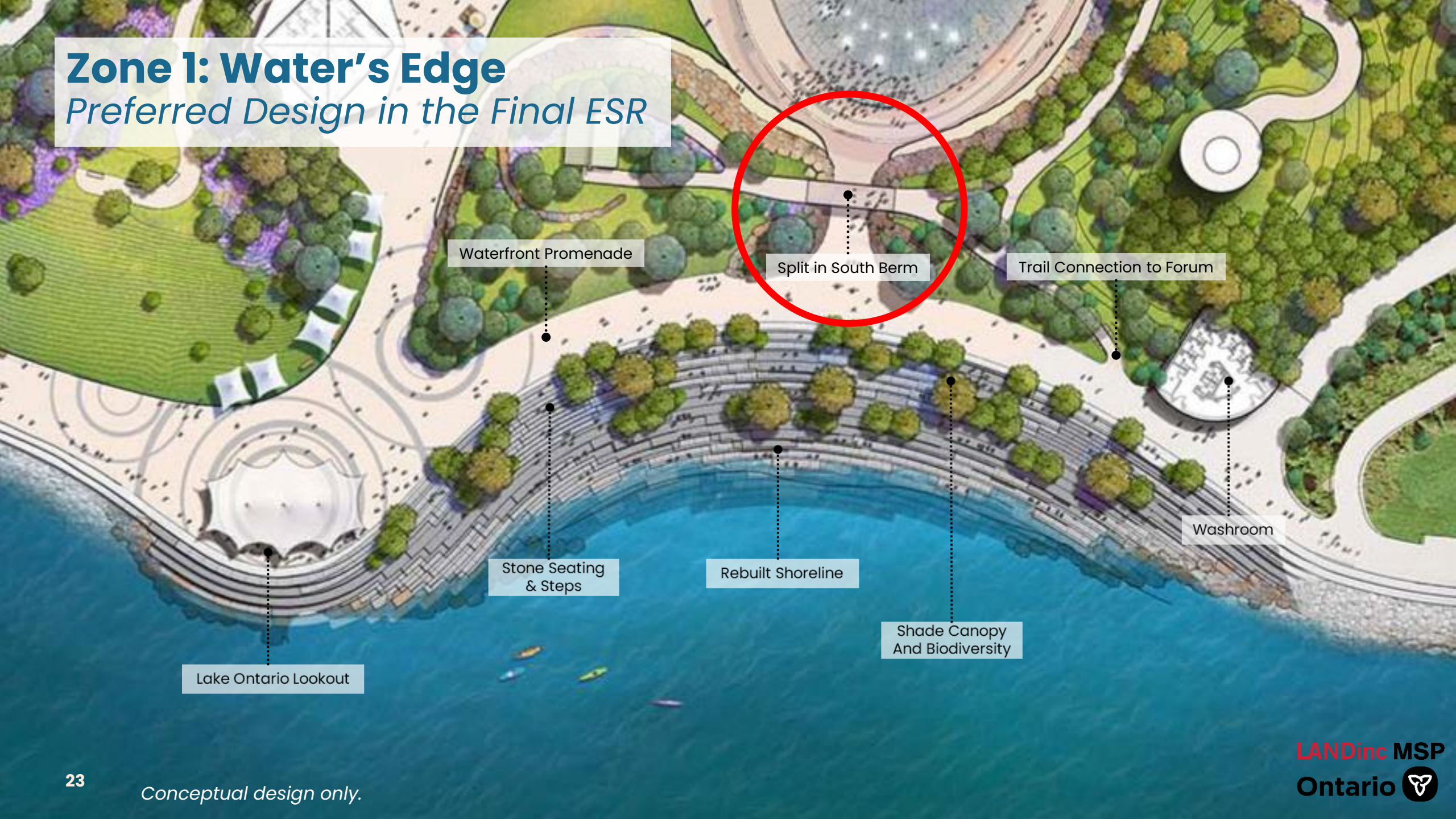


**Zone 1:
Water's Edge**

Water's Edge

Zone 1: Water's Edge

Preferred Design in the Final ESR



Waterfront Promenade

Split in South Berm

Trail Connection to Forum


Stone Seating
& Steps

Rebuilt Shoreline

Shade Canopy
And Biodiversity

Washroom

Lake Ontario Lookout



Zone 2: Marina

The Marina

Zone 2: Marina

Preferred Design in the Final ESR



Canopy (no longer being used as the Cultural Pavilion)

Modernized Marina Slips

Ontario Place Pier

Open Air Pavilions

Marina Plaza

Washrooms

Pavilions

Retail Kiosks

Terraced Deck

Lighthouse Point

Marina Boardwalk



Brigantine Cove

Zone 3:
Brigantine Cove

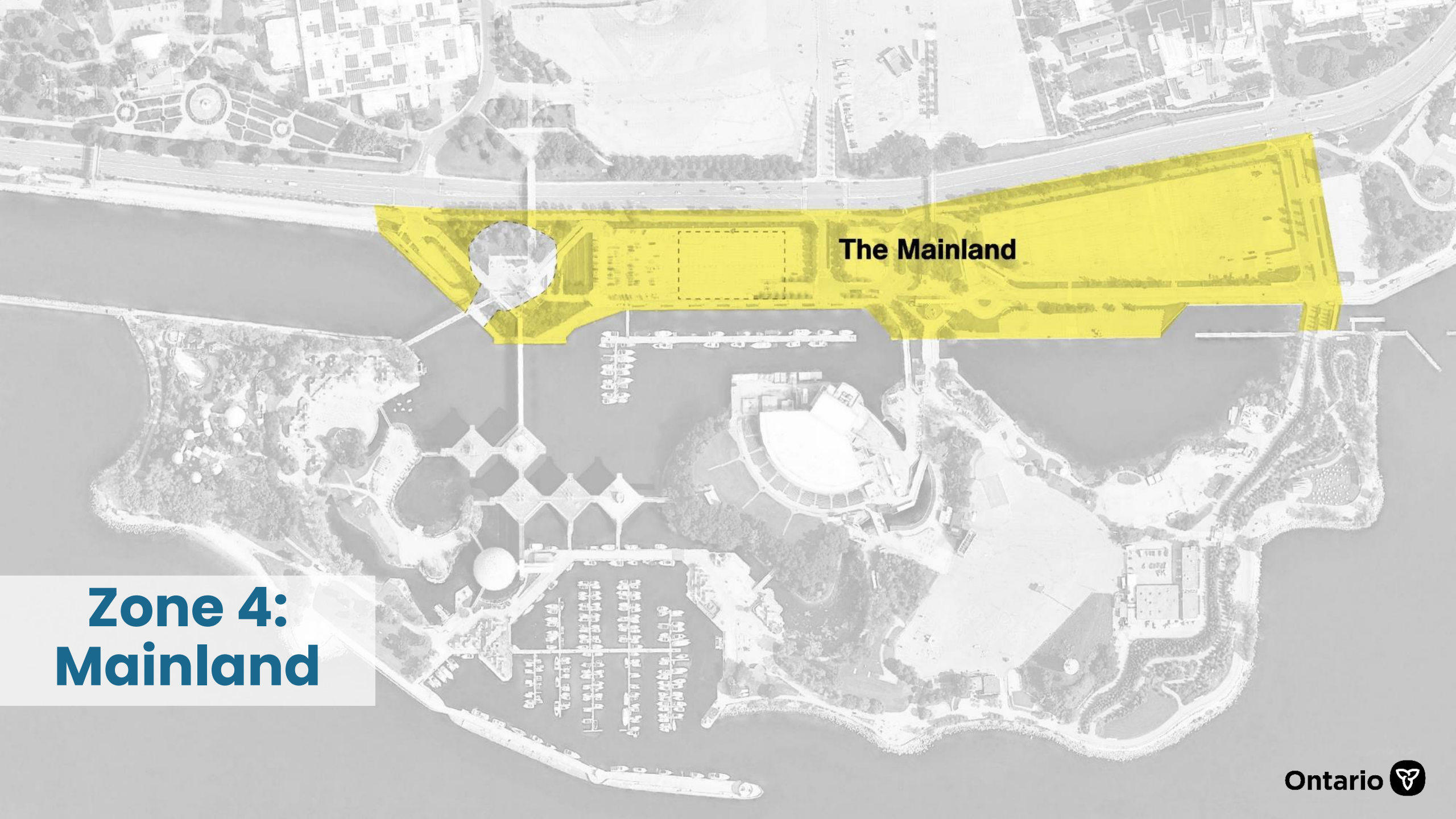
Zone 3: Brigantine Cove

Preferred Design in the Final ESR



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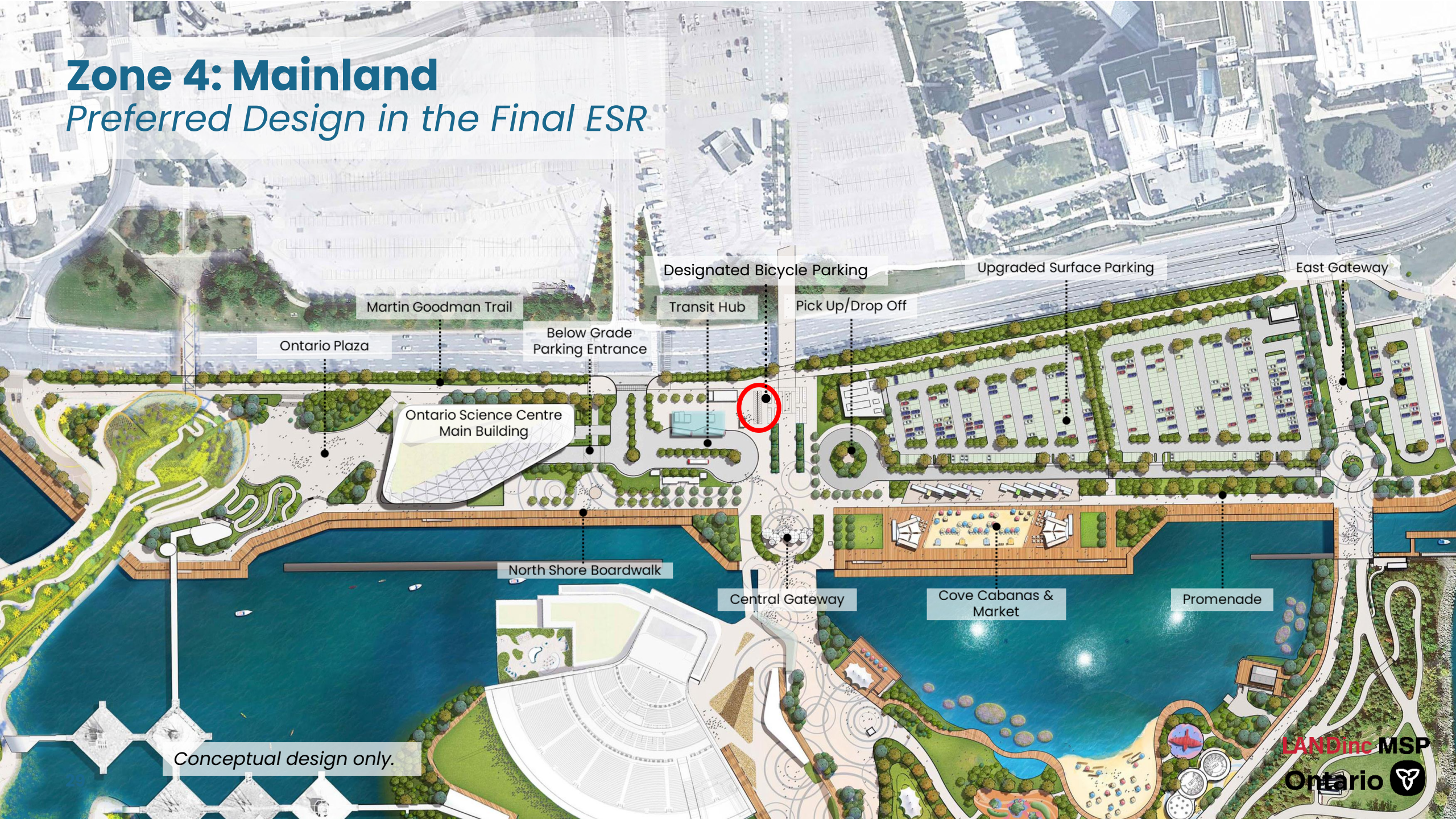


The Mainland

**Zone 4:
Mainland**

Zone 4: Mainland

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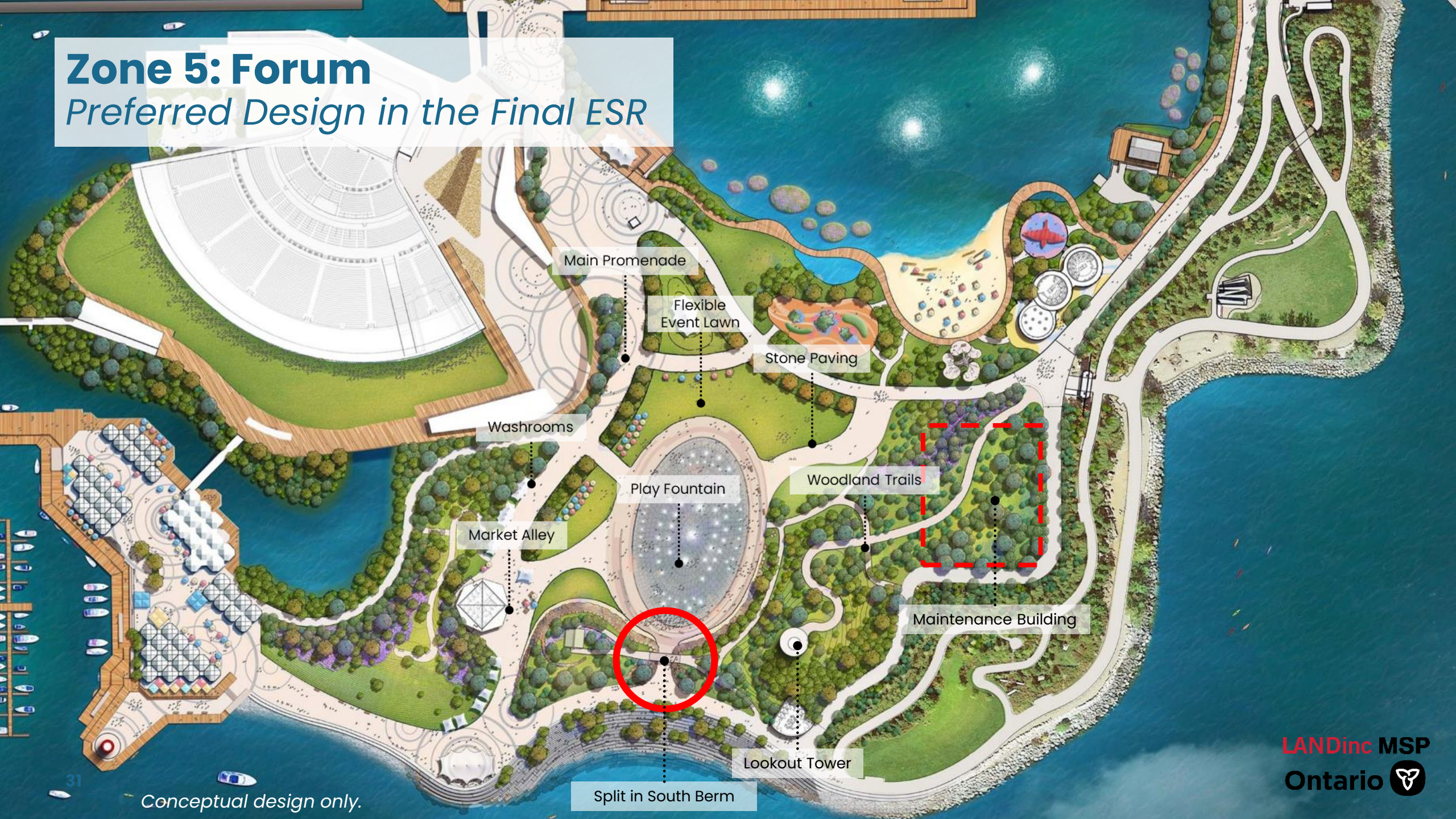
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Zone 5: Forum

The Forum

Zone 5: Forum

Preferred Design in the Final ESR



Main Promenade

Flexible
Event Lawn

Stone Paving

Washrooms

Play Fountain

Woodland Trails

Market Alley

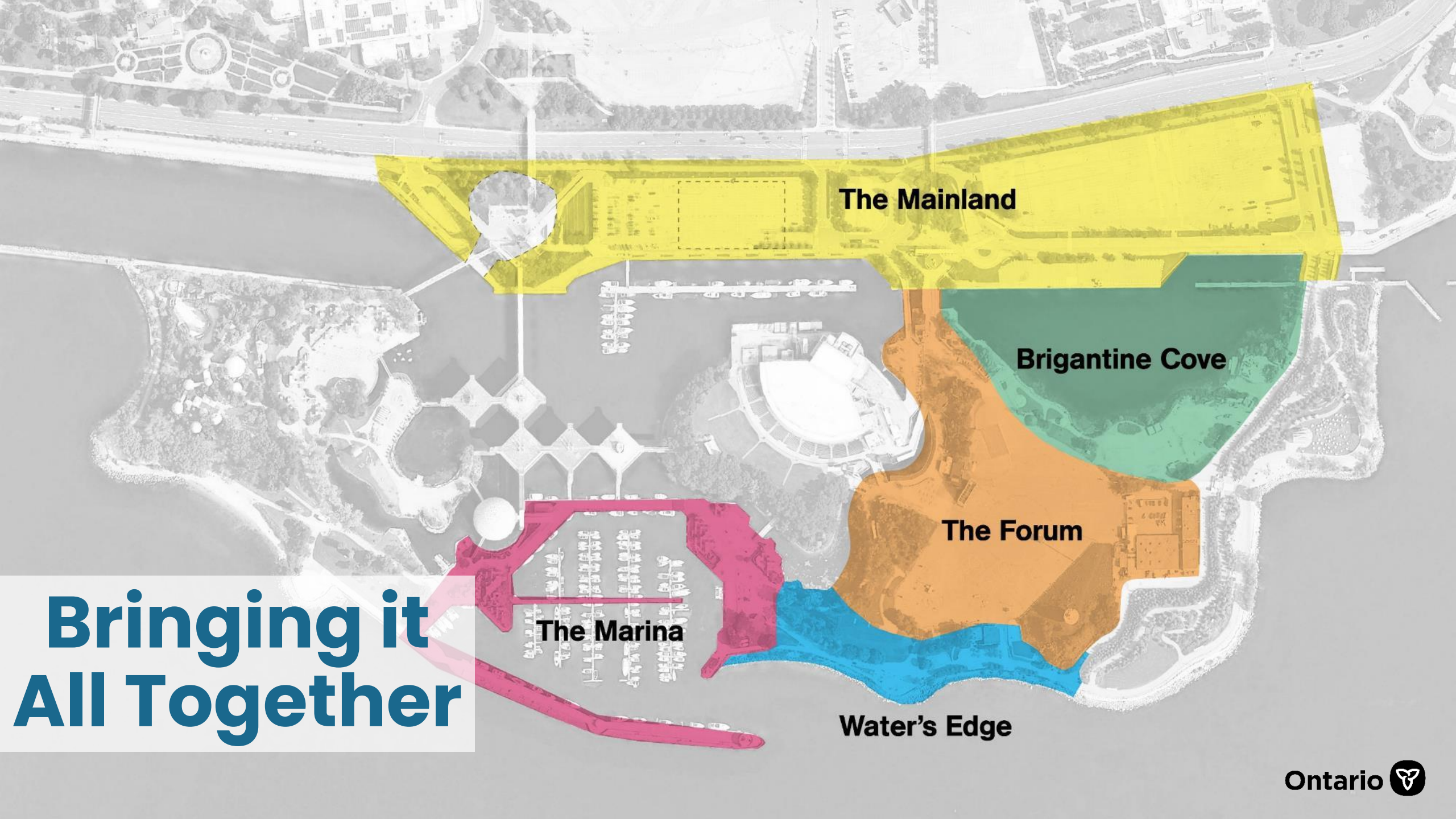
Maintenance Building

Lookout Tower

Split in South Berm

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The Mainland

Brigantine Cove

The Forum

The Marina

Water's Edge

**Bringing it
All Together**

Overall Preferred Public Realm Design

In the Final ESR



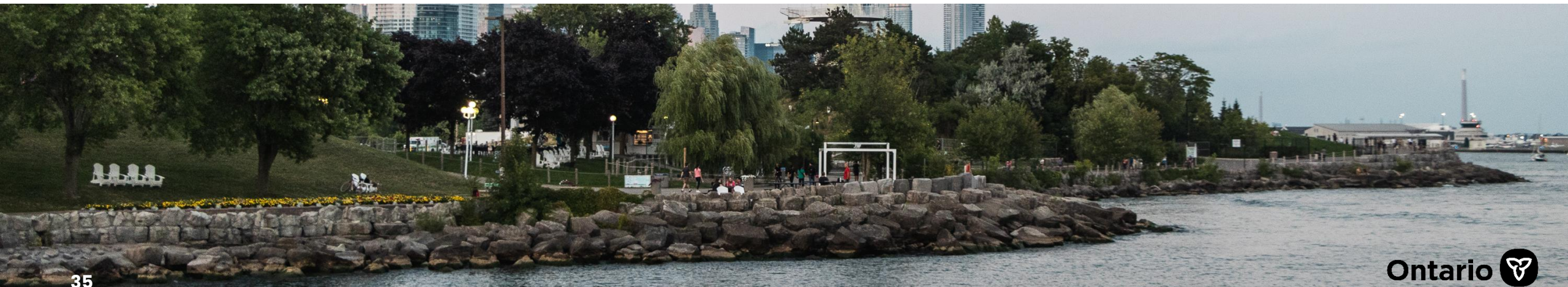
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Potential Impacts, Mitigations Measures and Monitoring Plans



Key Potential Impacts

- Potential impacts from the public realm redevelopment were identified through results of the following activities:
 - › Project-specific desktop studies and field investigations
 - › Applicable regulatory requirements
 - › Consultation with Indigenous communities, key stakeholders, review agencies, and the public
 - › Professional experience of the assessment team
- Key potential impacts include:
 - › Change in the physical environment
 - › Change in vegetation on the Project footprint
 - › Alteration of the shoreline
 - › Change in wildlife and habitat
 - › Change in aquatic life and habitat
 - › Threats to habitat of Species at Risk
 - › Disruption of cultural heritage resources
 - › Increase in traffic
 - › Disruption in site use during construction



Key Mitigation Measures

- There is an extensive list of mitigation measures described in *Section 5.4* of the draft ESR. Details on mitigation measures will be further refined during detailed design.
- Some of the key mitigation measures identified to eliminate, reduce, or control the public realm redevelopment's potential impacts include:

Potential Impact	Key Mitigation Measures
Design (landscape design) and construction activities will change the physical environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Implement recommendations from the Ontario Place Existing Shoreline Conditions Report (Shoreplan 2022).• Ensure grading across the Project footprint meet or exceed the 100-year flood requirements.
Detailed design (siting of infrastructure) and construction activities (vegetation clearing) will change vegetation on the Project footprint	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Implement grading design to permit maximum retention of existing resources.• Prepare and implement a landscape planting plan to mitigate potential impacts resulting from tree removal.• For every tree removed, trees that are native to the area will later be planted across the site, with a replacement ratio of up to 6:1 for trees over 30cm in diameter
Alteration of shoreline (e.g., shoreline protection, flood mitigation)	<p>Implement recommendations from the Existing Shoreline Conditions Report, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rehabilitating shoreline areas to ensure they are stable and will continue to function.• Continue monitoring movement of the breakwater.

Key Mitigation Measures (Continued)

Potential Impact	Key Mitigation Measures
Change in wildlife and wildlife habitat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limit heavy equipment use and storage to the project area and to hard surfaces (asphalt, concrete) where possible. • All vegetation and tree removal and/or clearing operations must be completed outside of the breeding bird active nesting season. • Avoid impacts to migratory birds and nesting turtles. • Removal of trees that provide potential bat maternity roost must not occur during the active bat season.
Change in aquatic species and related habitat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimize duration of in-water work to the extent possible. • Ensure in-water work areas are isolated. • Ensure structural design and placement allows fish passage or does not further impair fish passage. • Restore bed and banks of Lake Ontario to their original contour and gradient; however, if the original gradient cannot be restored due to instability, a stable gradient that does not obstruct fish passage must be restored.
Threats to habitat of Species at Risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply appropriate setbacks from known habitats. • Avoid impacts on Species at Risk. • A daily pre-construction search of the machinery and the work area shall be implemented to identify the presence of Species at Risk.

Key Mitigation Measures (Continued)

Potential Impact	Key Mitigation Measures
Disruption of cultural heritage resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and follow guidance outlined in the approved Strategic Conservation Plan. • Engage applicable and appropriate stakeholders, communities, and/or individuals that have an interest in the cultural heritage value of the property. • Complete HIA for all proposed activities that may impact the heritage attributes or cultural heritage value of the property.
Increase in traffic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travel demand management and increased transit opportunities by offsetting the number of single-occupancy vehicles arriving to the site. • Opportunities for increased modes of travel (cycling and pedestrian) with improved connections to Exhibition Place, Martin Goodman Trail and transit with onsite mobility or transit hub. • Provide additional bicycle parking. • Provide electric vehicle parking spaces.
Disruption in site use during construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notify site users (e.g., local recreation or interest groups) of upcoming construction schedule. • Post construction signs on approach trails and roadways to ensure awareness of construction activities taking place. • Allow space for safe crossing of trails that need to be closed.

Net Environmental Effects

- Net environmental effects are the residual impacts of an undertaking, which are likely to remain following the implementation of mitigation measures.
- Potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed undertaking are well understood and readily mitigated with typical and project specific measures (examples included in slides 36–38).
- With effective implementation of such mitigation measures, residual environmental impacts are not anticipated to be significant.

See the full list of potential impacts, proposed mitigation measures and net environmental effects in Section 5.4 of the Final Environmental Study Report – available through the Documents library at www.engageontarioplace.ca.

Monitoring Plans

- The reason for monitoring is to determine whether a particular potential impact has occurred, whether mitigation measures were appropriate and responsive, and whether unanticipated impacts have occurred.
- Monitoring will occur throughout and after construction, to confirm compliance with mitigation measures and to monitor net environmental effects.
- During project implementation the following specific environmental management and monitoring plans are proposed to be developed:
 - › Landscape Plan
 - › Tree Protection Plan
 - › Naturalization Plan
 - › Vegetation Management Plan
 - › Traffic Management Plan
 - › Stormwater Management Plan (Study)
 - › Soil and Erosion Plan
 - › Soil and Groundwater Management Plan
 - › Spill Response Plan
 - › Contamination Discovery Plan



Next Steps



Next Steps



- The 60-day comment period for the draft Environmental Study Report (ESR) ended on September 2, 2023.



- Since then, the Project Team has been reviewing and implementing comments received on the draft ESR, as applicable.
- The **Final ESR** has been posted on engageontarioplace.ca.



- Now that the Final ESR has been released, the project can proceed to implementation (detailed design and construction).
- During detailed design, the Project Team will continue to refine the proposed mitigation measures.



- The Project Team will continue to work with the Indigenous communities for determining placekeeping opportunities to be incorporated into the detailed design.

A-4 Correspondence

- a) Technical Group, Agency and Stakeholder Engagement and Consultation Summary
- b) Agency Comments and Responses
- c) Agency Comment Records
- d) Public Comments and Inquiries
- e) Indigenous Community Correspondence

Technical Group, Agency and Stakeholder Engagement and Consultation Summary

Group Name	Date	Method	Summary	Concern or Interest Raised	Response	Commitment Made or Follow-up
Project Team	April 1, 2022	Email	Request for confirmation of participation in the technical review and feedback process (Technical Group). Attachment: Notice of Commencement.	N/A	Note: Individual agency responses recorded below.	Members will be kept informed of the progress of the EA and asked to share feedback on key aspects of the process.
Ontario Place Corporation (OPC)	April 1, 2022	Email	Confirming Eriks Eglite will be the main point of contact.	None	None	Eriks Eglite to be main point of contact.
Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA)	April 5, 2022	Email	Confirmation that TRCA has an interest in the project. Sharon Lingertat will be the main point of contact and provided a list of additional TRCA staff that may be involved with the project.	None	None	Sharon Lingertat to be main point of contact.
TRCA	April 8, 2022	Email	Response to Notice of Commencement.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">TRCA Areas of InterestTRCA Commenting RolesReview Fees	Project Team response emailed May 13, 2022.	Areas of Interest to be used in the planning process and the TRCA Program and Policy Areas to be integrated into the ESR. Regular meetings to be held with TRCA.
Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery (MPBSD) (formerly the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services (MGCS))	April 29, 2022	Email	Response to request for confirmation of participation in the technical review and feedback process.	MGCS to be made aware of any changes to the site, especially the three pieces of artwork that are part of the Government of Ontario Art Collection at Ontario Place.	The information has been saved for the Project File.	Project team to keep MGCS informed of potential design and/or activity that may impact the specified artwork.
Project Team	May 5, 2022	Email	Request for confirmation regarding the main point of contact to agencies invited to participate in the technical review and feedback process (Technical Group).	N/A	Note: Individual agency responses recorded below.	None
MECP	May 5, 2022	Email	Jeff Andersen confirming main point of contact for review under the <i>Species at Risk Act</i> .	N/A	Acknowledged May 5, 2022.	Jeff Andersen to be main point of contact.
MECP	May 5, 2022	Email	Chunmei Liu (cc: Katy Potter) confirming main point of contact.	N/A	Acknowledged May 5, 2022.	Chumnei Lui to be main point of contact.
Waterfront Toronto	May 9, 2022	Email	Confirmation that Waterfront Toronto will be designating a representative, but details are currently outstanding.	N/A	None	None

Group Name	Date	Method	Summary	Concern or Interest Raised	Response	Commitment Made or Follow-up
Project Team	June 14, 2022	Meeting (virtual)	Held meeting with the TRCA. Presented an overview of the project and anticipated schedule. Reviewed the proposed schedule for meeting with the TRCA and discussed anticipated TRCA engagement tasks and deliverables.	Shoreline work is a key area of interest for the TRCA.	Acknowledged that design of the shoreline will continue to be discussed with the TRCA.	Applicable draft reports and studies will be sent to the TRCA for review. Approximately monthly meetings to be scheduled.
Project Team	June 20, 2022	Email	Sending June 14, 2022 meeting minutes and presentation to attendees.	N/A	None	Next TRCA meeting to be scheduled for July.
Project Team	July 4, 2023	Email: Meeting Invite	Formal meeting invitation to discuss the evolving design concepts and the evaluation process with the TRCA on July 19, 2022.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Project Team	July 19, 2022	Meeting (virtual)	Meeting held with the TRCA. Presented the overall design approach/ vision/ narrative, the focus zones and developing design concepts. An overview of the draft evaluation criteria was shared.	Emphasized interest in habitat restoration across the site and in shoreline works.	Acknowledged.	TRCA to review meeting content internally and provide feedback on the design concepts and the evaluation criteria.
Project Team	July 20, 2022	Email	Sending July 19, 2022 meeting minutes and presentation to attendees.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Project Team	July 26, 2023	Email: Meeting invite.	Formal meeting invite for the EA and design team to meet with the TRCA's restoration group on August 17, 2022.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Waterfront Toronto and City of Toronto	July 27, 2022	Meeting (virtual)	Design-review panel meeting. Presentation given on the public realm.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public access Biodiversity Weather protection Soft landscaping Opportunities to swim 	Feedback will be considered in the development of design concepts and as design progresses.	N/A
TRCA	August 5, 2022	Email	Nathan Jenkins providing the TRCA's comments on the preliminary public realm design concepts, the Shoreplan Coastal Hazard Assessment Memo, and preliminary evaluation criteria.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water quality and quantity measure suggestions for the draft evaluation criteria Concern with the need for intensive maintenance to have floating wetlands <p>Note: See separate Agency Comment and Response table.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluation criteria revised. Floating wetland feasibility and maintenance is still being investigated. <p>Note: See separate Agency Comment and Response table.</p>	<p>Comments used to revise the evaluation criteria and considered as the design concepts are further developed.</p> <p>Comments of the Coastal Hazard Assessment were shared with Shoreplan.</p> <p>Follow-up meeting scheduled for August 17, 2022.</p>

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Project Team	August 16, 2022	Email: Meeting Invite	Formal meeting invitation to review project information and progress. Note: Technical Groups invited to the meeting are listed in the Mailing List compiled for the project.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Project Team	August 17, 2022	Meeting (virtual)	Held meeting with the TRCA. Presented updates to design concepts.	Opening up internal waterways can have benefits as well as negative impacts.	Impact noted for consideration as design continues to develop.	None
Project Team	August 22, 2022	Email: Meeting invite	Meeting invitation to meet with the TRCA's restoration team.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Aaron Shantz, TTC	August 23, 2022	Email	Confirming main point of contact.	N/A	Acknowledged August 23, 2022.	Aaron Shantz to be main point of contact.
Project Team	August 25, 2022	Email.	Sent working version of the draft Evaluation Criteria for distribution to City of Toronto staff (Meg St. John) for distribution, seeking feedback and edits.	N/A	N/A	Asking for the City to provide feedback.
Project Team	August 25, 2022	Email: Meeting invite	Meeting invite to the TRCA for a monthly reoccurring meeting.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Meg St. John, City of Toronto	September 16, 2022	Email	Providing edits and feedback to the draft Evaluation Criteria table.	None	Table and edits received. Acknowledged September 16, 2022.	Considered in the refinement of the evaluation criteria.
Project Team	September 19, 2022	Email: Meeting Invite Update	Due to scheduling conflicts, the date of this meeting is rescheduled to Tuesday, October 18, 2022.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Project Team	September 19, 2022	Meeting (virtual)	Meeting held with the TRCA. Shoreplan presented an overview of the Existing Shoreline Conditions Report.	Opportunity for habitat restoration and creation.	Acknowledged.	None
Katy Potter, MECP	September 19, 2022	Email	Declined meeting invite as she is starting a new position in October. Andrew Evers will ensure the appropriate person attends.	N/A	Meeting forwarded to Andrew Evers.	N/A
Project Team	October 12, 2022	Email	Distribution of Consultation Event #2 Notice.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mark Epp, MPBSD	October 14, 2022	Email	Request for clarification regarding role on the project. Noted a schedule conflict for the October 28, 2022 meeting and request to send the meeting invite to Heather Pigat. Request to remove Garima Sharma from the file.	N/A	Explanation of anticipated role on the project to collect feedback and advice on the three pieces or artwork on site.	N/A

Group Name	Date	Method	Summary	Concern or Interest Raised	Response	Commitment Made or Follow-up
Project Team	October 18, 2022	Meeting (virtual)	Held meeting with the Technical Group. Presented an overview of the project, background information/existing conditions, overview of the EA and design process and next steps. Accepted questions and comments.	None	N/A	Copy of the Evaluation Criteria and a request for edits will be sent following the meeting.
Project Team	October 18, 2022	Email	Follow-up to the Technical Group Meeting No. 1, providing a copy of the evaluation criteria and requesting feedback by November 18, 2022. Three attachments: meeting minutes, Master Evaluation Criteria tables, Notice of Consultation Event.	None	Note: Individual agency responses are recorder below.	Requesting Feedback on the evaluation criteria by November 18, 2022.
Jeff Andersen, MECP	October 19, 2022	Email	Request to be removed from the Technical Group and associated communication.	N/A	N/A	Removed from Group and contact list.
Project Team	October 20, 2022	Email: Invite Cancellation	Cancelling October monthly meeting with the TRCA.	N/A	N/A	Monthly meetings will resume in November.
Project Team	October 26, 2022	Email	Sending a link for the Virtual Public Engagement Room to the Technical Group for information.	N/A	N/A	N/A
City of Toronto	November 15, 2022	Meeting (virtual)	The City of Toronto convened a Strategic Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting to review the Public Realm Concepts prepared by the Province and to gather feedback from SAC members.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access to/from the Ontario Place site Questions about seasonality and maintenance Accessibility considerations Need for low-barrier (low cost) food retail 	Acknowledged and will be considered as the design concepts are evaluated and a preferred design is produced.	None
Eriks Eglite, OPC	November 17, 2022	Email	Provided general comments and observations from Ontario Place staff, including comments regarding the Evaluation Criteria.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revision to social, economic and technical environment criteria. 	Response provided April 17, 2023 by Project team. Note: See separate Agency Comment Response table.	Evaluation Criteria feedback considered in revising the table where applicable.
Aaron Shantz, TTC	November 21, 2022	Email	Provided comments regarding the Evaluation Criteria (within the document).	None	Project Team responded to comments on November 29, 2022.	Evaluation Criteria feedback considered in revising the table where applicable.
Project team	November 30, 2022	Meeting (virtual)	Meeting held with the TRCA. Presented new design considerations for the north shore, Brigantine Cove, East Bridge and the South Shore.	Concern with feasibility and management of floating wetlands	Studies on floating wetlands are still ongoing.	None

Group Name	Date	Method	Summary	Concern or Interest Raised	Response	Commitment Made or Follow-up
Don Little, TRCA	December 1, 2022	Meeting (virtual)	Meeting held with Aquatic Habitat Toronto (AHT), the TRCA and the Project Team. Presentation was given by the Project Team to provide an overview of the south shore, north shore, and cove design concepts (constraints and opportunities and design intent).	Concerns for floating wetland maintenance and destruction by geese. TRCA recommends real wetlands and changing edges of Brigantine Cove to accommodate; could be compensation for tenant land development. Floating wetlands do not provide as much fish habitat or quality as real wetlands. A diversity of plant depth and species is preferred and cannot be accommodated with floating wetlands.	Maintenance of floating wetlands is still being investigated as the design team is consulting with floating wetland experts on best practices and guidelines. Floating wetlands provide vegetation and habitat for wildlife and are preferred by the Project Team as it minimizes shoreline reconstruction and in-water works in the cove.	N/A
Project Team	January 12, 2023	Email	Sending agenda for the January 31, 2023 meeting with the TRCA.	Meeting will be used to go over the results of the EA evaluation tables and get feedback on the technical aspects of the evaluation outcomes.	N/A	The tables will be shared with TRCA following the meeting.
Project Team	January 12, 2023	Email: Invite Updated	Extending monthly meeting invite with the TRCA.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Project Team	January 31, 2023	Meeting (virtual)	Meeting held with the TRCA. Presented a summary of the evaluation of design concepts for each zone.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focus does not need to be put on protecting American Eel habitat as this species will migrate and can use a variety of habitat. Appropriate setback from coastal hazards (any recommended setbacks outlined in the coastal report) should be met for all structures, including underground parking. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acknowledged. Setbacks will be confirmed during detailed design. 	Evaluation tables to be shared with the TRCA following the meeting for review.
Project Team	February 3, 2023	Email	Providing the TRCA with meeting minutes and presentation materials from January 31 st meeting and the design concept evaluation matrices for comment.	N/A	N/A	The TRCA to provide comments/feedback on the evaluation matrices.
Project Team	February 15, 2023	Email	Providing the TRCA with the updated evaluation matrix for Brigantine Cove for comment.	N/A	N/A	The TRCA to provide comments/feedback on the evaluation matrix.
Project Team	February 21, 2022	Email: Invite Cancellation	Cancelling February's meeting with the TRCA as there are no new items to discuss at this time.	N/A	N/A	Monthly meeting to resume in March.

Group Name	Date	Method	Summary	Concern or Interest Raised	Response	Commitment Made or Follow-up
Project Team	March 6, 2023	Meeting (virtual)	Meeting with Ontario Place for All and Architectural Conservancy of Ontario. Topics of discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Environmental Assessment Redevelopment budgets Early works (maintenance and repairs) Site servicing Sustainability Water quality Public access 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concerns around lack of environmental assessment and regulation for the Therme development Lack of information on budgets What areas will remain green as opposed to parking and other areas? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Therme is not subject to the EA and will be required to meet environmental approvals through the rezoning, site plan approval, and permitting application processes. Tenants are responsible for their own facility and their leased areas. Public consultation on EA in late April will address the proposed design for public realm lands. 	Additional meeting to be scheduled to discuss sustainability, ecology, early works, West Island, and remaining items on the issue list.
Sharon Lingertat, TRCA	March 20, 2023	Email	Providing the TRCA's comments on the evaluation matrices.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Setbacks from shoreline hazards Reiterated concerns of floating wetlands Recommend in-water activities be located away from aquatic habitat features. Ensure requirements related to lake infilling are met. Note: See separate Agency Comment and Response table.	Email response provided May 1, 2023	Note: See separate TRCA Comment Response table.
Waterfront Toronto and City of Toronto	March 22, 2022	Meeting (virtual)	Design-review panel meeting. Presentation given on the entire Ontario Place redevelopment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parking and transportation Habitat loss/gain Marina strategy Accommodation for a range of uses 	Feedback will be considered during detail design.	N/A
Project Team	March 27, 2023	Email: Meeting Invite	Formal meeting invitation sent to Technical Group to review the design concept evaluations and recommended design. *note: Technical Groups invited to the meeting are listed in the Mailing List compiled for the project.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Project Team	March 29, 2023	Meeting (virtual)	Meeting held with the TRCA to provide an update on the evaluation and recommended design and to discuss TRCA's comments.	Concerns raised from comments provided by the TRCA March 20, 2023.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Studies are still ongoing and details such as setbacks will be further investigated and confirmed during detailed design. Floating wetlands have been moved closer to the shoreline. The public realm design does not include any lake-filling activities. 	Formal response will be provided via email.
Project Team	April 3, 2023	Email: Meeting Invite	Technical Group meeting invitation forwarded to the Heritage Planning Unit of MCM.	N/A	Invite accepted.	N/A

Group Name	Date	Method	Summary	Concern or Interest Raised	Response	Commitment Made or Follow-up
Project Team	April 4, 2023	Meeting (virtual)	<p>Meeting held with SwimOP. Discussion topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Accessible beach areas ▪ Construction timeline and impacts ▪ Combined sewer outlet and water quality ▪ Ungated access to Ontario Place ▪ Construction impacts to swimming areas and interim access ▪ Land ownership 	Interim access for swimming during construction.	After 2023, the whole site may be closed for construction due to safety concerns with construction vehicles. The east causeway will need to be closed due to construction. IO (Infrastructure Ontario) will look into the feasibility of moving the dock to the northeast corner of Trillium Park.	IO to review the feasibility of moving the dock to northeast corner of Trillium Park adjacent to existing washroom facilities to maintain water access for swimmers.
Project Team	April 5, 2023	Meeting (virtual)	<p>Meeting with Ontario Place for All and Architectural Conservancy of Ontario. Topics of discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Early works and impacts to birds ▪ Mitigation measures ▪ Potential hazards of glass building for migratory birds ▪ Maintenance of public spaces on the West Island ▪ Green and hard landscaping 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pebble beach accessibility ▪ Request for complete list of avian and aquatic species 	The pebble beach will be accessible throughout 2023. It will likely be inaccessible after 2023 once the site is under heavy construction mode due to safety reasons.	IO to look into the request for complete list of avian and aquatic species, more details on soft and hard landscaping for the public realm, and accessibility of interior paths during site servicing construction.
Aquatic Habitat Toronto	April 6, 2023	Meeting (virtual)	Meeting held with Aquatic Habitat Toronto, TRCA and the Project Team. Presentation was given by the Project Team on the rock berm design.	The rock berm implementation is acceptable overall and could provide additional aquatic habitat to the north shore. Implemented at Ontario Place west side already (Pan Am games). Submit DFO application for formal review. Submit to Transport Canada. Habitat banking is a possibility for the project but will make it more complicated.	Acknowledged.	N/A
Project Team	April 17, 2023	Meeting (virtual)	Meeting held with the Technical Group to present and gather feedback on the recommended design.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Crane heights during construction may have an impact on plane landing and takeoff at Billy Bishop Airport. ▪ Operation and maintenance buildings may be required. ▪ Approvals may be required under the <i>Canadian Navigable Waters Act</i> in the future. 	The design is still conceptual (30 to 40%) and agencies will continue to be engaged where appropriate.	Meeting slide deck to be sent to attendees following the meeting.

Group Name	Date	Method	Summary	Concern or Interest Raised	Response	Commitment Made or Follow-up
Project Team	April 18, 2023	Email	<p>Thanking the Technical Group for joining and sending material for feedback – to be provided by May 19th.</p> <p>Attachments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting Minutes Meeting Presentation Summary EA Evaluation tables for each zone 	N/A	N/A	Request for feedback by May 19, 2023.
Project Team	April 17, 2023	Email	Confirming with Sharon Lingertat that no new items need to be discussed this month for the Project and that the meeting can be cancelled.	None	N/A	Sharon replied confirming the TRCA is okay with cancelling the April meeting.
Project Team	April 18, 2023	Email: Invite Cancellation	Cancelling April's meeting with the TRCA as there are no new items to discuss at this time.	N/A	N/A	Monthly meeting to resume in May.
Metrolinx	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Various dates since the start of the Category C EA. Formal bi-weekly standing meeting established in April 2023. 	Meetings (virtual)	<p>Meetings held with Metrolinx and the Project Team. Ongoing discussion on Last mile solution (which includes transit connection from Exhibition GO and Ontario Line terminus station to Ontario Place Mainland, as well as pedestrian bridge improvements).</p> <p>Ongoing discussions on potential transit options, station layout configurations, workplans, delivery commitments and integration between the Ontario Line Subway project and the Ontario Place Redevelopment Project.</p>	<p>Interest in ensuring a seamless passenger and visitor connection from Exhibition GO to Ontario Place Mainland.</p> <p>No major concerns identified at this time.</p>	Ongoing discussions	Deliver Ontario Place Transit hub station infrastructure & pedestrian bridge improvements
Exhibition Place	Various dates from 2021 to present	Meetings (virtual)	Ongoing discussion on Ontario Place and Exhibition Place connectivity and linkage opportunities, including management of transportation and parking demand, visitor experience and alignment on overall vision.	<p>Interest in ensuring a seamless visitor connection between Exhibition Place grounds and Ontario Place.</p> <p>No major concerns identified at this time.</p>	Ongoing discussions	Coordinate and work with Infrastructure Ontario to align on vision between the two sites.

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Project Team	May 1, 2023	Email	Response to the TRCA's March 20, 2023 comments provided to the TRCA.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Setbacks from shoreline hazards▪ Reiterated concerns of floating wetlands▪ Recommend in-water activities be located away from aquatic habitat features.▪ Ensure requirements related to lake infilling are met. Note: See separate Agency Comment Response table.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Studies are still ongoing and details such as setbacks will be further investigated and confirmed during detailed design.▪ Floating wetlands have been moved closer to the shoreline.▪ The public realm design does not include any lake-filling activities. Note: See separate Agency Comment Response table.	Setbacks will be further considered as the design teams move into the design development stages of work with consideration for flood levels and proposed structures.
Project Team	May 1, 2023	Meeting (virtual)	Meeting held with Fort York Neighbourhood Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Traffic & Parking Concerns▪ Reduction of the publicly accessible area	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The intention is to create a mixed transit access solution that includes TTC extension, shuttle buses with connections to subway, and parking. The Project team will be working with the City to improve the intersection, increase capacity, better the signalization, turning permissions and other technical changes.▪ Publicly accessible areas are around 65% of the site.	Provided copy of meeting presentation and link to Virtual Public Engagement Room.

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Project Team	May 1, 2023	Meeting (virtual)	Meeting held with Bathurst Quay Neighbourhood Association.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scope of the EA Relocation of the Science Centre Number of Tree Removal Addition of Parking Spaces 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The <i>Environmental Assessment Act</i> is applicable to public sector developments. The redevelopment activities being led by Government are subject to the EA Act. The private sector does not have to formally follow the EA process, however they must comply with all municipal, provincial and federal, DFO approvals. There have been plans for science-based programming at Ontario Place since 2021. Recently there has been a decision made for the Ontario Science Centre to fulfill that programming. The intention is to minimize removal as much as possible. There will be significant replanting on the mainland and east Island, so it feels like Trillium Park. The proportion of parking spaces will be smaller than it is today, when compared to the number of anticipated site visitors. 	Provided copy of meeting presentation and link to Virtual Public Engagement Room.
Project Team	May 2, 2023	Meeting (virtual)	Meeting held with Parkdale Residents Association.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Amenities and number of washrooms Integration of design across the site 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There will be washrooms and pop-up food and beverage provided throughout the public realm. LANDinc has oversight of ensuring the continuity and integration of design across the site. 	Provided copy of meeting presentation and link to Virtual Public Engagement Room.
Jenny Farrand, OPC	May 19, 2023	Email	Sending feedback on the recommended design for the public realm.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safety 24/7 Operations Traffic and people flow Site management and maintenance Marina operations <p>Note: See separate Agency Comment and Response table.</p>	Acknowledged receipt of comments on May 23, 2023.	Comments will be further considered during detailed design.
Leon Lai, Waterfront Toronto	May 23, 2023	Email	Sending feedback on the recommended design for the public realm.	<p>Design suggestions.</p> <p>Note: See separate Agency Comment and Response table.</p>		Comments will be further considered, as applicable, and during detailed design.

Notes:

- EA = Environmental Assessment
- MECP = Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
- N/A = Not Applicable
- OPC = Ontario Place Corporation
- Project Team = Jacobs, LANDinc, MSP and IO
- IO = Infrastructure Ontario
- TRCA = Toronto and Region Conservation Authority
- TTC = Toronto Transit Commission

Agency Comments and Project Team Responses

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TRCA	August 5, 2022	RE: draft Evaluation Criteria Separate <u>Floodplain Management</u> from <u>Stormwater Management</u> – they are 2 different things. Suggest moving Stormwater up to the Surface Water Systems section.	Evaluation criteria table revised.	None
TRCA	August 5, 2022	RE: draft Evaluation Criteria <u>Stormwater</u> – should also acknowledge risk to flooding as a result of the Lake Ontario hazard (wave action, etc) Unclear what is meant by “allows for intermittent flooding”, as all flooding should be avoided. Perhaps this is a reference to surface water flooding of LID measures?	Evaluation criteria table revised.	None
TRCA	August 5, 2022	RE: draft Evaluation Criteria <u>Water Quality</u> - Measure/Parameter - please meet 80% TSS removal as part of a treatment train approach. Please note that TRCA credits 50% TSS removal for an OGS sized for 80% TSS removal for 90% of the annual rainfall. However, an OGS in combination with other Low Impact Development Measures (such as bioretention, enhanced swales, tree pits, and permeable pavers etc designed for the majority of the site) is credited 80% TSS removal.	Evaluation criteria table revised.	None
TRCA	August 5, 2022	RE: Shoreplan Coastal Hazard Assessment Memo The City of Toronto draft memo (Re: Ontario Place Redevelopment Planning Application Checklist; provided on July 18, 2022) indicates that TRCA has hired Baird to conduct a Shoreline Hazard Study for the entire jurisdiction. However, it is our understanding that ShorePlan (as per the provided Memo dated July 6, 2022) will be assisting with the shoreline hazard assessment for both existing and proposed shoreline conditions for the majority of the shoreline around Ontario Place (Reaches 1 and 4 to 13). As TRCA does not have coastal expertise on staff, we typically require a peer review of the coastal reports which may be required in this case given the significant amount of work anticipated along or near the shoreline. Additional fees would apply. TRCA will have to confer with procurement staff once a final scope is determined. Does Infrastructure Ontario object to Baird doing peer review for West Island, and if not, determine/clarify if Baird has a conflict of interest?	Shared with IO and Shoreplan.	Email follow-up sent by IO August 11, 2023.
TRCA	August 5, 2022	RE: Shoreplan Coastal Hazard Assessment Memo Further, the recommended scope of assessment should include the following: 1. As per Section 7.4.3.4 of TRCA's Living City Policies (LCP) document, any proposed infrastructure should be located outside of the Lake Ontario shoreline hazard which is determined by delineating the farthest combined landward extent of the three key shoreline hazards: flooding hazard, erosion hazard and dynamic beach hazard described below. a) Lake Ontario Flood Hazard includes a combined effect of the following: i) The 100-year Lake Ontario Flood Level (76.2m in IGLD85, please note – datum needs to be converted to the appropriate elevation for the datum the Shoreplan assessment is using) ii) The appropriate wave uprush allowance; and iii) The appropriate allowance for other water related hazards. b) Lake Ontario Shoreline Erosion Hazard includes a combined effect of the following: i) A stable slope allowance projected from the stable toe of slope; and ii) The 100-year recession rate or an erosion allowance of 30m. c) The Lake Ontario Shoreline Dynamic Beach Hazard includes a combined effect of the following: i) The Lake Ontario Shoreline Flood Hazard (as per sub-bullet no.1); and ii) A dynamic beach allowance of 30m. Please also ensure that any upgrades to existing outfalls or new outfalls are designed with the erosion protection supported by a professional coastal engineer. In addition, existing background information on the TRCA's Lake Ontario Shoreline Hazard Assessment can be requested via a formal data request To TRCA staff.	Shared with IO and Shoreplan.	None
TRCA	August 5, 2022	RE: public realm design concepts These concepts as presented are still at a very high level. TRCA staff currently have a meeting scheduled to discuss design elements with the consultants on August 17, 2020. Therefore our comments are high level and preliminary until further consultation at the scheduled August discussion.	Understood.	Further discussions on the design concepts were had during the following monthly meetings between the Project team and the TRCA.

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TRCA	August 5, 2022	RE: public realm design concepts Also, for some context on water quality TRCA staff suggest a review of the attached paper "Water Circulation in the Toronto Harbour". Although it focuses on the water movement throughout the inner and outer harbours of Toronto it could provide some good local context to some of the water circulation issues that Ontario Place currently experiences. This will become important when we start to look at the existing aquatic ecosystems and/or fisheries vs what could be changed or enhanced.	To be considered as design progresses.	None
TRCA	August 5, 2022	RE: public realm design concepts TRCA staff suggest for the designers, if they haven't done so already, review both the "Toronto Waterfront Aquatic Habitat Restoration Strategy (TWAHRS)" and the report "Evaluating the effectiveness of aquatic habitat restoration implemented using the Toronto Aquatic Habitat Restoration Strategy" links below. The shoreline habitat treatment concepts presented in these two publications are tried and tested as well as peer reviewed by multiple agencies including DFO and MNRF. TRCA has been prescribing and practicing these type of habitat works on the Lake Ontario waterfront for the last 15 plus years working toward an aquatic restoration strategy that not only connects habitats locally but also regionally throughout our waterfront jurisdiction. IO has a great opportunity here to not only design a "people place" but also enhance the local biodiversity and perhaps some of these concepts could be incorporated into their designs. https://trcaca.s3.ca-central-1.amazonaws.com/app/uploads/2017/09/17171923/TWAHRS_STRATEGY11.pdf https://trcaca.s3.ca-central-1.amazonaws.com/app/uploads/2021/01/07074413/TWAHRS-assessment-FINAL-technical-document-Nov-2020.pdf	To be considered as design progresses.	None
TRCA	August 5, 2022	Also, for some context on water quality TRCA staff suggest a review of the attached paper "Water Circulation in the Toronto Harbour". Although it focuses on the water movement throughout the inner and outer harbours of Toronto it could provide some good local context to some of the water circulation issues that Ontario Place currently experiences. This will become important when we start to look at the existing aquatic ecosystems and/or fisheries vs what could be changed or enhanced. <i>Attachment: 10_9_2018_Watercirc.pdf</i>	To be considered as design progresses.	None
TRCA	August 5, 2022	At present TRCA staff have commented on the featured floating wetlands as a design option. Staff highlighted concern with the need for intensive maintenance to have these wetlands remain a successful natural feature. Further, staff suggest a focus toward constructing more shoreline based self-sustaining wetland features tied holistically to the aquatic and terrestrial systems and once established, which require minimal maintenance for viability.	Floating wetlands continue to be investigated.	None
TRCA	March 20, 2023	Detailed comments regarding setback limits, the Lake Ontario shoreline hazard and potential shoreline hazard restoration work was provided in our response to the Official Plan Amendment and the Zoning By-Law Amendment dated February 13, 2023. Comments provided in Appendices A and B of the letter also apply to the proposed work through this on-going EA process. For example, the Brigantine Cove matrix references floating wetlands. TRCA noted that it would be our preference to focus on a design that is self-sustaining and does not require maintenance (shoreline improvements versus floating vegetation mats). A copy of that letter is attached for your reference.	Maintenance of the floating wetlands is still being investigated as the design team is consulting with floating wetland experts on best practices and guidelines. Floating wetlands provide vegetation and habitat for wildlife while minimizing shoreline reconstruction in the cove and in water works. Infrastructure Ontario has decided to focus the in-water wetland work east of the west Island and to implement an alternative approach for the cove. The potential for a boat house will likely be on piers and deck/dock construction approaches that will not require foundation work. These are typically built on the water or close to the water. However, in this case the building is not on the water and setbacks will be further considered as the design teams move into the design development stages of work with consideration for flood levels and proposed structures.	Discussed during March 29, 2023 meeting. Formal email response sent to Sharon Lingertat May 1, 2023.

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TRCA	March 20, 2023	It was noted in the February 3, 2023 email submission that the setback distance for the children's play area at Brigantine Cove of 5 m does not apply as it is not a building. TRCA staff typically request setbacks from the greater of the natural hazard which in this case is the Lake Ontario shoreline. This ensures risks to new buildings, infrastructure and amenities is avoided or minimized (e.g., Canoe House, play area and gathering spaces). As per the comments provided on February 13, 2023, TRCA staff recommends that new development be setback from the hazard to avoid future costly repairs and maintenance. Please confirm that IO and the coastal engineer agree with the proposed design, setbacks and risks to structures in this area.	The current design is at a conceptual level and is an approximate 30% preliminary design. Studies are still ongoing and details such as setbacks will be further investigated and confirmed during detailed design. The design team is working very closely with shoreline engineers to determine the opportunities and constraints along the shoreline, including flooding hazards that consider Environment Canada's latest assessment of increased 100-year high water levels for the year 2080.	Discussed during March 29, 2023 meeting. Formal email response sent to Sharon Lingertat May 1, 2023.
TRCA	March 20, 2023	Brigantine Cove: based on our experience with shoreline restoration sites, it is recommended that the in-water activities (kayak launch, beach, etc.) be located away from aquatic habitat features to avoid conflicts (e.g., not risk of hitting a feature with watercraft or complaints about vegetation in the water).	Floating wetlands have been moved closer to the shoreline to provide more effective aquatic habitat in shallow waters. This also creates more space for small watercraft areas within the cove; areas which do not conflict as significantly with aquatic habitat. These comments will be considered in the next iteration of design development, especially in consideration of the potential boathouse and dock potentials.	Discussed during March 29, 2023 meeting. Formal email response sent to Sharon Lingertat May 1, 2023.
TRCA	March 20, 2023	Several of the matrices reference flood plain management/flooding. Please ensure the designs consider lake-filling and the final revised shoreline hazard as noted in the TRCA letter dated February 13, 2023.	The public realm design does not include any lake-filling activities. Therefore, lake-filling is not included as an activity being assessed in the Category C EA process. In-water work may include shoreline rehabilitation and enhancement, and wetland vegetation planting.	Discussed during March 29, 2023 meeting. Formal email response sent to Sharon Lingertat May 1, 2023.
TRCA	March 20, 2023	Lake-filling will be required. TRCA defers to the city, province and federal agencies to ensure requirements related to lake-filling are met. Please also refer to comments provided in the February 13, 2023 letter. As noted in that letter, TRCA restoration staff are available to assist with the implementation of associated habitat re-creation in and around Ontario Place, as needed.	The public realm design does not include any lake-filling activities. Therefore, lake-filling is not included as an activity being assessed in the Category C EA process.	Discussed during March 29, 2023 meeting. Formal email response sent to Sharon Lingertat May 1, 2023.
TRCA	March 20, 2023	Please provide text or figure in the EA that clearly explains the differences between Concepts A and B (e.g., Concept A [Event + Activities]), Concept A [Fountain + Flexible Space]) as it was difficult to understand what these referred to and how to comment.	Figures and a description for each design concept will be included in Section 4: Alternatives and Evaluation of the Category C Class EA Environmental Study Report. The design concepts are also shown and briefly explained on the engagement platform at: https://engageontarioplace.ca/station/5-oct/ .	Discussed during March 29, 2023 meeting. Formal email response sent to Sharon Lingertat May 1, 2023.
OPC	November 17, 2022	Will the preferred concept address the design problem? What is the design problem? The evaluation of the design is segregated into six major criteria headings – Natural Environment, Social Environment, Cultural Environment, Technical Environment, Economic Environment, and Sustainability, all valid assessment categories for <u>most</u> development projects. Ontario Place Corporation notes that the redevelopment announcement by the Premier and Minister (July 2021) indicated very specific aspirations for the future of Ontario Place, and OPC urges the review team to include these aspirational objectives into the Evaluation Criteria, specifically, as another, perhaps overarching, heading category. The aspirations are otherwise lost in the generic assessment criteria.	The basic design problem is the need to design the public realm lands within Ontario Place. The Environmental Assessment (EA) process requires that we consider all aspects of the environment when undertaking a comparative evaluation. The six major category headings represent these aspects of the environment along with the addition of sustainability. The purpose of the evaluation is to assess potential “environmental” (based on all aspects of the environment) impacts of the designs and to select a preferred design that minimizes the overall impact on the environment. As you noted, these objectives have been taken into consideration throughout some of the criteria themselves.	Response provided via email on April 17, 2023
OPC	November 17, 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Premier announced a future Ontario Place that is to be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “a world class destination” “tourism destination” “a display of Ontario's strong cultural identity” “year round use” “long-term economic generator” <p>While these criteria were aimed at the future partner developments at Ontario Place, the public realm should be supporting the major partners. The development partners for this unique opportunity were selected based on four primary areas of consideration, and these selection considerations should be extended to the public realm as the glue that unites the development proposals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alignment with the government's vision of a world-class, year round destination Concept viability Delivery certainty 	The “criteria” that you have noted were used for the future partner developments at Ontario Place and were some of the basis for developing potential designs of the public realm lands. These have been considered as objectives for what the final design could provide to Ontario Place. The evaluation criteria you reviewed were developed to comparatively evaluate the proposed design concepts to select a recommended design by meeting the requirements of the Class EA process. The design concepts were refined further by including feedback from the public, stakeholders, technical agencies and Indigenous communities and adding additional elements that help meet the objectives for Ontario Place. This has included further development of the waterfront that falls within the public realm lands that are subject to the Public Work Class EA process. Evaluation of the design concepts takes into consideration such issues as viability, costs, ability to construct, etc.	Response provided via email on April 17, 2023

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Costs and benefits to the Province The announcement of the redevelopment of Ontario Place presented the notion of “showcasing Ontario as the world in one province” to local, provincial and international visitors. The announcement also positioned Ontario Place as a “unique waterfront site”. Ontario Place has noted that a number of design options presented to the public for comment were elements commonly found in local city parks and would not strengthen the Provincial mandate nor the aspirational objectives for Ontario Place. <p>A site functional program would assist greatly in design, efficiency assessments, and performance evaluation.</p>		
OPC	November 17, 2022	<p>Detailed comments on evaluation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social Indicator – change in public perception of Ontario Place could be measured through social media traffic. This tool could also strengthen public perception as options are developed. Social Noise Parameter – include the use of multi-point audio measurements across the site for development partner and site operator’s reference. Social Environment Criteria – the need for multi-functional spaces, both in use and seasonality. Technical Environment Criteria – Multi-modal hubs to support the “destination” objective. To include transit, tour bus, shuttle bus, uber/lyft and taxi access areas. Economic Criteria – cost and revenue opportunities, as measured by a high-level business plan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social media is more difficult to track but we have considered information that has been posted on through social media when undertaking the evaluation. This is difficult and would provide better results if this was done once some of the land has been developed. Given the types of uses being considered for the public realm noise is not considered an issue for what is being generated from the activities proposed. This has been taken consideration during the evaluation of the design concepts. The design concepts considered for the Mainland zone included a transit hub. Costs and revenue opportunities have been considered at a high level since more detailed cost estimates would be developed as part of the preferred design and through detailed design when the specifics have been identified. 	Response provided via email on April 17, 2023
OPC	May 19, 2023	<p>Comments dated May 10, 2023.</p> <p>Safety</p> <p>1. Safety concerns around water</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are currently no barriers shown around water, compliance with safety regulations should be considered. Example: Water’s Edge/boardwalk – with waves in summer or frozen in winter, these will be hazardous areas The stepping stones into water may be a hazard. Swimming is prohibited on site and risks slipping with algae or dangerous corners/edges. Is there a type of stone or additions to be made that can provide friction? <p>2. Security</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the event of emergency site closure, there should be built-in gates to close off areas if needed for control of large venue. Alternately, consider evacuation plans. <p>3. Lighting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will there be a comprehensive lighting plan throughout the site? Currently, inadequate lighting in Trillium Park is a safety concern and being remedied. <p>24/7 Operations</p> <p>1. Deliveries and Contractors Access</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If the site is open 24/7, when will the site deliveries/back of house needs be addressed? Will there be pathways and access points for trucks and service vehicles to use, separate from the public? <p>2. Overnight Vandalism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The large site experiences regular vandalism and damage to property. There may be value in blocking off certain areas to reduce these issues, otherwise there will be costly maintenance and safety concerns. <p>3. Tenant Hours of Operations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The four major sections will have different hours of operation (Therme, Live Nation, Science Centre and Marina). What are the expectations with 24/7 operations? <p>Traffic & People Flow</p> <p>1. Visitor Experience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is overall site capacity? Are the restrooms, kiosks, etc matching capacity requirements? <p>2. Transit Hub & Traffic Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Designated areas for different types of transportation is important and now standard across major cities. Example: No “kiss and ride”, designated pick up/drop off area, rideshare or bus ports. There is no Bus Port indicated, with a major part of Science Centre’s visitors coming by bus (schools). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes, there will be barriers on the rocks to the water, this, as well as material of the rocks will be refined during detailed design. There is a pickup and drop off area east of the central gateway in the Mainland Zone. There is also a bus drop off area for OSC that is part of the underground parking garage. There is also a transit hub that has bus connections just west of the Central Gateway. We are working on having several accesses to Lake Shore Boulevard West from the parking areas but that will be further developed during detailed design. Bicycle parking will be included throughout the site but largely on the Mainland and near the Central Gateway to encourage people to walk throughout Ontario Place. There is other bicycle parking provided throughout the site at key points (e.g., washrooms). This is being further refined during detailed design. The remainder of the comments on people flow, tenants and Site Management, and Marina are items that MOI and IO will consider further and may capture during detailed design and as food and beverage options are determined. 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Current plans do not show a connection driving from 2 different parking lots. These lots will fill during events and need an outflow option to another area. The reality of underground parking will be a major challenge and unappealing to concert goers trying to enter/exit all at the same time with limited laneways. Current operations use multiple exit points to release traffic as safely and quickly as possible. <p>3. Bicycles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">There is no bicycle parking or bike share considerations. OP has recorded up to 500 bikes locked along fence line at Centre Entrance during a concert. Planning for an increase as the city encourages sustainable transportation will be beneficial to site operations and visitor experience. <p>4. Centre Entrance People Flow</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Desire Lines: Live Nation line ups block pathways and bridges, along with pedestrians crossing roadways. With an increased venue capacity, this will become a larger problem affecting Centre Entrance and parking.Complexities and issues remain with organization of Centre Entrance with the merging of multiple stakeholder groups. Consider transit areas designated for Science Centre visitors (buses) that should not cross other tenants (Live Nation or Therme).		
OPC	May 19, 2023	<p>Tenants and Site Management</p> <p>1. Future Tenants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Some considerations should be made towards other potential tenants as information appears to be skewed to current tenant Live Nation's requests.Environmental Assessment doesn't include Trillium Park, but Hoverlink is proposed for this area and requires updating to connection point. <p>2. Collective responsibilities during an emergency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Review will be needed on liability and control of visitors when outside tenants' footprints. Campus control of common property vs private businesses' leased propertiesExample: Live Nation evacuation of Lawn in a weather event. Would this group move to underground parking garage? This would be off LN property and no longer their liability. <p>3. Oversight</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">What entity will be on-site control to manage and provide leadership on services/tenant issues?Areas within Public Realm will need attention and service. Example: maintaining access to the boat launch at Trillium Park, which requires winterization. <p>Maintenance</p> <p>1. No provision for On-Site Maintenance/Office Building</p> <p>Whether OP or 3rd party contractors, there will need to be storage space for equipment with daily site requirements.</p> <p>2. Maintenance Challenges with Proposed Design</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Boardwalk: wood decking is a challenge for snow/ice removal, vehicle traffic wear & tear, and load limitations for emergency vehiclesWooden structures and furniture will have a short lifespan before expensive replacements and constant maintenanceUmbrellas/canopies, recreation equipment and structures will be exposed to weather on shoreline; Consider wind patterns with high exposure compared to sheltered parksSubstations/hydro buildings not appearing throughout site in public designs <p>Marina</p> <p>1. On-site Office and Access</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Marina will need a site office and security considerations.Where will access through the site be located? In the past, boaters passed through Bridge 10 (Pods/Cinesphere) which will now be Science Centre with different hours of operations.Overnight security will be required, with restricted access to boats. <p>2. Amenities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Boating community will expect certain amenities and hours of operations. Regardless of business plans, there needs to be option/hook ups for these needs in future <p>3. Marine connections to Harbour</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">There should be a designated water taxi pick up/drop off points, to encourage transportation to and from Toronto Harbour.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Yes, there will be barriers on the rocks to the water, this, as well as material of the rocks will be refined during detailed design.There is a pickup and drop off area east of the central gateway in the Mainland Zone. There is also a bus drop off area for OSC that is part of the underground parking garage. There is also a transit hub that has bus connections just west of the Central Gateway. We are working on having several accesses to Lake Shore Boulevard West from the parking areas but that will be further developed during detailed design.Bicycle parking will be included throughout the site but largely on the Mainland and near the Central Gateway to encourage people to walk throughout Ontario Place. There is other bicycle parking provided throughout the site at key points (e.g., washrooms). This is being further refined during detailed design.The remainder of the comments on people flow, tenants and Site Management, and Marina are items that MOI and IO will consider further and may capture during detailed design and as food and beverage options are determined.	

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TTC	November 21, 2022	RE: Draft Evaluation Criteria Are washrooms under the the umbrella of “comfortability for site users” – if so, can operators use them?	Design team has advised that there is no reason TTC operators cannot use the washrooms. Everything we are evaluating and designing as part of the government-led work is available to the public.	Email reply sent November 29, 2022
TTC	November 21, 2022	RE: Draft Evaluation Criteria Assuming this was supposed to say “safe”	Comfortable is correct. We have included safety as an indicator to feeling comfortable when using the site. Safety is being measured by maintaining safe access throughout construction, ability to implement safety features throughout the site, and reducing potential for vehicle and pedestrian/cyclist collisions within the site.	
TTC	November 21, 2022	RE: Draft Evaluation Criteria Rephrase “Transit connection to and within the site” as “Mult-Modal Transit Connections to and within the site”?	Okay, done.	
TTC	November 21, 2022	RE: Draft Evaluation Criteria Number of routes connecting to the site and span of service (i.e. time of day such as all day, peak only, etc.) could also be measured.	The Project (i.e., public realm design) won’t have any influence over the routes or frequency of service but it can provide opportunities to include locations for transit stops and hubs.	
TTC	November 21, 2022	RE: Draft Evaluation Criteria Can facilities such as washrooms be a part of the accommodation of looping/terminating transit routes?	Request sent to the design team.	
TTC	November 21, 2022	RE: Draft Evaluation Criteria Unclear what this measure / parameter [Connectivity for transit users through the site (i.e., the improvements to the Martin Goodman Trail)] addresses. Does this refer to ability for transit users to access and connect to pedestrian and cycling networks such as the Martin Goodman Trail?	This is specifically for pedestrians and cyclists. This parameter was included based on feedback from the public that use that trail and would like to see more connections to the trail. I edited the wording since I can see how it is confusing with actual transit routes.	
TTC	November 21, 2022	RE: Draft Evaluation Criteria Does this [zero carbon emissions] mean that the plan is open to having potential on-site charging stations for Electric Bus charging?	That could be a possibility although this was added more in terms of how the buildings on site will operate (e.g., energy efficiency, renewable energy source).	
TTC	November 21, 2022	RE: Draft Evaluation Criteria What about LEED Certification?	Already added during previous iterations of the table.	
Waterfront Toronto	May 23, 2023	General <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appreciated the opportunity to comment during this early design stage. Appreciated the generous water’s edge, the gradual stepping down to the water, and many opportunities to sit, gather, and engage with water. Appreciated the civic nature of the overall proposal and the all-ages programs for all Ontarians. Many of the key spaces have a high amount of hardscape, consider increasing softscape with vegetation and trees to increase the overall site permeability and improve micro-climate support. Refer to the specific comments below for each zone. Appreciating that this is still early in the design development, the site feels over-programmed and requires further distilling: there is sense of over-programming for many of the zones. Provide a holistic programmatic strategy for the public realm, consider reducing the number of programs and focus on the core strategy. consider carefully whether all proposed programs are essential, i.e. there are many cultural pavilions – are these placeholders for future uses? Provide clarification on their use and need of all program elements. Provide existing site conditions for each zone to help understand what is being retained / removed / added. There appears to be discrepancies between the site plan and renderings in terms of scale, i.e. the scale figures in the plans seem smaller than the renderings, making the site plan spaces feel much larger than the perspectives. Provide a scale on all drawings and ensure consistency in scale across drawings. 	The design is still at a conceptual level. Conceptual level comments will be considered in refining and confirming the preferred design. Detailed comments will be considered during detailed design.	
Waterfront Toronto	May 23, 2023	Zone 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appreciated the civic nature of a generous public realm along the water’s edge that steps down to give visitors opportunity to touch water. The rock form edge could be dangerous when wet, is there requirement for railing? Provide clarification on how the edge is protected for users. The edge feels very hard, consider interspersing a more naturalized edge condition with more vegetation, more variety in planting, bringing some of the trees and plants down to the water, more micro-climate for the wind, improving lake level resilience, etc. Continue to develop the tree layout, consider clustering working with the landscape. 	The design is still at a conceptual level. Conceptual level comments will be considered in refining and confirming the preferred design. Detailed comments will be considered during detailed design.	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is not comfortable sitting on cold stone – consider integrating some wooden seating surfaces. People with mobility issues cannot sit on these rocks, provide back benches that are more amenable for less abled body people – also warmer in the winter. Provide clarification on AODA access in this area – is there an integrated ramp? Provide clarification on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Functionality of the "lookout pavilion Path material as it looks different in the rendering than in plan Provide clarification on whether the riprap is required along this edge and if it should be extended from Trillium Park. Provide a sectional drawing of this area. 		
Waterfront Toronto	May 23, 2023	Zone 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strong support for the effort to bring quality Food and Beverage to the Marina/ Ontario Place Appreciated the refresh of the pavilion and surfaces of the Marina While the wood deck is appreciated, are there any lower cost alternatives in the case that the budget does not allow for wood? Some proposed elements, such as the wood, the custom furniture, windmill structures, and lighting, look difficult to maintain – encouraged to ensure the design is robust and aligns with the level of maintenance required. Provide information on the operation and ownership of the marina and structures. Should there be a clubhouse for the boat owners? The Marina area is very exposed, consider providing opportunities for shade, i.e. canopy structures or trees, or walking under shade. Provide more information on the pavilions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide more information on the overall programmatic requirements of the Marina and how the areas provided by the pavilions will achieve that objective. what is their strategy for operation and back-of-house requirements? (Loading, storage, supply vehicles access and parking, emergency vehicles...) For the dining pavilions, consider capacity metrics and realities of kitchen sizing and infrastructure requirements Are they open year-round? How do they function in the winter? Please justify this mix of programming at this specific location? While retail and F&B are good animators of public space, the location is relatively remote and may be challenging for vendors/ops and users to access as it's far from transit/parking/etc. Could it be simplified? I.e. clubhouse and café with more green space which can be flexible for a variety of uses Consider more landscaping as a buffer between the pavilions and the water and wind. Appreciating this is an early concept design for the pavilions, provide more information on the design drivers, process such as massing studies, configurations, and their sustainability strategy – focus on how the new designs are innovative like the original Zeidler pavilions. Some inconsistency between render and the plan, provide clarification on the paving pattern. Provide more information on the cultural pavilions - are these supported by a backstage for performance, is there seating requirement? Pier feels very linear, consider a layout that encourages gatherings, micro-climate, and provide information on the turbines. Are the built-in timber seating/canopy structures accessible to all? Are the shading canopies oriented to provide shade at peak hours and buffer the prevailing westerly winds? 	The design is still at a conceptual level. Conceptual level comments will be considered in refining and confirming the preferred design. Detailed comments will be considered during detailed design.	
Waterfront Toronto	May 23, 2023	Zone 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strong support for the children focused public realm and the playground programs. Ensure there is infrastructure for caregivers, i.e. seating areas with shade, washrooms, water fountains, access to food. We love to see more beaches proposed for Toronto! This beach looks small, explore if it can be larger, or if there can be several beach coves here? This beach looks deep with minimal shoreline, might there be a way to increase the shoreline/length of the beach? The natural seating logs and driftwood on the beach work well here, both thematically and functionally. Can we bring more of this throughout? What is the "pavilion" for and is it necessary? Is there another offering that could/should go here instead? 	The design is still at a conceptual level. Conceptual level comments will be considered in refining and confirming the preferred design. Detailed comments will be considered during detailed design.	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specify function of the wetlands and their being located here, specifically. Are they able to be interacted with by the public or just for viewing? Boat launch: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please clarify what types of boats? Preference is for non-motorized marine vessels, ie: kayaks, canoes, stand-up paddle boards.. Consider required area for storage, parking, loading. What kinds of fountains are these? What happens in the winter? What is their purpose and value? The main pathway is long and straight in one direction, appearing to accommodate emergency access vehicles but potentially monotonous for guests and users. Consider refining this path to amplify the experience of play and nature, such as more bends, a meandering experience, and leverage landscaping to create areas that are sheltered from wind creating comfortable micro-climate zones. 		
Waterfront Toronto	May 23, 2023	Zone 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appreciated maintaining the existing shoreline and improving the accessibility to the islands. Support for the more entertainment focused programs in this area closed to the entrance to Ontario Place. The rectangular cabana/market/cove location has enormous potential. What is the best offering that we can provide for the public here? Perhaps the program can be simplified to more passive use, and phase in more development in future? Current bookending of lawn, facing amphitheatres sandwiching a small beach is not convincing. Why no trees here? Please think through the proposed program for this area. For whom is this design? As a long narrow corridor landscape, what might be best suited for this place? The vehicular circulation around the east gateway access point, the surface parking and the drop-off area doesn't work yet. There should be a secondary access point. Pls consider how congestion will play out here. How to mitigate overlap between pedestrian and vehicular circulation around east gateway access? Provide more information on the parking areas. Who is the surface parking lot for? Can anyone park here? 	The design is still at a conceptual level. Conceptual level comments will be considered in refining and confirming the preferred design. Detailed comments will be considered during detailed design.	
Waterfront Toronto	May 23, 2023	Zone 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strong support for providing a wet play area at Ontario Place. In next phase of design, please consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Size the water amenity for capacity. Looks approx. 4000sm? Consider the expansiveness of the proposed area. What happens here at winter? Ice rink possible? Is this a splash pad or is it a fountain for visual appeal? Does it have potential to hold water mapping projection shows? If splash pad, consider clustering different play areas for different age groups and not just for children – all ages! There are hundreds of kinds of splash pad products – first need to design a theme and then build out the facilities to meet the capacity and intended user groups. The location is a far distance and long walk from parking/transit. How are families with children getting here? Are washrooms/changerooms close by? Is there a café to serve people and draw them in? Is there enough shade and seating? Water features need significant space required for mechanical/ops. Most will need to be at grade and will likely need to be screened and out of reach for visitors. Needs further study. Should the “play fountain” be shifted north to where “stone paving” area is? The “flexible event lawn” and “stone paving” look like leftovers. They are adjacent the main pathway. If there is additional unused space, consider defaulting to green space instead of hardscape. Is there an opportunity here for more open lawns? A series of small berms? Rainwater gardens? What is ecosystem/ecological value potential here? Why a large tent at five of the entrances? Please elaborate on why/how/when of the “market alley” There appears to be very little shade and a lot of barren hardscapes here, consider opportunities to maximize trees, vegetation to soften this area while ensuring the functions of the plaza remains. Rockwork is great and fits within the context. It is also very expensive. It will block views to the lake, is the purpose for wind buffer? Note that ppl will climb this. 	The design is still at a conceptual level. Conceptual level comments will be considered in refining and confirming the preferred design. Detailed comments will be considered during detailed design.	

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Sent: Friday, August 5, 2022 3:26 PM
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Ontario Place Redevelopment - Preliminary Evaluation Criteria - TRCA Input
Attachments: 10_9_2018_Watercirc.pdf

Good afternoon Anna,

Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) staff received preliminary public realm design options, the Shoreplan Coastal Hazard Assessment Memo, and preliminary evaluation criteria in consultation for the Category C Class Environmental Assessment (EA) which is being conducted by Infrastructure Ontario (IO), following from a meeting with Jacobs Engineering Group Inc. on July 19, 2022.

Please see TRCA comments on the draft **Evaluation Criteria** below:

- a) Separate Floodplain Management from Stormwater Management – they are 2 different things.
 - a. Suggest moving Stormwater up to the Surface Water Systems section
- b) Stormwater – should also acknowledge risk to flooding as a result of the Lake Ontario hazard (wave action, etc)
 - a. Unclear what is meant by “allows for intermittent flooding”, as all flooding should be avoided. Perhaps this is a reference to surface water flooding of LID measures?
- c) Water Quantity - Measure/Parameter - please match existing peak flows with a runoff coefficient of 0.5 under proposed conditions for the 2-year to 100-year design storms.
- d) Water Quality - Measure/Parameter - please meet 80% TSS removal as part of a treatment train approach. Please note that TRCA credits 50% TSS removal for an OGS sized for 80% TSS removal for 90% of the annual rainfall. However, an OGS in combination with other Low Impact Development Measures (such as bioretention, enhanced swales, tree pits, and permeable pavers etc designed for the majority of the site) is credited 80% TSS removal.

Please see TRCA comments on the **Shoreplan Coastal Hazard Assessment Memo** below:

The City of Toronto draft memo (Re: Ontario Place Redevelopment Planning Application Checklist; provided on July 18, 2022) indicates that TRCA has hired Baird to conduct a Shoreline Hazard Study for the entire jurisdiction. However, it is our understanding that ShorePlan (as per the provided Memo dated July 6, 2022) will be assisting with the shoreline hazard assessment for both existing and proposed shoreline conditions for the majority of the shoreline around Ontario Place (Reaches 1 and 4 to 13). As TRCA does not have coastal expertise on staff, we typically require a peer review of the coastal reports which may be required in this case given the significant amount of work anticipated along or near the shoreline. Additional fees would apply. TRCA will have to confer with procurement staff once a final scope is determined. Does **Infrastructure Ontario** object to Baird doing peer review for West Island, and if not, determine/clarify if Baird has a conflict of interest?

Further, the recommended scope of assessment should include the following:

- a. As per Section 7.4.3.4 of TRCA’s Living City Policies (LCP) document, any proposed infrastructure should be located outside of the Lake Ontario shoreline hazard which is determined by delineating the farthest combined landward extent of the three key shoreline hazards: flooding hazard, erosion hazard and dynamic beach hazard described below.
 - (1) Lake Ontario Flood Hazard includes a combined effect of the following:

- a) The 100-year Lake Ontario Flood Level (76.2m in IGLD85, please note - datum needs to be converted to the appropriate elevation for the datum the Shoreplan assessment is using)
 - b) The appropriate wave uprush allowance; and
 - c) The appropriate allowance for other water related hazards.
- (2) Lake Ontario Shoreline Erosion Hazard includes a combined effect of the following:
- a) A stable slope allowance projected from the stable toe of slope; and
 - b) The 100-year recession rate or an erosion allowance of 30m.
- (3) The Lake Ontario Shoreline Dynamic Beach Hazard includes a combined effect of the following:
- a) The Lake Ontario Shoreline Flood Hazard (as per sub-bullet no.1); and
 - b) A dynamic beach allowance of 30m.
- b) Please also ensure that any upgrades to existing outfalls or new outfalls are designed with the erosion protection supported by a professional coastal engineer. In addition, existing background information on the TRCA's Lake Ontario Shoreline Hazard Assessment can be requested via a formal data request To TRCA staff.

Please see TRCA comments on the **public realm design options** below:

These concepts as presented are still at a very high level. TRCA staff currently have a meeting scheduled to discuss design elements with the consultants on August 17, 2020. Therefore our comments are high level and preliminary until further consultation at the scheduled August discussion.

TRCA staff suggest for the designers, if they haven't done so already, review both the "Toronto Waterfront Aquatic Habitat Restoration Strategy (TWAHRS)" and the report "Evaluating the effectiveness of aquatic habitat restoration implemented using the Toronto Aquatic Habitat Restoration Strategy" links below. The shoreline habitat treatment concepts presented in these two publications are tried and tested as well as peer reviewed by multiple agencies including DFO and MNRF. TRCA has been prescribing and practicing these type of habitat works on the Lake Ontario waterfront for the last 15 plus years working toward an aquatic restoration strategy that not only connects habitats locally but also regionally throughout our waterfront jurisdiction. IO has a great opportunity here to not only design a "people place" but also enhance the local biodiversity and perhaps some of these concepts could be incorporated into their designs.

https://trcaca.s3.ca-central-1.amazonaws.com/app/uploads/2017/09/17171923/TWAHRS_STRATEGY11.pdf
<https://trcaca.s3.ca-central-1.amazonaws.com/app/uploads/2021/01/07074413/TWAHRS-assessment-FINAL-technical-document-Nov-2020.pdf>

Also, for some context on water quality TRCA staff suggest a review of the attached paper "Water Circulation in the Toronto Harbour". Although it focuses on the water movement throughout the inner and outer harbours of Toronto it could provide some good local context to some of the water circulation issues that Ontario Place currently experiences. This will become important when we start to look at the existing aquatic ecosystems and/or fisheries vs what could be changed or enhanced.

At present TRCA staff have commented on the featured floating wetlands as a design option. Staff highlighted concern with the need for intensive maintenance to have these wetlands remain a successful natural feature. Further, staff suggest a focus toward constructing more shoreline based self-sustaining wetland features tied holistically to the aquatic and terrestrial systems and once established, which require minimal maintenance for viability.

I hope this is helpful and we very much appreciate being engaged at this stage.

Thank you,

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Dear Emma Henderson,

**Re: Evaluation Tables
Ontario Place – Category C Environmental Assessment**

Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) staff received the evaluation matrices for The Forum, The Mainland, The Marina, Water's Edge Zone, meeting minutes of January 31, 2023 and the presentation dated January 31, 2023, on February 3, 2023. TRCA staff also received the updated Brigantine Cove evaluation matrix and cove sketch on February 15, 2023.

TRCA STAFF REVIEW

A Category C Environmental Assessment (EA) is underway for Ontario Place to evaluate the government-led activities on site such as shoreline work and reconstruction of the public realm spaces, outside of the tenanted lands. TRCA staff have reviewed the above-noted information and provide the following comments.

1. Detailed comments regarding setback limits, the Lake Ontario shoreline hazard and potential shoreline hazard restoration work was provided in our response to the Official Plan Amendment and the Zoning By-Law Amendment dated February 13, 2023. Comments provided in Appendices A and B of that letter also apply to proposed work through this on-going EA process. For example, the Brigantine Cove matrix references floating wetlands. TRCA noted that it would be our preference to focus on a design that is self-sustaining and does not require maintenance (shoreline improvements versus floating vegetation mats). A copy of that letter is attached for your reference.
2. It was noted in the February 3, 2023 email submission that the setback distance for the children's play area at Brigantine Cove of 5 m does not apply as it is not a building. TRCA staff typically request setbacks from the greater of the natural hazard which in this case is the Lake Ontario shoreline. This ensures risks to new buildings, infrastructure and amenities is avoided or minimized (e.g., Canoe House, play area and gathering spaces). As per the comments provided on February 13, 2023, TRCA staff recommends that new development be setback from the hazard to avoid future costly repairs and maintenance. Please confirm that Infrastructure Ontario (IO) and the coastal engineer agree with the proposed design, setbacks and risks to structures in this area.
3. Brigantine Cove: Based on our experience with shoreline restoration sites, it is recommended that the in-water activities (kayak launch, beach, etc.) be located away from aquatic habitat features to avoid conflicts (e.g. no risk of hitting a feature with watercraft or complaints about vegetation in the water).

4. Several of the matrices reference flood plain management/flooding. Please ensure the designs consider lake-filling and the final revised shoreline hazard as noted in the TRCA letter dated February 13, 2023.
5. Lake-filling will be required. TRCA defers to the city, province and federal agencies to ensure requirements related to lake-filling are met. Please also refer to comments provided in the February 13, 2023 letter. As noted in that letter, TRCA restoration staff are available to assist with the implementation of associated habitat re-creation in and around Ontario Place, as needed.
6. Please provide text or a figure in the EA that clearly explains the differences between Concepts A and B. (eg, "Concept A (Event + Activities)", "Concept A (Fountain + Flexible Space)") as it was difficult to understand what these referred to and how to comment.

Should you have any questions or require any additional information please contact me at (437) 880-2435 or at sharon.lingertat@trca.ca.

Regards,



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Attached: TRCA comment letter, dated February 13, 2023

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Dear Colin Wolfe and Eric Pitre,

**Re: Ontario Place Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment – 1st Submission
955 Lake Shore Boulevard West – City Application No. 22 233864 STE 10 OZ
City of Toronto**

These comments respond to the above noted circulation of the first submission for Official Plan Amendment (OPA) and Zoning By-Law Amendment (ZBA) applications. Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) staff received the OPA and ZBA applications along with supporting planning documents, background reports and drawings from the City of Toronto, on December 6, 2022.

OVERVIEW

Zoning and OPA

The OPA is intended to provide long-term direction for the revitalization of the site and considers the Ontario Place site as a whole including the existing parking areas on the mainland, but excluding Trillium Park. The ZBA is meant to provide direction for the comprehensive renewal of the public realm across the site while providing detailed permission for the first phase of development on the West Island including public outdoor spaces, the Therme facility and the proposed parking structure on the mainland. Rezoning for the Therme development includes the proposed family entertainment complex, wellness area, restaurant and other supporting uses for a total of 64,372 m² of non-residential gross floor area. TRCA staff also understand that this zoning amendment is required to update the historically permitted uses like the existing Live Nation site. Separate development applications will be required for future major facilities including the potential science entrance pavilion on the mainland and redevelopment of the Live Nation Amphitheatre for example. Site plan applications will be submitted for all tenanted and non-tenanted areas in the future.

Environmental Assessment (EA)

A Category C EA is also underway for the non-tenanted areas to evaluate options for government-led development activities such as shoreline work, and to identify a preferred design for the public realm areas, outside of the tenanted lands. Design concepts for the public realm areas continue to be evaluated through the EA process and will inform updates to the public realm designs, included in future resubmissions of the OPA and ZBA materials. TRCA staff understands that the scope of the EA currently does not cover work on the West Island.

TRCA STAFF REVIEW

To address long-term flood and erosion issues a significant amount of lake-filling is proposed to raise the existing land-base around the periphery of the site, primarily on the West Island. These areas will be used for the public realm. Shoreline improvements will introduce new aquatic habitat including, but not limited to, a submerged reef at the West Headland and wetland improvements along Brigantine Cove. On the mainland the existing parking lot will be reconfigured and consolidated into a below-grade parking structure that will facilitate bus drop-off and pick-up. A new science pavilion as well as a new Therme entrance pavilion are being proposed on the mainland.

Conservation authorities have the delegated responsibility of representing the provincial interest on natural hazards encompassed by Section 3.1 of the **Provincial Policy Statement, 2020 (PPS)**. TRCA recognizes that Crown agencies are exempt from review under the Conservation Authorities Act and may request Voluntary Project Review (VPR) at the design stage.

Staff have completed a comprehensive review of the above-noted submission and detailed comments are provided in **Appendix A**.

Review Comments

Limits of Development and Setbacks

The ZBA focuses on new development specific to the West Island, as well as updates to the entire site to bring it into conformity with historically permitted uses. The development limits for the tenanted lands are subject to the results of the shoreline work which is expected to raise grades and provide for additional land base. It is unclear whether the development limits and setbacks as shown in the ZBA application have been informed by the shoreline hazard (flooding, erosion and dynamic beach) and the new shoreline. As such, it is unclear whether the applications provided meet TRCA policies at this time. TRCA recommends that updated mapping (e.g., Diagram 5 in the ZBA application) and text be provided to clarify setbacks and reflect the proposed public realm spaces, natural hazard and development areas.

Lake Ontario Shoreline Hazard

A significant amount of lakefill and shoreline work is proposed to raise portions of Ontario Place that are currently flood prone. Typically, TRCA encourages a peer review of the coastal report; however, TRCA understands, based on past discussions with IO, that accuracy of the coastal report(s) as they relate to existing and proposed conditions will be deferred to IO to manage.

Notwithstanding the above, and as per TRCA's The Living City Policies (LCP), the coastal assessment should:

1. Delineate the shoreline hazard which is the combined extent of the flooding, erosion and dynamic beach hazards based on:
 - i) existing shoreline conditions where no lakefilling is required; and
 - ii) future proposed shoreline conditions, where alterations to the shoreline are expected.
2. Ensure new development is located outside of the shoreline hazard plus an appropriate buffer/setback.
3. Support proposed shoreline design to ensure long-term resilience of the project.
4. Consider climate change forecasts for Lake Ontario water levels to determine if additional floodproofing requirements need to be incorporated into the design and siting of buildings and infrastructure.
5. Note that this hazard limit will inform future maintenance requirements and costs for any infrastructure located within the hazard limits (e.g., pedestrian paths, underground infrastructure).

As noted above, development should be directed outside of the hazard areas subject to flooding, erosion and dynamic beach limitations (if any). Where appropriate, submitted reports should clearly outline and incorporate requirements as it relates to natural hazards. For example, the Planning Justification Report (Section 5.3) ends at Section 2: Wise Use and Management of Resources and does not include the Natural Hazards (3.1) and Human-Made Hazards (3.2) sections of the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS).

Restoration Projects

TRCA restoration staff are available to assist with the implementation of associated habitat re-creation in and around Ontario Place. Should IO engage TRCA restoration staff, and in anticipation of further discussions regarding lakefill and habitat creation opportunities, staff have provided recommendations related to the restoration work for consideration and discussion at future stages in **Appendix B**.

RESUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

In order to facilitate the review of the next submission, please:

1. Provide a covering letter with Central File Number (CFN) 66416.05 quoted, summarizing how TRCA comments have been addressed.
2. Update Appendix A table to include detailed responses for each TRCA comment. For your convenience, an MS WORD version of Appendix A is enclosed.
3. Ensure all supporting materials are submitted in PDF format, with drawings pre-scaled to print on 11"x17" pages.
4. Materials submitted through e-mail must be less than 5 MB.
5. Materials submitted through a file transfer protocol (FTP) site must be posted for a minimum of two weeks.

Should you have any questions, if you would like to setup a meeting or if you require any additional information please contact me at (437) 880-2435 or at sharon.lingertat@trca.ca.

Regards,



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Attached: Appendix A: TRCA Comments and Proponent Responses (pdf)
 Appendix B: TRCA Comments – Shoreline Hazard Restoration (pdf)
 Appendix A and Appendix B: MS WORD file for responses

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APPENDIX A: TRCA COMMENTS AND PROPONENT RESPONSES

ITEM	DOCUMENT	TRCA COMMENTS (February 13, 2023)	PROPONENT RESPONSE (INSERT DATE)
OPA and ZBA Comments			
1	Planning Justification Report – pg 4, pg 92, pg 37	<p>TRCA understands that the ongoing Category C EA will be assessing design concepts for the public realm work for the entire site.</p> <p>a) Please clarify whether the EA will be addressing fill placement and shoreline work for the entire site, including the West Island? If the EA is meant to include the West Island, because there will be significant lakefill required to raise the site and accommodate future development and infrastructure, it seems premature to be revising the OP and zoning given that the EA is ongoing which will inform new hazard and public realm areas. This section also notes that "...the materials submitted in support of the OPA and ZBA application articulate a specific design for these public realm areas. However, multiple design concepts for the public realm continue to be considered through the EA process and are subject to further assessment."</p> <p>b) Landscape plans for the West Island are being advanced by Therme's design process. However, TRCA understands that the broader public realm is being lead and advanced through an EA process. Depending on the response to item (a) above, since the EA has not been finalized, will the designs change and therefore impact information related to these planning applications. Please clarify.</p> <p>c) Does this process meet City requirements?</p>	
2	Planning Justification Report – pg 44	The new Science Entrance Pavilion and Therme pavilion appear to be located within the Toronto Waterfront Screening area for shoreline hazard. Please ensure all new buildings have appropriate setbacks based on the coastal report which should incorporate any new shoreline work, plus applicable buffers for all proposed buildings. Additional comments regarding the coastal report are provided below.	
3	Planning Justification Report – pg 46	New garage entrances are proposed within the existing parking lot south of Lake Shore Boulevard. It is unclear at this time how far from the Lake Ontario hazard these will be located. Designs will need to ensure entrances (and buildings/structures) are appropriately set back from flood hazards.	
4	Planning Justification Report – PPS Section 5.3	The report does not seem to include the Natural Hazards (3.1) and Human-Made Hazards (3.2) sections of the PPS, although it does reference natural hazards on page 105 (this section ends at Cultural Heritage and Archaeology, Section 2.6 of PPS). Given the proximity to the Lake Ontario shoreline hazard around this entire site and because development will need to be directed outside of the hazardous lands subject to flooding, erosion and dynamic beach limitations, where appropriate please ensure the report clearly outlines requirements under the PPS as it relates to natural hazards. If this is located in another section of the report, then please indicate where.	
5	ZBA	<p>TRCA understands the ZBA will permit the existing uses on site and set permissions for the first phase of Ontario Place revitalization including public realm improvements, the Therme facility and proposed parking structure on the mainland.</p> <p>a) Will an updated schedule be provided showing the revised land use designation to account for new buildings versus the public realm and natural hazard areas associated with the Lake Ontario shoreline?</p> <p>b) Are the distances shown on Diagram 5 (eg, 48.6, 36.5) the distance in metres from the existing or newly created physical shoreline, and is this distance to the proposed development? Also what buffers have been applied to the</p>	

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		furthest inland natural hazard? This figure should be updated based on approved shoreline works and the ultimate limits of the shoreline hazard plus applicable buffer.	
6	OPA	<p>The OPA application notes: “ff) Policies 3.4.9 and 3.4.17 a) and b) of the Official Plan and policy P28 of the Central Waterfront Secondary Plan, shall not apply to the redevelopment of Ontario Place, which may include but is not limited to: lake filling, shoreline repair, shoreline stabilization and protection improvements, flood and erosion mitigation, habitat creation, new open space and recreation areas, and construction or expansion of buildings, subject to the submission of a shoreline conditions assessment, hydrogeological study, geotechnical study, natural heritage impact study, and arborist report.”</p> <p>The CWSP Policy P28 states, "(P28) Lakefilling will be considered only for stabilizing shorelines, improving open spaces, creating trail connections, preventing siltation and improving natural habitats and is subject to Provincial and Federal Environmental Assessment processes. Consideration will be given to the impact of such lakefilling on recreational uses and fish habitat."</p> <p>Please confirm that an EA is not required or clarify whether the on-going Category C EA will capture all proposed lakefilling. We defer this to the City and proponent to confirm requirements with the province.</p>	
7	OPA	Suggest adding a section that speaks to natural hazard awareness, perhaps under “Ensure long-term resilience, environmental performance and sustainability”	
8	Coastal Hazards – Baird Report	<p>TRCA does not employ a coastal engineer and as such cannot provide engineering review of the coastal reports submitted. Typically, TRCA would encourage a peer review of the coastal report to ensure accuracy of the information. However, TRCA understands based on conversations with IO in 2022 that IO will take the lead to determine whether a peer review is required given that both Baird and Shoreplan are working on various components of this project. TRCA defers the accuracy of the coastal review to IO.</p> <p>Notwithstanding the above, and as per TRCA’s LCP an assessment should be completed by a professional coastal engineer that considers the Lake Ontario flooding, erosion and beach hazards as described below. Please also demonstrate with figures and supporting information how these hazards are mitigated to the extent practically and technically feasible with the proposed upgrades to Ontario Place. As per Section 7.4.3.4 of TRCA’s LCP document, any proposed development should be located outside of the Lake Ontario shoreline hazard which is determined by delineating the farthest combined landward extent of the three key shoreline hazards: 1) flooding hazard; 2) erosion hazard; and 3) dynamic beach hazard described below. Once this has been delineated appropriate buffers/setbacks will need to be applied to proposed buildings/structures and to inform future maintenance requirements and costs for any infrastructure (eg, pedestrian paths, pumping stations, underground infrastructure, etc) that may be located within the shoreline hazard (existing shoreline if not altered and new shoreline if proposed for alteration).</p> <p>(1) Lake Ontario Flood Hazard includes a combined effect of the following:</p> <p>a) The 100-year Lake Ontario Flood Level (76.2m in IGLD85, please note - datum needs to be converted to the appropriate elevation for the datum the proponent is using)</p>	

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		b) The appropriate wave uprush allowance; and c) The appropriate allowance for other water related hazards. (2) Lake Ontario Shoreline Erosion Hazard includes a combined effect of the following: a) A stable slope allowance projected from the stable toe of slope; and b) The 100-year recession rate or an erosion allowance of 30m. (3) The Lake Ontario Shoreline Dynamic Beach Hazard includes a combined effect of the following: a) The Lake Ontario Shoreline Flood Hazard (as per sub-bullet no.1); and b) A dynamic beach allowance of 30m.	
9	Coastal Hazards – Baird Report	Staff note that floating canoe/kayak finger docks are proposed to extend perpendicular to a floating walkway. Are there any concerns regarding safety or maintenance? If infrastructure (walkways, underground infrastructure, pumping stations, etc) will be located within the shoreline hazard, regular maintenance may be required. This is deferred to IO.	
10	Coastal Hazards – Baird Report	Please ensure the shoreline hazard also considers climate change and potential future changes to lake levels. A professional coastal engineer should determine if additional floodproofing is required above the 100-year Lake water levels of 76.2IGLD85 plus 0.3 m freeboard based on conservative climate change forecasts. Please ensure that all proposed floodproofing designs consider conservative climate change forecasts for Lake Ontario water levels, wave uprush and other water related hazards such as shoreline erosion and shoreline dynamic beach hazards with supporting calculations and results. This should be factored into considerations for development setbacks and is deferred to the coastal engineer and IO.	
11	General Shoreline Information	Existing background information on the TRCA's Lake Ontario Shoreline Hazard Assessment can be requested via a formal data request form, if needed.	
Additional Comments Note: These comments apply to future phases of work including but not limited to EA, future ZBAs, Design, Site Plan			
12	Planning Justification Report – pg 49	The marina will be upgraded with new flood protection. Please clarify what this refers to.	
13	Comprehensive Plan – pg 57	A children's play village is proposed at Brigantine Cove. Is this located outside of the hazard area? It is recommended that the limits of the shoreline hazard be determined and buffers applied to the future site.	
14	Civil Dwgs 3– D,	A new sanitary line is proposed under the lake. There are also subsurface storage systems proposed along with other types of infrastructure to service the new development. It is unclear if engineered construction plans will be provided to TRCA for VPR signoff. Please clarify.	
15	Stormwater Management	TRCA water resources staff are in support of the stormwater management criteria provided in the Functional Servicing and Stormwater Management Report dated November 25, 2022. TRCA looks forward to receiving the conceptual stormwater management designs with updated supporting calculations, report and drawings for review and comment as the project progresses forward into the next design iteration.	
16	Coastal Hazards	Please ensure that any upgrades to existing outfalls or new outfalls are designed with erosion protection supported by a professional coastal engineer.	

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17	General comment for detailed design or to inform the EA	<p>a) The submitted geotechnical studies are all preliminary and should be accompanied by supplementary detailed geotechnical studies in support of the design recommendations or to inform the on-going EA.</p> <p>b) A geotechnical and stability review prepared by a geotechnical engineer should be provided to confirm that the grading and earthworks are appropriate. The restoration of those areas will need appropriate geotechnical and stability recommendations to ensure stability of the restored areas</p> <p>c) Since the site is on significant previous lakefill with a potentially heterogenous nature, further assessments will be needed to determine if ground improvement is required to minimize future settlement. This will also apply to all settlement sensitive structures as well as those earthworks, to ensure the required elevation for flood and coastal protection purposes is maintained.</p> <p>d) Since there are several existing coastal protection measures which need rehabilitation and/or maintenance including some walls, a geotechnical and stability review prepared by a geotechnical engineer should be provided to confirm that the proposed coastal protection and/or remedial works are appropriate from a geotechnical perspective.</p> <p>e) The proposed trail and associated earthworks and structures will need geotechnical design and recommendations, All mitigative measures, ground improvement provisions, and stabilization works should be reviewed and approved by qualified engineer(s).</p>	
18	General	Changes in climate can impact risks from natural hazards of flooding and erosion. As such, TRCA has an interest in reducing GHG emissions so as to minimize climate impacts and associated increased risks from natural hazards, to the extent possible. Staff are pleased to see that green infrastructure is being examined for the main structures. The only gap staff see is in the land development side. The GHG emissions associated with the land filling and excavation as well as the construction of outdoor spaces and underground infrastructure should also be considered. Suggest considering life cycle assessments of the various materials and the use of renewable diesel for construction vehicles and equipment on site during the development stage. This latter option would be dependent on the supply of renewable diesel being available at the time of construction. Staff also note that Envision is an effective project planning and design tool where the verification process can be used to confirm that the project meets sustainability criteria of the Envision framework.	

APPENDIX B: TRCA COMMENTS – SHORELINE HAZARD RESTORATION

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1	General Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) It is recommended that restoration opportunities should be directed to maximize vegetated shorelines. b) Open coast and interior deepwater areas, especially along revetments, should be surcharged to create structural diversity using a variety of Toronto Waterfront Aquatic Habitat Restoration Strategy (TWAHRS) techniques. These areas should aim to increase shoreline irregularity, substrate sizing and topographical variability. 	
2	Trillium Park Bridge	Is the intent to open up the area to water exchange and fish access or are there other intended outcomes? Could a carp gate be incorporated into the design to protect future shoreline vegetation?	
3	Brigantine Cove	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The boardwalk feature in Brigantine cove should be utilized to support shoreline improvements. b) In previous meetings floating wetland vegetation was proposed which TRCA have seen mixed results from in the past. Our preference would be to see grade changes to the shoreline to accommodate shallow grades for emergent vegetation and structure (stone and wood) which may also provide further erosion protection. c) It is recommended that the design focus on implementing self-sustaining features that do not require maintenance (i.e. shoreline re-grading over floating vegetation mats). d) This area is an important connection point and would support a natural vegetated terrestrial connection wherever possible. 	
4	Wetland Innovation Zone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Will existing sheltered embayment areas be removed and potential wetland restoration areas implemented? Is this area being replaced with SWM, LID features? b) Sheltered areas where shoreline restoration/stabilization is possible should be maximized. c) Our preference would be to see grade changes to the shoreline to accommodate shallow areas for emergent vegetation and structure (stone and wood). Deeper water sunken structures, shoals, etc. could also be incorporated. This is reflected in some of the renderings in the package. d) Carp gates are recommended to minimize damage to wetland plants and vegetated shorelines. 	
5	Section and Key Elevations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Clarification is requested at the implementation stage to show where fish habitat features have been noted on the plans. b) A TWAHRS and shoreline restoration typical can be provided by TRCA restoration staff to help guide detailed design, if needed. c) TRCA recommends the following opportunities be incorporated: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Structure, wood and stone under docks ii. In water stone (mix of aggregates) as surcharged revetements, groins and shoal features along the South Shoreline iii. Shoreline restoration in embayment areas to create undulating, shallow emergent areas with wood and stone structure iv. Carp gates 	
6	OP Landscape Set 1 Therme 2022 11 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) TRCA restoration staff support the concept of a reef and can provide suggestions on details and design, if needed. There is an opportunity to continue in-water open coast stone treatment into the terraced area to the east of the reef. b) Wetland Innovation Zone – same as above. 	

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7	OP Landscape Set 2 Therme 2022 11 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The landscape cross sections have identified aquatic habitat creation areas (Cross Section 1.1, 2.4, 2.5, 2.7, 2.9) but with no detail on what that looks like. Should TRCA be involved with implementation, clarification will be required. b) TRCA can provide design typicals for the Reef area and in-water shoreline habitat along the open coast and embayment areas, if needed. c) Section 3.7 identified wetland area: suggest improvement to structure and grades to promote aquatic vegetation. Staff are not familiar with Fabric Encapsulated Soil lifts. Should TRCA be involved with implementation, clarification will be required. 	
8	OP Landscape Set 3 Therme 2022 11 25	The wetland innovation area does not seem the same as the cross sections provided. Recommend working with TRCA to finalize the details around this area should TRCA be involved with implementation.	
9	Shoreline Restoration	<p>Suggest to maximize functional fish habitat to compensate for lake filling impacts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Maximize the depths of less than 1.5 m. b) Re-examine floating wetland mats and possibly replace with permanent features (see comments above). 	
10	Wildlife and Biodiversity Planting Info - OPPR Plant List	<p>OPPR Plant List suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) At the November 3, 2022 AHT meeting consultants described different zones for the planting palette. It is recommended that the planting list by zone be identified, as the AHT presentation indicated that some zones would reflect vegetation communities native to Ontario and the Great Lakes Zone. b) In the AHT presentation some of the plants identified for planting to represent Ontario and the Great Lakes are not native to Ontario or Canada. Suggest removing these plants from these planting zones, or altering the description of what these zones are. c) Avoid the use of invasive plants, regardless of what zone they will be planted in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Black locust, Salix alba sp., osage orange, common caragana, wayfaring tree, sundial lupine, Miscanthus sp., and creeping thyme. ii. Note that speckled alder that has not hybridized with European alder is difficult to source. If a verified source cannot be found, suggest replacing it with a native plant, such as buttonbush and/or grey dogwood. iii. Most of the herbaceous plants listed are native. To make it a fulsome native list, suggest removing the non-native species (even if they aren't invasive): wild bleeding heart, autumn fern, white clover and great mullein d) Note that Kalm's St. John Wort is a shrub (currently listed as herbaceous). e) Note that TRCA has planted wild rice in the past but has not had it return in subsequent years. We speculate that this is because it is an annual plant, and the seeds get eaten by waterfowl leaving none to recolonize the area. f) Suggest replacing Princeton Red Maple with Freeman Maple. g) Consider adding: bush honeysuckle (Diervilla lonicera), ninebark (Physocarpus opulifolius), grey dogwood (Cornus racemose), etc. 	
11	Wildlife and Biodiversity Planting Info	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Will targeted wildlife habitat be included in the site restoration? Songbird boxes are likely to only attract invasive species (house sparrows and European starlings), however a well-managed purple-martin house could be successful and an attraction for visitors. 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b) Bat boxes would also be a good addition to the site (free standing rocket boxes or attached to the sides of buildings). c) Buildings could be designed to accommodate barn swallow nesting in areas where people do not frequent (shelves/nesting cups under eaves). Be aware of the need to annually clean guano from the area and ensure they are situated away from entrances/exits. 	

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Ontario Place Redevelopment Technical Group Meeting No. 1 - Evaluation Criteria

Emma

Please accept comments and observations from Ontario Place staff regarding the distributed materials for the public realm. Our response is specific to the "Evaluation Criteria" which is to be used in assessing the design concepts presented to the public.

General comments:

- Will the preferred concept address the design problem? What is the design problem? The evaluation of the design is segregated into six major criteria headings – Natural Environment, Social Environment, Cultural Environment, Technical Environment, Economic Environment, and Sustainability, all valid assessment categories for most development projects. Ontario Place Corporation notes that the redevelopment announcement by the Premier and Minister (July 2021) indicated very specific aspirations for the future of Ontario Place, and OPC urges the review team to include these aspirational objectives into the Evaluation Criteria, specifically, as another, perhaps overarching, heading category. The aspirations are otherwise lost in the generic assessment criteria.
- The Premier announced a future Ontario Place that is to be:
 - "a world class destination"
 - "tourism destination"
 - "a display of Ontario's strong cultural identity"
 - "year round use"
 - "long-term economic generator"

While these criteria were aimed at the future partner developments at Ontario Place, the public realm should be supporting the major partners. The development partners for this unique opportunity were selected based on four primary areas of consideration, and these selection considerations should be extended to the public realm as the glue that unites the development proposals:

- Alignment with the government's vision of a world-class, year round destination
- Concept viability
- Delivery certainty
- Costs and benefits to the Province
- The announcement of the redevelopment of Ontario Place presented the notion of "showcasing Ontario as the world in one province" to local, provincial and international visitors.
- The announcement also positioned Ontario Place as a "unique waterfront site".
- Ontario Place has noted that a number of design options presented to the public for comment were elements commonly found in local city parks and would not strengthen the Provincial mandate nor the aspirational objectives for Ontario Place.
- A site functional program would assist greatly in design, efficiency assessments, and performance evaluation.

Detailed comments on evaluation:

- Social Indicator – change in public perception of Ontario Place could be measured through social media traffic. This tool could also strengthen public perception as options are developed.

- Social Noise Parameter – include the use of multi-point audio measurements across the site for development partner and site operator’s reference.
- Social Environment Criteria – the need for multi-functional spaces, both in use and seasonality.
- Technical Environment Criteria – Multi-modal hubs to support the “destination” objective. To include transit, tour bus, shuttle bus, uber/lyft and taxi access areas.
- Economic Criteria - cost and revenue opportunities, as measured by a high-level business plan.

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Hi everyone,

Thanks for joining the call today. For those of you that could not join, I have included you on this email as an FYI.

Please find attached the presentation, evaluation criteria, and the notice of consultation for next Thursday (previously circulated). If you plan to submit feedback regarding the evaluation criteria, we appreciate this being done by **November 18, 2022**, using tracked changes in the Word document or a list via email. A summary of the objectives are listed below and the detailed tables are attached.

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Project Team (cc’d on this email) if you have any further questions or comments.

Evaluation Criteria Summary

Natural Environment Objectives:

- Protect and enhance terrestrial and aquatic natural features and linkages
- Protect terrestrial and aquatic species including birds, mammals, fish and insects
- Maintain and improve air quality

Social Environment Objectives:

- Social acceptability (i.e., outcome of a collective judgement or opinion of a project or plan)
- Facilitate recreational opportunities
- Facilitate educational opportunities
- Provide a comfortable environment for site users

Cultural Environment Objectives:

- Heritage: Conserve and promote the cultural heritage value and attributes of the property, including built heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes as per Ontario Place Strategic Conservation Plan
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- Cultural: Protect traditionally-used valued components (e.g., water, air, land)

Technical Environment Objectives:

- Potential for the option to be easily implemented
- Facilitate multi-modal access
- Floodplain management
- Sediment management
- Remediate existing contamination
- Upgrade or replace infrastructure and buildings
- Maintain flexibility for future programming

Economic Environment Objectives:

- Construction costs
- Operation and Maintenance
- Economic benefits

Sustainability

- Reduce contribution to climate change
- Include sustainable infrastructure and buildings
- Sustainable Communities

Thank you,

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Safety

1. Safety concerns around water

There are currently no barriers shown around water, compliance with safety regulations should be considered. Example: Water's Edge/boardwalk – with waves in summer or frozen in winter, these will be hazardous areas

The stepping stones into water may be a hazard. Swimming is prohibited on site and risks slipping with algae or dangerous corners/edges. Is there a type of stone or additions to be made that can provide friction?

2. Security

In the event of emergency site closure, there should be built-in gates to close off areas if needed for control of large venue. Alternately, consider evacuation plans.

3. Lighting

Will there be a comprehensive lighting plan throughout the site? Currently, inadequate lighting in Trillium Park is a safety concern and being remedied.

24/7 Operations

1. Deliveries and Contractors Access

If the site is open 24/7, when will the site deliveries/back of house needs be addressed? Will there be pathways and access points for trucks and service vehicles to use, separate from the public?

2. Overnight Vandalism

The large site experiences regular vandalism and damage to property. There may be value in blocking off certain areas to reduce these issues, otherwise there will be costly maintenance and safety concerns.

3. Tenant Hours of Operations

The four major sections will have different hours of operation (Therme, Live Nation, Science Centre and Marina). What are the expectations with 24/7 operations?

Traffic & People Flow

1. Visitor Experience

What is overall site capacity? Are the restrooms, kiosks, etc matching capacity requirements?

2. Transit Hub & Traffic Management

Designated areas for different types of transportation is important and now standard across major cities.

Example: No “kiss and ride”, designated pick up/drop off area, rideshare or bus ports. There is no Bus Port indicated, with a major part of Science Centre’s visitors coming by bus (schools).

Current plans do not show a connection driving from 2 different parking lots. These lots will fill during events and need an outflow option to another area. The reality of underground parking will be a major challenge and unappealing to concert goers trying to enter/exit all at the same time with limited laneways. Current operations use multiple exit points to release traffic as safely and quickly as possible.

3. Bicycles

There is no bicycle parking or bike share considerations.

OP has recorded up to 500 bikes locked along fence line at Centre Entrance during a concert. Planning for an increase as the city encourages sustainable transportation will be beneficial to site operations and visitor experience.

4. Centre Entrance People Flow

Desire Lines: Live Nation line ups block pathways and bridges, along with pedestrians crossing roadways. With an increased venue capacity, this will become a larger problem affecting Centre Entrance and parking.

Complexities and issues remain with organization of Centre Entrance with the merging of multiple stakeholder groups. Consider transit areas designated for Science Centre visitors (buses) that should not cross other tenants (Live Nation or Therme).

Tenants and Site Management

1. Future Tenants

Some considerations should be made towards other potential tenants as information appears to be skewed to current tenant Live Nation’s requests.

Environmental Assessment doesn’t include Trillium Park, but Hoverlink is proposed for this area and requires updating to connection point.

2. Collective responsibilities during an emergency

Review will be needed on liability and control of visitors when outside tenants’ footprints. Campus control of common property vs private businesses’ leased properties

Example: Live Nation evacuation of Lawn in a weather event. Would this group move to underground parking garage? This would be off LN property and no longer their liability.

3. Oversight

What entity will be on-site control to manage and provide leadership on services/tenant issues?

Areas within Public Realm will need attention and service. Example: maintaining access to the boat launch at Trillium Park, which requires winterization.

Maintenance

1. No provision for On-Site Maintenance/Office Building

Whether OP or 3rd party contractors, there will need to be storage space for equipment with daily site requirements.

2. Maintenance Challenges with Proposed Design

- Boardwalk: wood decking is a challenge for snow/ice removal, vehicle traffic wear & tear, and load limitations for emergency vehicles
- Wooden structures and furniture will have a short lifespan before expensive replacements and constant maintenance
- Umbrellas/canopies, recreation equipment and structures will be exposed to weather on shoreline; Consider wind patterns with high exposure compared to sheltered parks
- Substations/hydro buildings not appearing throughout site in public designs

Marina

1. On-site Office and Access

The Marina will need a site office and security considerations.

Where will access through the site be located? In the past, boaters passed through Bridge 10 (Pods/Cinesphere) which will now be Science Centre with different hours of operations.

Overnight security will be required, with restricted access to boats.

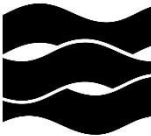
2. Amenities

Boating community will expect certain amenities and hours of operations. Regardless of business plans, there needs to be option/hook ups for these needs in future

3. Marine connections to Harbour

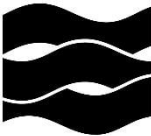
There should be a designated water taxi pick up/drop off points, to encourage transportation to and from Toronto Harbour.

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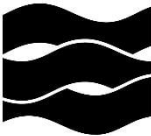
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1.	Planning + Design	LL/ AI		<p>General</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Appreciated the opportunity to comment during this early design stage.• Appreciated the generous water's edge, the gradual stepping down to the water, and many opportunities to sit, gather, and engage with water.• Appreciated the civic nature of the overall proposal and the all-ages programs for all Ontarians.• Many of the key spaces have a high amount of hardscape, consider increasing softscape with vegetation and trees to increase the overall site permeability and improve micro-climate support. Refer to the specific comments below for each zone.• Appreciating that this is still early in the design development, the site feels over-programmed and requires further distilling:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ there is sense of over-programming for many of the zones. Provide a holistic programmatic strategy for the public realm, consider reducing the number of programs and focus on the core strategy.○ consider carefully whether all proposed programs are essential, i.e. there are many cultural pavilions – are these placeholders for future uses? Provide clarification on their use and need of all program elements.• Provide existing site conditions for each zone to help understand what is being retained / removed / added.• There appear to be discrepancies between the site plan and renderings in terms of scale, i.e. the scale figures in the plans seem smaller than the renderings, making the site plan spaces feel much larger than the perspectives. Provide a scale on all drawings and ensure consistency in scale across drawings.	

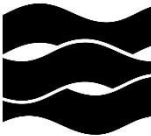


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2.	Planning + Design	LL/ AI		<p>Zone 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Appreciated the civic nature of a generous public realm along the water's edge that steps down to give visitors opportunity to touch water.• The rock form edge could be dangerous when wet, is there requirement for railing? Provide clarification on how the edge is protected for users.• The edge feels very hard, consider interspersing a more naturalized edge condition with more vegetation, more variety in planting, bringing some of the trees and plants down to the water, more micro-climate for the wind, improving lake level resilience, etc.• Continue to develop the tree layout, consider clustering working with the landscape.• It is not comfortable sitting on cold stone – consider integrating some wooden seating surfaces. People with mobility issues cannot sit on these rocks, provide back benches that are more amenable for less abled body people – also warmer in the winter.• Provide clarification on AODA access in this area – is there an integrated ramp?• Provide clarification on:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Functionality of the “lookout pavilion○ Path material as it looks different in the rendering than in plan• Provide clarification on whether the riprap is required along this edge and if it should be extended from Trillium Park.• Provide a sectional drawing of this area.	

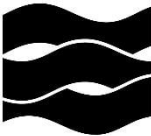


3.	Planning + Design	LL/ AI		<div>Zone 2</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strong support for the effort to bring quality Food and Beverage to the Marina/ Ontario Place• Appreciated the refresh of the pavilion and surfaces of the Marina• While the wood deck is appreciated, are there any lower cost alternatives in the case that the budget does not allow for wood?• Some proposed elements, such as the wood, the custom furniture, windmill structures, and lighting, look difficult to maintain – encouraged to ensure the design is robust and aligns with the level of maintenance required.• Provide information on the operation and ownership of the marina and structures. Should there be a clubhouse for the boat owners?• The Marina area is very exposed, consider providing opportunities for shade, i.e. canopy structures or trees, or walking under shade.• Provide more information on the pavilions:<ul style="list-style-type: none">▫ Provide more information on the overall programmatic requirements of the Marina and how the areas provided by the pavilions will achieve that objective.▫ what is their strategy for operation and back-of-house requirements? (Loading, storage, supply vehicles access and parking, emergency vehicles...)▫ For the dining pavilions, consider capacity metrics and realities of kitchen sizing and infrastructure requirements▫ Are they open year-round? How do they function in the winter?▫ Please justify this mix of programming at this specific location? While retail and F&B are good animators of public space, the location is relatively remote and may be challenging for vendors/ops and users to access as it's far from transit/parking/etc. Could it be simplified? Ie, clubhouse and café with more green space which can be flexible for a variety of uses• Consider more landscaping as a buffer between the pavilions and the water and wind.• Appreciating this is an early concept design for the pavilions, provide more information on the design drivers, process such as massing studies, configurations, and their sustainability strategy – focus on how the new designs are innovative like the original Zeidler pavilions.• Some inconsistency between render and the plan, provide clarification on the paving pattern.• Provide more information on the cultural pavilions - are these supported by a backstage for performance, is there seating requirement?• Pier feels very linear, consider a layout that encourages gatherings, micro-climate, and provide information on the turbines.• Are the built-in timber seating/canopy structures accessible to all? Are the shading canopies oriented to provide shade at peak hours and buffer the prevailing westerly winds?	
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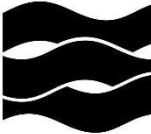
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4.	Planning + Design	LL/ AI		<p>Zone 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strong support for the children focused public realm and the playground programs.• Ensure there is infrastructure for caregivers, i.e. seating areas with shade, washrooms, water fountains, access to food.• We love to see more beaches proposed for Toronto! This beach looks small, explore if it can be larger, or if there can be several beach coves here? This beach looks deep with minimal shoreline, might there be a way to increase the shoreline/length of the beach?• The natural seating logs and driftwood on the beach work well here, both thematically and functionally. Can we bring more of this throughout?• What is the “pavilion” for and is it necessary? Is there another offering that could/should go here instead?• Specify function of the wetlands and their being located here, specifically. Are they able to be interacted with by the public or just for viewing?• Boat launch:<ul style="list-style-type: none">▫ Please clarify what types of boats? Preference is for non-motorized marine vessels, ie: kayaks, canoes, stand-up paddle boards..▫ Consider required area for storage, parking, loading.• What kinds of fountains are these? What happens in the winter? What is their purpose and value?• The main pathway is long and straight in one direction, appearing to accommodate emergency access vehicles but potentially monotonous for guests and users. Consider refining this path to amplify the experience of play and nature, such as more bends, a meandering experience, and leverage landscaping to create areas that are sheltered from wind creating comfortable micro-climate zones.	



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5.	Planning + Design	LL/ AI		<p>Zone 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Appreciated maintaining the existing shoreline and improving the accessibility to the islands.• Support for the more entertainment focused programs in this area closed to the entrance to Ontario Place.• The rectangular cabana/market/cove location has enormous potential. What is the best offering that we can provide for the public here? Perhaps the program can be simplified to more passive use, and phase in more development in future? Current bookending of lawn, facing amphitheatres sandwiching a small beach is not convincing. Why no trees here? Please think through the proposed program for this area. For whom is this design? As a long narrow corridor landscape, what might be best suited for this place?• The vehicular circulation around the east gateway access point, the surface parking and the drop-off area doesn't work yet. There should be a secondary access point. Pls consider how congestion will play out here. How to mitigate overlap between pedestrian and vehicular circulation around east gateway access?• Provide more information on the parking areas. Who is the surface parking lot for? Can anyone park here?	



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6.	Planning + Design	LL/ AI		<p>Zone 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strong support for providing a wet play area at Ontario Place. In next phase of design, please consider:<ul style="list-style-type: none">▫ Size the water amenity for capacity. Looks approx. 4000sm? Consider the expansiveness of the proposed area.▫ What happens here at winter? Ice rink possible?▫ Is this a splash pad or is it a fountain for visual appeal? Does it have potential to hold water mapping projection shows? If splash pad, consider clustering different play areas for different age groups and not just for children – all ages! There are hundreds of kinds of splash pad products – first need to design a theme and then build out the facilities to meet the capacity and intended user groups.▫ The location is a far distance and long walk from parking/transit. How are families with children getting here? Are washrooms/changerooms close by? Is there a café to serve people and draw them in? Is there enough shade and seating?▫ Water features need significant space required for mechanical/ops. Most will need to be at grade and will likely need to be screened and out of reach for visitors. Needs further study.• Should the “play fountain” be shifted north to where “stone paving” area is? The “flexible event lawn” and “stone paving” look like leftovers. They are adjacent the main pathway. If there is additional unused space, consider defaulting to green space instead of hardscape. Is there an opportunity here for more open lawns? A series of small berms? Rainwater gardens? What is ecosystem/ecological value potential here?• Why a large tent at five of the entrances?• Please elaborate on why/how/when of the “market alley”• There appears to be very little shade and a lot of barren hardscapes here, consider opportunities to maximize trees, vegetation to soften this area while ensuring the functions of the plaza remains.• Rockwork is great and fits within the context. It is also very expensive. It will block views to the lake, is the purpose for wind buffer? Note that ppl will climb this.	

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engageontarioplace.ca "Contact Us"	I have various issues and concerns that I would like to raise, and I am going to take a bit of a shotgun approach with a lot of scattering, but the major theme is this: Are you sure you know what you are doing? Those who were awarded the contract to build the Eglinton Crosstown were pretty sure they knew what they were doing, as were those who were awarded the contract for the Confederation line. So, my questions and issues are these: 1, Any time you are on water or near water and stacking bricks on top of each other there is a big environmental concern that the migratory patterns of the Common Brown Bird may be impacted or that some field mice may get their whiskers in a knot: Is there a way to grandfather or reuse that which is there already to reduce environmental assessment costs? 2 Is there any way to container or maximize the current buildings or more particularly the current pilings or posts that the buildings sit on so as to avoid reclaiming any land, which of course, will not do? 3- you have a marina- marinas have split diesel, gasoline, petroleum products, and wastewater problems- that is to say, your worst-case scenario is already unfolding- why must you have the best environmental assessment known when more than bad enough is already occurring? 4 How is Ontario Place going to link up to transit? When do you think of the Ontario Line and how it fits in? 5, How, if at all, does integration with the CNE (and the CNE lands) work? 6, Who is paying for this? 7, Note- you are going to have to build condos there to pay for the thing and everyone knows it, and that means people are going to freak about the need for public housing- you may be in an odd position of mandating public housing construction thought the city, everywhere but certainly not at Ontario Place - there is going to be a freakout about public lands for luxuriant living for the well-to-do. 8 Be extremely mindful of lowest bidder problems- I know it to be true that losing bidders for the Eglinton Crosstown -who spent fat bucks putting bids together- factored in weekend shutdown and labor costs to underpin Eglinton station- what did they get for being correct? Nothing but the fat cot of planning a transit line correctly. But those who lied got the contract. It's an exceedingly bad look and losing bidders are furious because they see those who are wrong- the winning bidders- getting rich with little, if any, negative consequences. If a bidder comes in at some low figure, demand to see a sample of their unicorn tears that they use to reduce costs and to help repeal the laws of physics. 9, Be mindful of excessively utopian and of some attempts to reconstruct some public housing ideals - The Great Societies projects of the 1960s and all the urban Renewal in the USA, Canada, and England wall went- despite the best efforts of academics, or perhaps because of them- terribly wrong. In the 1960's, policymakers were saying, "Aren't we lucky to have all of these urban planning professors at the local university being so ready, willing and able to turn our city into an experimental lab for their hypotheses?" - all a compete disaster, everywhere, even though well reasoned and well intended. 10 Banish the word "Olympics."	10/19/2022		
engageontarioplace.ca "Contact Us"	I want swimming structures just like in Copenhagen. We need more public access point for swimming into lake Ontario. Please research public access point for swimming in Copenhagen. Thank you.	3/16/2022	Thank you for your input! We have shared this feedback with our project team and your comments will be roped into our design process. If you have any further questions or comments, do not hesitate to reach out!	
engageontarioplace.ca "Contact Us"	Is the April 12 zoom at 4:30 or 5? Conflicting info from Ontario Place Redevelopment Team email and Meeting Registration confirmation.	3/20/2022		4/8/2022

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engageontarioplace.ca "Contact Us"	Hi, I'm registering for the Apr 12 session. Your website says 4:30pm but the zoom confirmation says 5pm. Which is correct?	3/21/2022		4/8/2022
Email	<p>Good afternoon,</p> <p>I recently signed up to the visioning workshop for the Ontario Place redevelopment proposal on April 12th. I read the Notice of Commencement pdf uploaded onto EngageOntarioPlace.ca, and I was hoping to clarify something before the workshop.</p> <p>"The Environmental Assessment Act (EA Act) applies to the government-led activities on site. These will be assessed using the Ministry of Infrastructure Public Work Class Environmental Assessment (PW Class EA) as a Category C undertaking. Private sector led developments are not subject to the EA Act, but are subject to Planning Act requirements."</p> <p>Does this mean that the tenanted areas (Therme, Écorécéo, Live Nation) will not be included in the upcoming discussion, as they are not subject to the EA Act?</p> <p>Many thanks in advance,</p> <p>██████████</p>	3/23/2022	<p>Thank you for your interest in the project and for your question. This email is to confirm that the focus of the visioning workshop will be on the government led work at Ontario Place and not the tenant developments.</p> <p>There is additional information available on the project website (https://engageontarioplace.ca/) regarding the tenants and the EA process. A virtual public engagement room is also expected to be launched next week which will provide further details on how the EA Act applies to the site.</p>	4/7/2022
Email	<p>Good morning,</p> <p>The Navigation Protection Program is responsible for the administration of the Canadian Navigable Waters Act (CNWA), which prohibits the construction or placement of any "works" in, on, over, under, through, or across a navigable waterway without complying with the requirements of the Act.</p> <p>The Navigation Protection program also maintains responsibility for provisions of the Wrecked Abandoned or Hazardous Vessels Act (WAHVA) and the Private Buoy Regulations under the Canada Shipping Act, 2001.</p> <p>If the project proposes any works in, on, over, under, through or across Lake Ontario, they would be subject to approval under the CNWA.</p> <p>To apply for approval under the CNWA, please visit our external submission site. I would encourage you to use the Project Review Tool (located on the left side of the screen once you have logged in). The Project Review Tool will assist you in determining if your work requires approval, and will also provide information on Minor Works (a class of works categorized as low interferences to navigation and do not require approval by Transport Canada, so long as the criteria is met).</p> <p>If you have any further questions, feel free to contact me.</p> <p>Thank you, Courtney Bice Officer Agent Navigation Protection Program Programme de protection de la navigation Transport Canada Transports Canada 100 Front St. S., Sarnia ON N7T 2M4 519-381-7844 courtney.bice@tc.gc.ca Government of Canada Gouvernement du Canada</p>	3/23/2022	<p>Thank you for your email and for providing details to your portal - we will share with the relevant members of the project team. It is our intention to follow the CNWA approval process, as applicable, and will be in touch in case of any questions as the project develops.</p>	4/28/2022

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Email	<p>Greetings,</p> <p>Thank you for your correspondence.</p> <p>Please note Transport Canada does not require receipt of all individual or Class EA related notifications. We are requesting project proponents self-assess if their project:</p> <p>Will interact with a federal property and/or waterway by reviewing the Directory of Federal Real Property, available at www.tbs-sct.gc.ca/dfrp-rbif/; and</p> <p>Will require approval and/or authorization under any Acts administered by Transport Canada* available at http://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/acts-regulations/menu.htm.</p> <p>Projects that will occur on federal property prior to exercising a power, performing a function or duty in relation to that project, will be subject to a determination of the likelihood of significant adverse environmental effects, per Section 82 of the Impact Assessment Act, 2019.</p> <p>If the aforementioned does not apply, the Environmental Assessment program should not be included in any further correspondence and future notifications will not receive a response. If there is a role under the program, correspondence should be forwarded electronically to: EnviroOnt@tc.gc.ca with a brief description of Transport Canada's expected role.</p> <p>*Below is a summary of the most common Acts that have applied to projects in an Environmental Assessment context:</p> <p>Canadian Navigable Waters Act (CNWA) – the Act applies primarily to works constructed or placed in, on, over, under, through, or across navigable waters set out under the Act. The Navigation Protection Program administers the CNWA through the review and authorization of works affecting navigable waters. Information about the Program, CNWA and approval process is available at: http://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/programs-621.html. Enquiries can be directed to NPPONT-PPNONT@tc.gc.ca or by calling (519) 383-1863.</p> <p>Railway Safety Act (RSA) – the Act provides the regulatory framework for railway safety, security, and some of the environmental impacts of railway operations in Canada. The</p>	4/5/2022	N/A	

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	<p>Rail Safety Program develops and enforces regulations, rules, standards and procedures governing safe railway operations. Additional information about the Program is available at: https://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/railsafety/menu.htm. Enquiries can be directed to RailSafety@tc.gc.ca or by calling (613) 998-2985.</p> <p>Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act (TDGA) – the transportation of dangerous goods by air, marine, rail and road is regulated under the TDGA. Transport Canada, based on risks, develops safety standards and regulations, provides oversight and gives expert advice on dangerous goods to promote public safety. Additional information about the transportation of dangerous goods is available at: https://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/tdg/safety-menu.htm. Enquiries can be directed to TMDOntario@tc.gc.ca or by calling (416) 973-1868.</p> <p>Aeronautics Act – Transport Canada has sole jurisdiction over aeronautics, which includes aerodromes and all related buildings or services used for aviation purposes. Aviation safety in Canada is regulated under this Act and the Canadian Aviation Regulations (CARs). Elevated Structures, such as wind turbines and communication towers, would be examples of projects that must be assessed for lighting and marking requirements in accordance with the CARs. Transport Canada also has an interest in projects that have the potential to cause interference between wildlife and aviation activities. One example would be waste facilities, which may attract birds into commercial and recreational flight paths. The Land Use In The Vicinity of Aerodromes publication recommends guidelines for and uses in the vicinity of aerodromes, available at: https://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/civilaviation/publications/tp1247-menu-1418.htm. Enquires can be directed to tc.aviationservicesont-servicesaviationont.tc@tc.gc.ca or by calling 1 (800) 305-2059 / (416) 952-0230. Please advise if additional information is needed.</p> <p>Thank you, Environmental Assessment Program, Ontario Region Transport Canada / Government of Canada / 4900 Yonge St., Toronto, ON M2N 6A5 EnviroOnt@tc.gc.ca / Facsimile : (416) 952-0514 / TTY: 1-888-675-6863 Programme d'évaluation environnementale, Région de l'Ontario Transports Canada / Gouvernement du Canada / 4900, rue Yonge, Toronto, ON, M2N 6A5 EnviroOnt@tc.gc.ca / télécopieur: (416) 952-0514</p>			
Email	<p>Hi,</p> <p>I attempted to register but your portal shows registration is closed.</p> <p>Is it still possible to be included?</p> <p>Thanks,</p> <p>Take Care & Keep Safe</p>	4/6/2022	<p>Our apologies for the issue with the registration portal. We have opened it back up, so you should be able to register for the April 12th event via the Zoom link.</p> <p>Please reach out if you experience any other issues.</p> <p>Thank you, The Ontario Place Redevelopment Team EngageOntarioPlace.ca</p>	4/8/2022
engageontarioplace.ca "Contact Us"	<p>Hello, I'd like to register for the upcoming Visioning workshop. The online registration is not working for me. May you please help me register to participate?</p> <p>Thank You, [REDACTED]</p>	4/6/2022		4/8/2022

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Email	<p>Good morning Alia,</p> <p>I have registered for the above and notice the email says to email any questions to you. I assume this to mean the zoom meeting may not allow for ad hoc questions during the meeting, so I will list my questions below:</p> <p>1. Why was the public not consulted in regards to the 3 pay per use areas currently on the plan?</p> <p>2. Why are the Private sector led developments not subject to the EA Act?</p> <p>3. Looking at the EngageOntarioPlace website as well as other online information, it appears that access to the current Ontario Place (not including Trillium Park), will be cut off and not continuous along the water without having to pay. Please clarify if this is the case.</p> <p>4. Why was spring chosen as an appropriate time to begin repairs on the pods, Cinesphere and bridges, when there seems to be awareness that several species of swallows will arrive on the site to start their nesting process in mid to late April? This of course includes the listed Barn Swallows, but also hundreds of Cliff Swallows. How will the developers and the natural heritage consultant actually stop the birds from nesting on all of these structures?</p> <p>5. The swallow family, Hirundinidae is currently protected under the Migratory Birds Convention Act, so why does this seem to not be relevant to Ontario Place redevelopment?</p> <p>6. Will the massive pay for use, glassed in structure proposed by Therme Group, include certified bird friendly glass? As Toronto has recently received an award as a Bird Friendly City, I would expect that this structure will follow that protocol. Please advise if this will be the case.</p> <p>7. How will Eco Recreo, deal with the listed turtles currently residing in the pond at River Fish Walk Habitat, an area currently administered by TRCA?</p> <p>As you can see, many of my questions are in regards to the environmental impact expected to this site. Possibly these are not questions that can be addressed here; however, between myself and other local users of the current Ontario Place for recreation, exercise and nature, we have been unable to get answers to these questions from anyone else at this point. If any of these questions can't be answered in this forum, please advise who can answer them.</p> <p>Many thanks for your time and assistance. I look forward to the zoom meeting on April 12.</p> <p>██████████</p>	4/7/2022	<p>1. Why was the public not consulted in regards to the 3 pay per use areas currently on the plan? Answer to be prepared by MHSTCI</p> <p>2. Why are the Private sector led developments not subject to the EA Act? The EA Act is the planning process that applies to provincial ministries and agencies, municipalities (e.g., towns, cities, counties) and public bodies. It does not apply to the private sector unless specifically designated. The private sector developments are subject to the municipal planning process and will be required to secure zoning and site plan approval. They will also need to meet all the federal, provincial and municipal environmental protection requirements.</p> <p>3. Looking at the EngageOntarioPlace website as well as other online information, it appears that access to the current Ontario Place (not including Trillium Park), will be cut off and not continuous along the water without having to pay. Please clarify if this is the case. The government plans to maintain continuous, free public access along the water’s edge. Please visit our Virtual Public Engagement Room (https://engageontarioplace.ca/virtual/) to see maps which demonstrate which parts of the site are proposed to remain publicly accessible.</p> <p>4. Why was spring chosen as an appropriate time to begin repairs on the pods, Cinesphere and bridges, when there seems to be awareness that several species of swallows will arrive on the site to start their nesting process in mid to late April? This of course includes the listed Barn Swallows, but also hundreds of Cliff Swallows. How will the developers and the natural heritage consultant actually stop the birds from nesting on all of these structures? IO recognizes the importance of the structures at Ontario Place as habitat for breeding birds. Where possible, work on the Cinesphere, pods and bridges will be delayed until after the nesting season. If the work cannot be delayed, exclusions will be installed on these structures, prior to the nesting season to avoiding negative impacts to these species and their nests.</p> <p>5. The swallow family, Hirundinidae is currently protected under the Migratory Birds Convention Act, so why does this seem to not be relevant to Ontario Place redevelopment? IO recognizes the importance of Species at Risk and those protected under the Migratory Birds Convention Act, including those of the Hirundinidae family. IO has already completed several studies confirming individual abundance, site use and nesting locations. Prior to undertaking any work at OP, IO will ensure that any work undertaken mitigates any potential impacts to these species.</p> <p>6. Will the massive pay for use, glassed in structure proposed by Therme Group, include certified bird friendly glass? As Toronto has recently received an award as a Bird Friendly City, I would expect that this structure will follow that protocol. Please advise if this will be the case. The design of the Therme facility is still under development so we are unable to comment at this time on the type of material that will be used. Municipal development approvals are required to permit the proposed use, and Therme will be required to meet the City of Toronto Green Standard which includes a number of requirements related to bird collision deterrence.</p> <p>7. How will Eco Recreo, deal with the listed turtles currently residing in the pond at River Fish Walk Habitat, an area currently administered by TRCA? The Endangered Species Act is designed to protect threatened and endangered species and their habitats. It will be the responsibility of Eco Recreo to complete the necessary work to identify any protected species and/or habitat occurring in the area of their development and to meet their obligations under the Endangered Species Act. If protected species and/or habitats are identified within the development area, Eco Recreo will need to either avoid impacts or work with the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP), the City and/or the TRCA to develop an appropriate strategy which may include securing permits or other activities.</p>	

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Email	<p>Maegan,</p> <p>I'm a member of a community of swimmers who swim nearly everyday at downtown Toronto's only beach, which is located at Ontario Place. We have a small group of about 900 members on www.facebook.com/groups/swimop but there's a much larger community of swimmers who are not on Facebook.</p> <p>For many of us this is a medical necessity, e.g. for rehabilitation, physical health, as well as mental health, e.g. daily icewater swims all through the winter, which have proven health benefits.</p> <p>We were wondering how the redevelopment might affect beach access, and if there are going to be any challenges for any of us trying to reach Ontario Place West island on foot versus those arriving by water (e.g. paddleboard or swimming across the channel from Lakeshore Boulevard).</p> <p>The clean water (due in part to the absence of sand) has made for some great music videos, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7pHfifLWkbw and we also held our Water + Humans + Technology (de)conference there, www.waterhci.com</p> <p>Best regards,</p> <p>██████</p> <p>██████████████████</p>	4/9/2022	<p>Initial Response:</p> <p>Good morning Steve,</p> <p>Thank you very much for your message. I have passed this along to the project team for a response.</p> <p>Kind regards</p> <p>Proposed Final Response from Project Team:</p> <p>Thank you for your inquiry. We are just at the beginning of this project and cannot comment on the impact of the redevelopment to specific activities at this time. We encourage you to share your ideas and vision for Ontario Place through the feedback forms on Station 6 of the virtual public engagement room so that the project team can consider them as the project progresses. The virtual public engagement room can be accessed here https://engageontarioplace.ca/virtual/.</p>	4/13/2022
engageontarioplace.ca "Contact Us"	<p>I'm not able to participate in the online workshop but I am very concerned about the redevelopment of Ontario Place. I live directly north of OP and have for over 25 years. Walking down to the lake has been one of my main recreational activities during the 2 long winters of covid 19. Having public access to this site is vital. Keeping the pods and the cinesphere is also crucial to this very important site and the city's architectural heritage.</p> <p>Right now I can walk through Liberty Village and then Exhibiton Place to reach the lake. Liberty Village offers nothing to anyone who isn't a resident there. It would be a complete failure if Ontario Place was to become an extension of Liberty Village with sad "parkettes" and rows of identical looking condos. The only winner in a development like that is the developers.</p>	4/11/2022		
engageontarioplace.ca "Contact Us"	<p>Hello! Today I attended the visioning session. I was visiting Ontario place earlier today as I do frequently, and already knowing about the visioning session, I was unfortunately quite shocked to see that there was no signage on-site referring to the project or the meeting. Could you speak to why that is? The site was very active, it was a beautiful day, and Ontario place was full of joggers, cyclists, walkers, families, and they all should have been given the opportunity to take part in this engagement process.</p> <p>I look forward to your answer!</p> <p>██████</p>	4/12/2022		

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Email	<p>Excellent session yesterday but I missed the first half hour. If recorded, kindly send link.</p> <p>Many thanks,</p> <p>██████████</p>	4/13/2022	<p>Hello,</p> <p>We continue to welcome your input and ideas related to the government-led work at Ontario Place.</p> <p>If you missed the April 12, 2022 visioning workshop, it's not too late. Visit the virtual public engagement room on EngageOntarioPlace.ca to learn more about the environmental assessment and public realm design process and provide your feedback. Feedback received from both the visioning workshop as well as through the virtual public engagement room will help inform our knowledge of the existing conditions on site, and shape the conceptual design options for the public realm of Ontario Place – which includes park areas, open space, trails, landscaping, art installations, and benches.</p> <p>Thank you to those who have already participated and provided input. And to those who haven't yet been involved, we look forward to hearing from you.</p> <p>If you would like to unsubscribe from receiving correspondence from OPRedevelopments@ontario.ca please reply 'unsubscribe'.</p> <p>Thank you, The Ontario Place Redevelopment Team EngageOntarioPlace.ca</p>	4/13/2022
Email	<p>Thank you but, again, please send me link to recording of the April 12 workshop. (I missed the first half hour.)</p> <p>██████████</p>	4/14/2022	<p>Thank you for your email.</p> <p>The front end of the April 12, 2022 visioning workshop was recorded. Once the recording is available, you will be able to access it via the Documents Library of the EngageOntarioPlace.ca website. We encourage you check the Documents Library periodically.</p> <p>We hope you find this information helpful.</p> <p>Thank you, The Ontario Place Redevelopment Team EngageOntarioPlace.ca</p>	4/14/2022
engageontarioplace.ca "Contact Us"	<p>I would love to continue to explore building/investing an indoor/outdoor Skatepark in partnership with OP.</p>	4/17/2022		4/19/2022
engageontarioplace.ca "Contact Us"	<p>Hello,</p> <p>It mentions on your site that you have engaged indigenous communities about the redevelopment plans at Ontario Place. I could not find any evidence of this and just wondered if you can point to where this has been discussed? Thank you.</p>	4/18/2022		

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Email	<p>Dear Miranda, Frank and Michael:</p> <p>We appreciate the complexity of your work on Ontario Place, and realize this is just one of your many responsibilities. We very much appreciate your willingness to meet and consult with us, and hope our good working relationship will continue.</p> <p>But we are extremely concerned at the repeated delays to the Strategic Conservation Plan process, and alarmed that the lack of a completed SCP is not slowing down other work on Ontario Place.</p> <p>From the engageontarioplace.ca website, we see that work on the Pods is imminent, a contractor has been hired and a heritage consultant retained. We are very worried about this work proceeding without an overall Strategic Conservation Plan in place.</p> <p>We have long been troubled that private leases controlling much of the site may have been signed without an SCP in place. We are also concerned by the proposed radical transformations of the tenanted areas, the scale and character of which may do great harm to the site.</p> <p>As long as a Strategic Conservation Plan was imminent, we tried to remain optimistic. But the news from Miranda on May 4 that there would be no updates on the SCP until after the June election has pushed us over the brink. We plan to release an open letter about our concerns in a couple of days.</p> <p>If you have information that work on the Pods will not proceed, and that leases have not been signed, and will not be signed, until the Strategic Conservation Plan is approved, please let us know immediately.</p> <p>Again, we greatly appreciate our working relationship, and felt it was only fair to give you a heads up about our plans.</p>	5/18/2022		
engageontarioplace.ca "Contact Us"	<p>1. What will happen to the Japanese Bell and temple? Will this structure remain and if so, will it be repaired with a new log to ring the bell?</p> <p>2. A coniferous tree was planted across the path which is beside the Japanese bell and temple. It has a commemorative plaque at the bottom in memory of a man who was part of the bell presentation. He represented the Japanese Canadian community of Toronto as their President in 1977. His name - Mikio Nakamura. What will happen to the tree and the plaque with future development plans?</p>	8/23/2022		
engageontarioplace.ca "Contact Us"	<p>I would like to know the following:</p> <p>1. Was the public consulted regarding choice of "tenants"?</p> <p>2. The tenant portion of the redevelopment seems to take up the majority of the property. I do not understand how a water and wellness facility, live music that attracts 20,000 people or an outdoor adventure park allow the "public" to participate without paying BIG Bucks. Please explain?</p> <p>3. We already have dozens of tourist attractions. Why does the government think that turning Ontario Place, an oasis of quiet on the edge of a big, noisy city, will benefit the citizens of Ontario?</p>	8/25/2022		
engageontarioplace.ca "Contact Us"	<p>I would like to know the procurement timeline for early works and servicing improvements. What is the proposed contract format and structure. Thanks</p>	10/5/2022		

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Email	<p>We probably won't have any issues with this redevelopment project, the reason being, it is in the treaty territory of the New Credit First Nation.</p> <p>Thank you</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>	10/17/2022	<p>Thanks for your response as we continue to share updates regarding the Ontario Place redevelopment project.</p> <p>The Ontario Place Redevelopment Team</p>	10/21/2022
engageontarioplace.ca "Contact Us"	<p>We don't need a spa for the rich. We don't need any private sector development at the site. It should all be public realm, free to access parkland — not just 70%, but all of it. There's a lack of parkland in the downtown core. Parkland is essential for mental health. How come the Ontario government never consulted the public on whether or not private development should be allowed on the site at all? How come this project's starting point is that private sector development is a given? This website doesn't allow people to give real feedback, you're just feeding us the party line. Where's the online survey? The survey should be about all of Ontario Place, not just your designated "public realm".</p> <p>The heritage buildings should be repaired inside and out and used for restaurants and shops. That's all the private development you need. Not this over-the-top pretentious spa. We're heading into a recession—nobody needs another spa that only helps rich people with their mental health. What about the rest of us? We need trees, natural areas, wildlife, nature, recreational playing fields.</p> <p>Is this truly a public consultation process, or have all the decisions already been made in the back rooms, and this is just for PR? Is anyone listening? Because people who live in the downtown core do not want a spa.</p>	10/27/2022		
engageontarioplace.ca "Contact Us"	<p>I miss the Forum which gave the general public access to some of the city's finest arts organizations. How can people know they like it if they haven't experienced it? Could the Budwieser Stage have a mandate for free public programing as a part of their privilege of operating on public lands? Or re-instate the Forum 2.0?</p> <p>All private enterprises should be mandated to provide some sort of "give back" to the public as a part of their privilege of operating on public lands.</p>	10/27/2022		

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Email	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I am a lifetime resident of Toronto now living in Etobicoke with my family of 5.</p> <p>Please keep the Ontario Place land public and create more publicly accessible park and recreational facilities. Our city needs this much more than a private facility.</p> <p>Regards</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>	10/28/2022	<p>Dear Theresa:</p> <p>Thank you for your interest in Ontario Place. Public input is critical to support the planning and redevelopment of the Ontario Place site.</p> <p>The Ontario government is bringing Ontario Place back to life, with the goal of making it a remarkable world-class, year-round destination that will include family-friendly entertainment, public and event spaces, parkland, and waterfront access.</p> <p>The Ontario government is making significant investments to enhance the site's free public spaces and parkland.</p> <p>On October 27, 2022 we held the second public engagement event on the Environmental Assessment process. At this event, attendees shared their feedback on the proposed public realm design concepts, including public spaces and parkland, at Ontario Place. Additional feedback about the public realm design concepts can be shared online through the virtual public engagement room (VPER) until November 18th. You can access the VPER here Virtual engagement room – Engage Ontario Place.</p> <p>Feedback received from the October 27th event and VPER, as well as at previous public engagement events, will be used to inform the design for Ontario Place's public spaces and Environmental Assessment process.</p> <p>Sincerely, The Ontario Place Redevelopment Team</p>	11/15/2022
Email	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I would like to express my strong opposition to the proposed redevelopment of Ontario Place into an private indoor water park. This is public land with access to clean water. We need to preserve and enhance expansive free public trails and access to the lake.</p> <p>This proposed expensive tourist attraction should not be on public land. It could also be located near a GO station or on the suburbs like the developer has done in Europe.</p> <p>I do not want My Ontario Place to be given away. I enjoyed it as a child and continue to enjoy it with my children. We cycle to the lake and we swim in the lake. This land and water needs to be preserved and kept for public use.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>	10/29/2022	<p>Thank you for your interest in Ontario Place. We know Ontario Place holds a special place in the hearts of Ontarians. Many people have fond memories of time spent at Ontario Place – and this has been an important consideration when envisioning the future of such a special place.</p> <p>The Ontario government is bringing Ontario Place back to life, with the goal of making it a remarkable world-class, year-round destination that will include family-friendly entertainment, public and event spaces, parkland, and waterfront access.</p> <p>The Ontario government is making significant investments to enhance the site's free public spaces and parkland.</p> <p>On October 27, 2022 we held the second public engagement event on the Environmental Assessment process. At this event, attendees shared their feedback on the proposed public realm design concepts, including public spaces and parkland, at Ontario Place. Additional feedback about the public realm design concepts can be shared online through the virtual public engagement room (VPER) until November 18th. You can access the VPER here Virtual engagement room – Engage Ontario Place.</p> <p>Feedback received from the October 27th event and VPER, as well as at previous public engagement events, will be used to inform the design for Ontario Place's public spaces and Environmental Assessment process.</p> <p>Sincerely, The Ontario Place Redevelopment Team</p>	11/15/2022

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engageontarioplace.ca "Contact Us"	<p>A few weeks ago there was a significant announcement of a new commercial hovercraft transit serviv, called Hoverlink Ontario, that claimed they will be landing at Ontario Place. Why does this not appear on any of the redevelopment documents? Where exactly will the infrastructure and landing facilities be located? I wrote to the Hoverlink Ontario Inc and they replied that the facility location details will be available in spring 2023.</p> <p>Why has this been left out of all Ontario place redevelopment documentation? Such a high volume transit service would have tremendous traffic and noise impacts to any Ontario Place development plans. Are these being studied and addressed by the Ontario Place team? When will the general public have access to this information?</p>	10/29/2022		
Email	<p>This is public land that should be used for everyone not just the people would can pay. There should be trails kept open to allow people to walk the waterfront and swim in the Lake. A redevelopment plan. Should include areas where people can picnic for free and spaces for gatherings.</p> <p>My child love indoor waterparks but they do not have to be situated on prime waterfront land. The new transit system will go out to the suburbs, why not build on that land, maybe even reclaimed land. Definitely don't build on arable land that can be used for community gardens and growing food.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>	11/3/2022	<p>Thank you for your interest in Ontario Place. Public input is critical to support the planning and redevelopment of the Ontario Place site.</p> <p>The Ontario government is bringing Ontario Place back to life, with the goal of making it a remarkable world-class, year-round destination that will include family-friendly entertainment, public and event spaces, parkland, and waterfront access.</p> <p>The Ontario government is making significant investments to enhance the site's free public spaces and parkland.</p> <p>On October 27, 2022 we held the second public engagement event on the Environmental Assessment process. At this event, attendees shared their feedback on the proposed public realm design concepts, including public spaces and parkland, at Ontario Place. Additional feedback about the public realm design concepts can be shared online through the virtual public engagement room (VPER) until November 18th. You can access the VPER here Virtual engagement room – Engage Ontario Place.</p> <p>Feedback received from the October 27th event and VPER, as well as at previous public engagement events, will be used to inform the design for Ontario Place's public spaces and Environmental Assessment process.</p> <p>Sincerely, The Ontario Place Redevelopment Team</p>	11/15/2022

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engageontarioplace.ca "Contact Us"	<p>From its inception, Ontario Place was imagined as a public space with a utopian vision to reclaim our waterfront and re-activate its use from the merely industrial to the greater benefit of all. This was realized through visionary architecture that expressed a collective purpose for the city and the province that transcended the merely commercial. While I am most relieved to discover that the landmark structures on the site are being restored, there should be some renewed sense of purpose behind the project that is as visionary and inspired as the original. Toronto now has the world's attention. Why not add to its relatively few cultural offerings by utilizing its landmark spaces as exhibition space for art, design and architecture?</p> <p>Cities the world over have attracted visitors with imaginative re-use of abandoned/derelict urban sites such as NYC's High Line and Hudson Yards that place public art and inventive design at their core (and have then benefited from this commercially) What better location to house something state-of-the-art architecture and design-wise than Ontario Place??</p> <p>OP could be a global draw for cultural events such as Nuit Blanche, Art Toronto, the Toronto Biennial-- even house a Canadian Design and Architecture museum (neither of which currently exists and are commonplace in great urban centres all over the world). Let's not waste this crucial opportunity to advance the city while providing desperately needed green space and waterfront access by re-affirming a vision of this city's possibility!</p> <p>To that end, the development of the West Island must also form part of the discussion-- as a central and holistic vision for the entire redevelopment is key to a cohesive outcome. We have seen what happened with the development of the former railway lands that became Harbourfront, and how that opportunity was frittered away by sectioning off parcels for commercial development. The result was not only unfortunate but permanent.</p> <p>Let's not be stuck with another Harbourfront, but live up to this moment of possibility with something that really puts Toronto on the map for how we have expressed our vision and used our public space!</p>	11/7/2022		
engageontarioplace.ca "Contact Us"	<p>I'm very concerned that designs for the West Island are not being discussed with the public- why is Therme allowed to develop a spa there? How did they get access to the land? Endangered swallows currently nest all over the West Island and there needs to be plans that take that into consideration. Early designs that I saw on Therme's instagram showed massive glass walls which will be horrific for bird collisions. The West Island is a beautiful park and the public should have a say in the developments there.</p>	11/18/2022		

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engageontarioplace.ca "Contact Us"	<p>To the project team:</p> <p>Please reconsider your participation in this project. Selling off a huge portion of public waterfront park can never be undone. Privatizing public space is a concern, but there are huge wasteful aspects to this even if you like the idea:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- heating and cooling a giant glass structure with no shade during a time of climate crisis?- spending \$300 million in tax money on an underground, below the water table parking garage? <p>Come on. This is transparently problematic. Find ways to slow this down. Find ways to delay, to shrink, to cancel. Your name will be written down as part of the team that created this big mistake - is that the legacy you want to leave your family and colleagues? Ontario is growing rapidly, and there are so many better projects you could help build to improve our city. Consider it.</p> <p>Sincerely, [REDACTED]</p>	12/22/2022		
engageontarioplace.ca "Contact Us"	<p>To whom it may concern:</p> <p>Please do not mess up Toronto's waterfront. Please make Ontario Place for the people by making it a public park with lush green spaces. It's not too late to abandon terrible ideas of over-development.</p> <p>Yours truly, [REDACTED]</p>	1/13/2023		
Email	<p>Good morning we have been patrons of Ontario Place Marina for 26 years and would like to know what is going on with the marina as we're were scheduled to have our boat back this season. Thank you for your response.</p>	2/8/2023	Correspondence regarding the marina is sent to OPC for reply. OPRS does not have a record of the reply.	
Email	<p>Please add me to the list of stakeholders wishing to receive information with respect to this Environmental Assessment.</p> <p>Based on the advertisement in the Toronto Star today (April 13), I have an initial concern I would like to bring to your attention. The first sentence indicates that "Ontario Place will be redeveloped into a remarkable, world-class, year-round destination....".</p> <p>As someone who conducted numerous EAs before retiring, I was always instructed that one should not present the outcome as a foregone conclusion. The way the ad has presented this can be construed that this is a "fait accompli", which could very well discourage the public and stakeholders from commenting.</p> <p>I hope that despite this statement, your firm can conduct an unbiased assessment, free from political interference.</p> <p>I look forward to future consultations.</p>	4/14/2023		

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Email	<p>I'm Romanian born & few years ago we went to Romania. Me & my wife visited the Terme north of Bucharest. The whole enclosed year around is a great venue = excellent. Naturally - one has to "pay for the play". Ford got an excellent idea. The new compromise w/ added Ontario Science Centere is fine - in order to build new housing. Saunders is our preferable new mayor - We like his commitments & what he stands for! Same about Ford. No Liberals & NDP. Period.</p>	4/14/2023		
Email	<p>I'm devastated to hear that the government, with virtually no consultation and no engagement of the broader Ontario public, is destroying a gem, the Ontario Science Centre, and placing it in an area much more expensive and inaccessible to the public, namely the western waterfront.</p> <p>It seems to me to be a waste of money to build something brand new rather than reinvest in the existing Science Centre. If this proceeds, it will no doubt be a black mark for this government. Please reconsider.</p> <p>Concerned Taxpayer [REDACTED]</p>	4/18/2023	Sent to MOI to respond.	
engageontarioplace.ca "Contact Us"	<p>I hate the plan to demolish the Science Centre and move it to OP. The waterfront site isn't fit for purpose with the number of school visits that take place each day. There's been no consultation and no plan. This is ripping an attraction and jobs out of a neighbourhood and making the Centre harder to visit.</p>	4/18/2023		
Email	<p>During discussions on Redevelopment of Ontario Place I continually hear how the site will have great public transit access. All the transit access is a 20 minute walk from the site. I feel that the people who say the transit is great are usually people who drive cars.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>	4/19/2023	Sent to MOI to respond.	
Call (voicemail)	<p>Hello, good afternoon. Today is Thursday the 20th of April 2023. It's around 2:35 Toronto time. I'm calling from Toronto, East York, Toronto City. This message. This message is for Anna Fossett, Environmental Planner with Jacobs Engineering. I would like to make a few suggestions for your for your work on the Ontario place with the redevelopment. I would like to see some exotic trees being planted everywhere, some exotic plants and some exotic grasses. They should be planted all over the redeveloped Ontario place. That is exotic trees, exotic plants and exotic grasses. They must be planted everywhere. And also if you could build a greenhouse, a special greenhouse for the flowers from all over the world, that would be very nice for nature lovers. So I'm also a nature lover. So I would like to see a special greenhouse for flowers from all around the world. Plus some exotic trees being planted everywhere. Exotic plants and exotic grasses all over the redeveloped, redesigned Ontario place. Thank you so much. My name is [REDACTED]. I'm calling from East York. Toronto City. Thank you. Have a great day. Goodbye</p>	4/20/2023		
Email	<p>I am reading the Notice of consultation in the morning paper and would like to register for the April 27 5-7 PM public virtual room, However, I can not find the link based on the information provided.</p>	4/20/2023	<p>Please find the link to register at www.engageontarioplace.ca or click the following link to directly visit the registration form: https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZYrdOmvqTsiHNSytuRVsZAAvSfWQQ7_ATLJ#/registration</p>	

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engageontarioplace.ca "Contact Us"	<p>Hello, I am excited to see the focus on redeveloping Ontario Place. It's unfortunate more public input was not sought In advance of the contract.</p> <p>Following are a few key issues I hope we're considered:</p> <p>Waterfront Ferry Access</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- East tk West Ferry Access across Toronto including Points Centre Island and Ontario Place- allowing people to get to the closest and most convenient Ferry/water taxi access would reduce cars driving into and through Toronto- we live close to Ontario Place and used it frequently. Due to traffic, , we rarely go to the Beaches and only do Centre Island annually. - encouraging the development of waterfront East to West people ferries would increase Toronto's international and local appeal for pedestrians and cyclists. <p>Balance of Free and Paid activities, year round</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- I believe many have lost focus on some of the better years at Ontario Place- An entrance fee was charged, and the park included a combination of free and fee for service activities.- I support the shift to free site access with a balance of free activities (splash pads, volleyball courts, picnic areas, natural play zones, cycling trails, boardwalk, free launch area for kayaks/etc, as well as opportunity to rent, food/festival zones. <p>- Year-round day and night programming —. We have enjoyed all the holiday markets, the natural skating rink on the east side of the park (less so the artificial one), etc. Spring and Fall programming and multi-cultural celebrations should be integrated.</p> <p>Integration with Exhibition - ideally work will be done to build an interesting, active zone from public transit at the Ex to and through Ontario place. Creating a busy, active, area that would connect the areas from transit to and through Ontario Place will help remove the deDzo e that makes it feel disco. Extend from the city.</p> <p>I went to Ontario Place with my parents as a child, with friends as a teen, worked at OP during University, and go to events and concerts today with my parents and children. I hope the new site supports both successful private businesses and, more importantly, a vibrant year-round destination for all.</p> <div></div>	4/24/2023		

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engageontarioplace.ca "Contact Us"	<p>Ontario Place was built as a place for all the people of Ontario would feel like they would have access cottage country in the city. Especially people who could not afford to have a cottage country experience. Now more than ever city dwellers need a place to enjoy our waterfront.</p> <p>The Science Centre must stay where it is and be upgraded. I do believe there is place for an extension of the Science Centre in the pod and the cinesphere highlighting Climate Change our water resources plus films and exhibits highlighting what a great place Ontario is to live.</p> <p>No way for a 5 level parking lot, public transit only for access with no admission fee to Ontario Place. Ontario Place should be largely free and for the average person and family, beaches, kid attractions, picnic and eating areas with limited access to alcohol, boating activities and rentals, nature trails, a harbour for boaters and a small concert venue less than 10,000 seats highlighting local and Canadian talent.</p> <p>The Ford Government intends to privatize most of Ontario Place and make it for the rich tourist and largely shut out access to the average person and families which I cannot agree with, and would never support. For example as advertised, the spa clearly is not meant for the average person - mom can go to the spa, Dad can go to the bar for a few drinks while the children with the nanny can go to the water park.</p> <p>Ford must come clean about the 95 year leasing agreement and any other commitments with my tax dollars which he has already spent, for something myself and most people will never use for the next 100 years.</p> <p>We also do not need a large concert venue, and more high end restaurants to attract tourists.</p> <p>██████████</p>	4/25/2023		
Email	<p>I got your email that says "Feedback can be submitted through the virtual public engagement room until midnight on May 19, 2023: https://engageontarioplace.ca/virtual/." but when I follow this link it leads to another link which leads to several other links, one of which leads to 5 links, one of which refers to itself, and that link doesn't seem to have any process for submitting feedback.</p> <p>Can you be more specific on how we should submit feedback, or is it better if I write a shell script to explore all link permutations and send you screenshots so you can help me identify which one of these links is for feedback?</p>	4/27/2023	<p>Thank you for your note and interest in this project.</p> <p>We're sorry to hear that you are having trouble using the Zoom link. While we have ASL interpretation, closed captioning and visual aids available for the tonight's session, we do not currently have a livestream link setup. We sincerely apologize and can look into providing this support for future events.</p> <p>For tonight's event, I have attached a copy of the presentation deck that will be used and ask if you could kindly join us via the dial-in function on Zoom. Through this, you will be able to participate in our breakout rooms as well.</p> <p>As you know, we currently have a virtual public engagement room available where you can also provide feedback.</p> <p>Additionally, a recording of tonight's event, with closed captioning, will be available on the documents library of the project website in the coming weeks.</p> <p>Thank you, Ontario Place Redevelopment Team</p>	4/27/2023

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engageontarioplace.ca "Contact Us"	<p>It looks an exciting development, as someone who frequently uses the site -for bike trails or the IMAX in the past. And who also used the OSC when we lived north of the city - my initial preference was for the OSC to stay where it was -both sites had so much potential for further development already. And there seemed to eb a fair amount of potential space for housing nearby around the plazas or across towards the area which housed Concorde place and the Aga Khan site. It was a much easier access for the population north of the city or along the 401 /407 corridor. I wondered about a new stand alone climate museum / science centre for the lake site with special effects from technology augmentation</p> <p>I will look forward to seeing the whole video later, thank you for the hard work on this. Please keep our perimeter trails and peaceful quiet areas though - the end of the lookout with the trail and its views are stunning as is. And a real haven for peace. I love the look of the wetlands planned and am sure the kids will enjoy some of the plans. I will email full comments after i see the whole information package. Thank you</p>	4/27/2023		
engageontarioplace.ca "Contact Us"	<p>Hello, we've attended the Engage Ontario Place: Public Consultation Event on April 27th, and as residents of Toronto we support the proposal for the East island development of Ontario place, with the Ontario Science Centre relocated there and its old site near Don Mills redeveloped for affordable housing.</p> <p>We are looking forward to the development of Ontario Place after over a decade of sitting empty. We like that the iconic Cinesphere and pods will be maintained and retained. We also like the direct connection to the Ontario Line subway station.</p> <p>Our concern is that we want to maximize the amount of open public space to the lake, island, parkland and underground/protected access from the Ontario line subway on the mainland. We hope that the public access wouldn't be restricted on a whim by the private companies such as Live Nation or Therme. The Therme spa is also dominating the whole west island, so we would fully support such this project if it was smaller with more open public green space instead and there should be more consultation about giving up public space to a private company on a 100 year lease - we don't want another Highway 407 scenario where the public would have to pay to use it so it's not benefiting the general public. We also agree with having more green parkland plus restaurants, and perhaps expanded open market in the northeast of the project, with the parking relocated underground instead as empty parking lots is an eyesore and a wasted opportunity here. We believe that the Ontario Science Centre relocation also addresses the shortage of housing in the city, and adds additional unique programming to Ontario Place, giving people of all ages, locals and tourists more reasons to visit Ontario Place regularly. We envision and hope to see an Ontario Place that's worth visiting all year long, with protected and maintained greenspace similar to the Toronto islands.</p>	4/27/2023		
engageontarioplace.ca "Contact Us"	<p>Why are the Therme Spa, the parking garage and the Science Centre not part of the Environmental Assessment for the Revitalization of Ontario Place since they are all part of the same project and they are proposed for public land? It seems like Ontario Place was divided into 5 zones which were the easy areas to discuss but the controversial parts of the plan were eliminated from discussion such as the Spa, the parking garage and the Science Centre.</p> <p>I am having trouble finding information on the design of the Therme Spa and would appreciate being sent information on the size, design and what it includes.</p> <p>What is the plan to provide accessible public transportation to Ontario Place? Currently</p>	5/1/2023		

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	<p>It is approximately a 20 minute walk to the Cinesphere from the proposed subway/Go station (according to Google Maps). Accessibility by public transit is a huge issue for the success of Ontario Place, with the cutbacks in funding for school trips and the number of people living in Toronto without cars it must be accessible to all. Currently there does not appear to be a transportation route along this area of the Lakeshore nor from the Go Station to Ontario Place. What changes will be made to make it accessible for the elderly, disabled and young families by public transport?</p> <p>The April 27 presentation showed lovely pictures of the facility in winter, but realistically is it a max. 4 months facility? What is being done to appeal to people for 12 months of the year? It is pretty cold on the lakefront and some of the areas especially Zone 1 where the wind will sweep in off the lake. would a skating rink draw people in the winter?</p> <p>There are 3 cabaña/markets planned . My concern is that these are feasible for 4 months of the year and I think this because there are no year-around restaurants on Toronto Islands and there are mostly low quality foods for take-out that are only open in summer (because not many people go 8 months of the year. There are very few eating establishments along Toronto waterfront parks and again the food is of low quality because they are only open for roughly 3 months. Is this what is planned for Ontario Place, if not what is being done to make it better quality food and draw people for year-round experiences? It is not good to have buildings shuttered for 6 months or more. Has a study should be undertaken to see what would entice people to come during the winter?</p> <p>What is being done to increase fish habitat along Lake Ontario in Zone 1?</p> <p>There is a lot of talk about sustainability and environment. How much of this area is buildings (including the spa, Science Centre, Cinesphere), cabana/market, above ground parking, amphither, paved areas such as paths and water park vs. grassed and gardens? I heard in the April 27 session that people wanted open space, how is this balanced?</p> <p>Although there has been a lot of talk about the redevelopment of Ontario Place and you say you want my feedback, it is extremely difficult to find information. I found out about the April 27 zoom meeting by accident so was able to attend. It was not advertised on the Ontario Place web-site. I did not see it on the City of Toronto web-site or read about it in the Toronto Star, nor did I hear about it on CBC. I would like to know where the April 27 zoom meeting was advertised. I am concerned about the lack of available information on the entire redevelopment of Ontario Place including the Therme Spa, the amphitheater, the parking garage and the Science Centre.</p> <p>I cannot find any information on the environmental effects of the projects and what is being done to mitigate them and would appreciate you sending the information.</p> <p>Looking forward to your response.</p>			
Email	<p>I don't understand why you mention "public engagement" when Ford has already committed a large portion of Ontario Place to become a spa and clearly does not care for "public opinion".</p> <p>██████████</p>	5/4/2023	Sent to MOI to respond.	

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Email	<p>Thank you for sending the link that actually works!</p> <p>However I see inconsistency here https://engageontarioplace.ca/station/4-spr23/ which leads to this link: https://engageontarioplace.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Waters-Edge-Summary-Table-1.pdf indicating "▪ Shoreline access areas will be closed during the winter months to reduce potential safety concerns due to slippery surface".</p> <p>How will the shoreline access areas be closed?</p> <p>I thought this was promised to be ungated open public space, or will that promise be broken for safety reasons?</p> <p>Your pictures show people there in winter (see attached).</p> <p>So you say it will be closed in winter but you show people there in winter.</p> <p>I don't understand this.</p> <p>Also Therme's planning the same thing for the South-facing Michael Hough Beach = stepped access, for those who don't want to swim at the stinky dirty wind-swept West-facing public beach they plan to build next to the highway (perhaps so that they can "ensewage" the beach to sell more pool passes).</p> <p>Would this mean they'd also close their South access point in winter, giving winter swimmers the only choice to swim at the sewage beach?</p> <p>Also I did hear that the sewage would only be mitigated in summer months.</p> <p>This whole thing seems like a bad deal for Ontario to turn a safe pebble beach into a dangerous stepped beach and provide only the sewage beach on the West side.</p> <p>Some clarification would help here.</p>	5/12/2023	Sent to MOI to respond.	
Email	Unsafe design for community water access.	5/12/2023	Sent to MOI to respond.	
engageontarioplace.ca "Contact Us"	<p>I do not feel it is an environmentally sound decision to put a 4 or 5 story parking garage at the lakefront. We need less cars not more in the area. It is already too congested. You cannot have environmental studies that would state this is a sound decision. Please do not make a parking garage.</p> <p>Not sure if this is the spot, but the decision to grant the Therme spa a 95 or whatever obscene length of lease granted without public consultation is disgusting. The plot where the spa is supposed to be built is incredible park land and should remain as such for all the citizens of Toronto to use for free. Won't need a parking garage if we don't have the spa there.</p> <p>Finally, Ontario Science Centre, drove by yesterday. IT DOESN'T LOOK TIRED TO ME? Does look like a lot of nice land to build expensive houses on. KEEP ONTARIO PLACE WHERE IT IS.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>	5/15/2023		

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Email	<p>Dear Mr. Wolfe,</p> <p>I am writing to inquire about how the recent announcement by the province on moving the Science Centre to Ontario Place will affect the schedule for community consultations regarding the development application.</p> <p>I would like to point out that the in-person community meeting on April 15th took place before the announcement was made, and it was not yet known that the Ontario Place redevelopment would include the Science Centre. On the other hand, the virtual meeting occurred after the announcement. As a result, those who only attended the in-person meeting did not have the opportunity to address this significant change in the plans for Ontario Place.</p> <p>I am concerned about this disparity in opportunity for community consultation and would like to know how the city plans to address it. Additionally, I am curious why the applicant did not make this important information known before the in-person meeting but did so for the virtual meeting, incorporating it into the information presented.</p> <p>Given this news and the significant change in the application, I strongly believe that the schedule for community consultation needs to be amended to provide an additional opportunity for community members to speak in person about this change.</p> <p>I would appreciate hearing directly from you or the applicant, either by phone or email, about how this issue will be addressed.</p> <p>Thank you for your attention to this matter.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>██████████</p>	04/19/2023	Sent to MOI to respond.	

Indigenous Community Communications Logs

Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Communications Log

Date	Method	Summary
17-Mar-22	Email	Website Launch Providing notification about the Category C website launch.
3-May-22	Email	Ontario Place Redevelopment - MinoKamik MHSTCI announces to rights-holding First Nation that Minokamik Collective is joining the team responsible for the Class EA and public realm design, alongside LANDinc, Martha Schwartz Partners and Jacobs.
4-May-22	Email	MHSTCI Ontario Place Redevelopment Notification Letter
14-May-22	Meeting (virtual)	Project team Introduction: Project team provides recap of Ontario Place Public Realm (OPPR) project site and describes approach to engagement and design. Encourages site-visit as a means of understanding the site's existing conditions. MCFN provided a description of how they would like to be involved in the design process. It includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provide input on how feedback gathered is incorporated into design elements. ▪ Better sharing of timelines/details. ▪ Immediate access to reports to glean understanding of any environmental impact(s) ▪ Have a better understanding of how any upcoming studies may feed into or influence the design. ▪ Advance notice of when and which reports/analysis/studies are taking place so MCFN can alert the Project team as to their areas of interest/concern. Input on [Indigenous] materials that are created for public presentations.
20-May-22	Email	MCFN responded to Notification letter to confirm participation in all three areas (Field work, Presentation, and Report review).
25-May-22	Email	Ontario Place Redevelopment – Community Engagement for Class EA & Public Realm Design: Update email to inform that efforts to schedule a meeting will be made in the near future.
8-Jun-22	Meeting (virtual)	MCFN Engagement Schedule Discussion Review of Indigenous Engagement Schedule.
16-Jun-22	Email	Re: Ontario Place Redevelopment – Community Engagement for Class EA & Public Realm Design Following-up confirming MCFN's availability on Monday, June 20 th to get "official" engagement sessions underway. Attached draft agenda for review.
24-Jun-22	Email	Re: Ontario Place Redevelopment – Community Engagement for Class EA & Public Realm Design Confirmation that 10:30 am-12 pm time slot on Wednesday, June 29 th works best. Re-attached draft agenda that was sent earlier (see email sent 16-Jun-22) and asked to review and edit as seen fit. Shared a copy of final Engagement Plan.

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29-Jun-22	Meeting (virtual)	MCFN Engagement Schedule Discussion and Engagement Further review of proposed engagement schedule and discussion surrounding how feedback will be applied in design options. Proposed Open House at MCFN Community Centre Saturday, July 23, 2022; and creation of virtual data room where community members could access information on OPPR.
12-Jul-22	Email	220629_DRAFT Meeting Minutes - MCFN Engagement Plan Discussion Shared minutes for review by meeting attendees.
15-Jul-22	Email	Open House Preparation Check-in Email checking in preparations for Open House on Saturday, July 23, as well as the status of some action items from meeting on June 29 th , 2022.
20-Jul-22	Meeting (virtual)	MCFN: Public Realm Engagement Plan Updates Open house rescheduled from 23-Jul-22 to 27-Aug-22. Project team encourages meeting with MCFN's Culture and Design Advisory Council (CDAC) for brainstorming workshop.
20-Jul-22	Meeting	Natural Heritage presentation from Morrison Hershfield (MH). Asked information on Benthic Invertebrates and enquired on rare vegetation and bald eagle habitat. Project team explained that there were surveys done to determine if the vegetation was suitable for eagle and osprey habitat, the surveys concluded that there were none. MH will send information on Benthic Invertebrates. Other questions posed after the presentation are posted in the presentation folder.
22-Jul-22	Email	MCFN Engagement Schedule Request for updated/revised engagement schedule.
25-Jul-22	Email	Morrison Hershfield sent fact sheets on Benthic Invertebrates and the presentation.
27-Jul-22	Email	Morrison Hershfield sent Notification Letter for the medicinal plant notification.
28-Jul-22	Email	RE: Questions in Preparation for Friday Email communicating that Project team does not have any official engagement questions, in response to MCFN's request for engagement questions in preparation for upcoming meeting; as it is intended to be an informal discussion to hear how MCFN would like Indigenous culture/heritage/values/etc. represented on the site.
28-Jul-22	Call/ Email	Revisions to Engagement Plan Received call/email from MCFN on 28-Jun-22 regarding revised engagement schedule.
29-Jul-22	Meeting (virtual)	MCFN Preliminary Design Briefing The project team provided summary of the Ontario Place Public Realm project progress explaining that alternative design options are required by mid-August for inclusion in the Fall Public Consultation Event. Demonstrated preference for use of native plant species that are climate resilient and use of wild rice to clean and filter water.
03-Aug-22	Meeting (virtual)	Data Room & Open House Details Check-in MCFN requested data room be setup by August 12 and that their Media Communications Department will be creating a landing page on the MCFN website.

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16-Aug-22	Email	July 29 Meeting Minutes for review & PowerPoint Sent minutes from meeting Friday, July 29, 2022 for review. Sent link to slide deck from presentation.
17-Aug-22	Email	Re: Documentation Sent link to PowerPoint to be posted to MCFN portal. Requested update on portal and 'Summary Engagement Document' (regarding discussions with tenants, etc.), and proposed meeting to discuss progress of portal and upcoming Open House.
25-Aug-22	Meeting (virtual)	Open House Planning/Logistics Discussion. Headcount (6 ppl/session): 2 sessions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request for handouts from Project team for participants. MCFN requests set of questions for proposed on-line survey.
27-Aug-22	Open House	MCFN Open House (On-site @ MCFN Community Centre). Presentation of OPPR project and latest updates. Had an open discussion about general aspirations and values for public realm design and how MCFN could be best represented. Topics included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inclusivity, different languages Serpent Mounds – knoll topography (mound culture and solstices) Living walls Migration – 7 Stopping points (landings) Learning Centre/culture camps/outdoor learning opportunities: traditional food and processing, planting and harvesting, fishing, medicine. Concerns included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accessibility (carts to rent to view whole site). Safety (i.e., compromised visibility in forested areas.) Site governance
30-Aug-22	Email	Ontario Place Redevelopment - Environmental Assessment Evaluation Criteria Sent draft Environmental Assessment Evaluation Criteria for review and feedback by Fri, Sep 23, 2022 as the table is going to be shared at Oct. 4, 2022 Public Engagement Event.
21-Sep-22	Email	RE: Ontario Place Redevelopment - EA Evaluation Criteria Email reply to schedule meeting for 26-Oct-22. Requested that MCFN provide an agenda with questions to the Project Team beforehand.
4-Oct-22	Email	MCFN Open House Meeting Minutes Shared minutes for review with end of week as deadline for changes/additions. Asked if online survey posted yet. Suggested date for MCFN Virtual Community Session after 14-Oct-22.

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12-Oct-22	Email	Re: MCFN Open House Meeting Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow-up on progress of online survey. Request for dates/times for virtual MCFN Community Session Suggestion to have meeting between Project Team and Culture/Design Advisory Committee for Presentation of Conceptual Design Options and Iterative Design Input. Schedule a meeting along with CDAC (Culture and Design Advisory Council) followed by virtual session with community for further discussion and input.
26-Oct-22	Email	MCFN Review of EA Evaluation Criteria Provided feedback regarding the evaluation criteria tables discussed in the previous meeting.
26-Oct-22	Meeting (virtual)	MCFN Review of Proposed Evaluation Criteria for Category C EA Jacobs presented proposed evaluation criteria table to MCFN for feedback. MCFN suggested the following be added to the table: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> culturally significant plants glass buildings & migratory birds = need mitigation [for potential buildings as part of the public realm]. water current, temp, etc. to be included for aquatic species. Addition of criteria to give allowance for Indigenous feedback to be integrated.
2-Nov-22	Email	Virtual Engagement Session - Week of Nov.28th Email to schedule virtual engagement session at the request of MCFN the week of Nov 28th.
9-Nov-22	Email	Email re: Report Back 1 and 2 Provided copy of Report Back 1 for review. Requested MCFN to share any comments on first Report Back and a suggested deadline for comments. Requested to schedule follow-up meeting. Inquired about timeline for comments for Report Back 2.
14-Nov-22	Email	Updated Map for Survey Page Provided updated map for the MCFN survey webpage.
14-Nov-22	Email	Flyer for Survey and Public Engagement Session Provided requested flyer. Requested any questions and informed that an updated survey map will follow.
25-Nov-22	Email	Miro Board Invite follow-up Sent Miro Board invite to MCFN. Made the following inquiries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Should Miro Board invitation be sent to CDAC/Knowledge holders prior to 16-Dec-2022? If so, request CDAC email addresses. Would you like to schedule a separate meeting to go over Report Back 1?
6-Dec-22	Email	MCFN Survey Responses Received MCFN's survey responses.

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13-Dec-22	Email	Email reminder for conceptual design option input by Dec 16, 2022. Communicated desire to incorporate feedback into 2nd Report Back as feedback will be used to refine/evolve key areas of OPPR. Provided link to Conceptual Design Option Presentation Video from Oct 27, 2022, Summary of Conceptual Design Options and Report Back 1 (PDF) for reference.
14-Dec-22	Call	Informal discussion about the level of review completed by MCFN on design options to prepare for Dec 16, 2022 session with Culture and Advisory Committee. There may be a preference to implement a survey again on the final recommended design to get input from the community because there does not seem to be any visitation to the Miro Board. Project team recommended that participants take some time to review PDF presentation or Miro Board prior to Friday so more time can be spent on MCFN input than the Project team presentation.
16-Dec-22	Email	Miro Board Invite Sent Miro Board invitation to additional CDAC participants for access to additional Ontario Place public realm presentation info & to provide further opportunities to share feedback and ideas.
16-Dec-22	Email	Request for Bi-Weekly Check-ins with Project team Request received from MCFN to set up bi-weekly check-ins, starting Jan. 11 th .
16-Dec-22	Meeting (virtual)	Conceptual Design Option Mtg (CDAC & Knowledge Holders) Presented the design concepts for each of the five public realm study areas zones in the EA. Feedback was provided by MCFN regarding preference to design concepts and features.
20-Dec-22	Email	Public Realm Design Follow-Up Email received from MCFN stressing the importance of working together to ensure Indigenous design ideas are reflected appropriately and accurately in the Project. Requested timeline for the draft of the second Report Back. MCFN will be sharing a survey with community members to gather additional input on the conceptual design options.
28-Dec-22	Email	Meeting minutes for CDAC & Knowledge Holder: CDO Discussion Minutes provided from meeting on Dec 16 th , 2022.
10-Jan-23	Meeting (virtual)	MCFN Check-in and Mapping Showed Indigenous Engagement Miro Board with placemaking markers and precedent images. MCFN suggested we meet with CDAC to review material for their feedback.
12-Jan-22	Email	Morrison Hershfield Ontario Place Report Review Notification
20-Jan-23	Meeting (virtual)	Meeting regarding Report Back 2 Discussed small comments re. Report Back 2 that MCFN had. MCFN requested an updated version of the Report Back for further review.
23-Jan-23	Email	MCFN Survey Responses Email sent with PDF of response for the MCFN-specific Public Realm Conceptual Design Survey.

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23-Jan-23	Meeting (virtual)	MCFN CDAC Placekeeping Meeting: Provided Report-Back #2 update and overview (submitted 20 Jan 22). Suggestion that Eternal Council Fire Wampum Belt design be used instead of Dish with One Spoon. Discussed narrowing down design idea list and begin thinking about interpretive signage content. Additional ideas put forth: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prehistory of land – story/reference to Carolinian forest. History of the old growth forest. • Marker/signage illustrating original waterfront (i.e., Old Quebec City) Project team invited to MCFN Historical Gathering Feb 21-23.
25-Jan-23	Email	Email: "Ongoing Engagement Process-Ontario Place Public Realm Project" Email sent to provide an update on the progress of Ontario Place Public Realm Project. Attached Draft Report Back 2 (V2).
26-Jan-23	Call	Call to discuss Report Back 2 and deadline for feedback
27-Jan-23	Call	Feedback re. Report Back 2 Follow up on comments for Report Back 2
10-Feb-23	Email	Email to schedule a quick follow up meeting Requested to meet in the week of Feb.13th for a quick update and an intro to a possible design narrative.
16-Feb-23	Email	Ontario Place Indigenous Placemaking Narrative Touchpoint Notified MCFN that updates have been made to the Miro board.
16-Feb-23	Meeting (virtual)	Project team Project Update/Touch Point Shared 4-directions design narrative (Why, What, How) on Miro Board. Requested feedback.
24-Feb-23	Email	MCFN requested to schedule a meeting to go over their feedback and input on their initial thoughts about the Indigenous Placekeeping narrative. Series of emails from 24-Feb-23 to 26-Feb-23 to schedule.
27-Feb-23	Meeting (virtual)	Indigenous Placekeeping Narrative Feedback Discussion over other possible narratives that could be explored in addition to some additional potential placekeeping ideas. Concern was raised that proposed design elements do not highlight MCFN to a satisfying degree.
28-Feb-23	Email	Follow Up Email Thanked for the meeting on the 27th and asked to share the final presentation for Indigenous Placekeeping.
6-Mar-23	Email	Follow up Email MCFN requested to see the draft of the potential placekeeping ideas slides to review the possible narrative that is being planned for Ontario Place public realm. Asked for an update.
13-Mar-23	Email	DRAFT Placekeeping Ideas Slides Sent MCFN a copy of the draft Potential Placekeeping Ideas slides that may be presented in the March/April meetings. Also noted that the ideas are high-level, conceptual and have not been approved. By Ministry

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27-Mar-23	Email	Meeting invite request Informed MCFN about Ministry joining and requested for them to send meeting invitations to the Ministry and the Jacobs team.
30-Mar-23	Email	Update Email Project team shared with MCFN the presentation content that was presented to them on the 27th. Also shared a survey link to rank the ideas presented. Project team also attached a copy of the final approved Report Back 2.
27-Mar-23	Meeting (virtual)	MCFN – Recommended Design and Potential Placekeeping Ideas Review of Recommended Conceptual Design and discussion of proposed placekeeping ideas for ranking. Questions arose concerning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Who decided to feature a cardinal in the Children's Play area. ▪ Where the Tree of Life idea came from. ▪ Concern about safety signage along walkways/boardwalks by waters' edge. ▪ Mitigation of garbage around Brigantine Cove. New design ideas proposed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Explore the 3 fires in design (important symbol for MCFN) ▪ Tribute to unknown Chiefs and warriors who fought in war of 1812 ▪ Feature [Mississauga] Chiefs [and other chiefs from Georgian Bay] area that opened up land to settlement. ▪ Tribute to water
3-Apr-23	Email	Email to Schedule Meeting with MCFN to provide design update on the Northshore work Based on IO's request, additional meeting needs to be scheduled with MCFN before April 20th to provide them an update on the Northshore work at OPPR.
6-Apr-23	Email	April 27th Public Event Deck - EA Shared the EA Deck that will be presented to the public in the April event. Noted that it is confidential and not approved by Ministry.
6-Apr-23	Email	Meeting Minutes for March 27th Meeting Shared a copy of the meeting minutes for community review and comment.
6-Apr-23	Email	Summary Email to MCFN Summary email that was requested was sent which summarized all content shared and what is needed from MCFN.
6-Apr-23	Call	Follow Up Call on Information Shared Called Casey to follow up on presentation content shared with MCFN along with other requests such as scheduling meetings. MCFN asked to have a summary email sent that summarizes all content shared and what is needed from MCFN.
10-Apr-22	Email	Morrison Hershfield sent a field activity notice of commencing turtle surveys to begin the following week. Followed by a series of updates on field surveys throughout April.

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13-Apr-23	Meeting	MH Ontario Place Report Review meeting. Several questions related to the EA and detail design process, as well as questions on planned mitigation measures for SAR species during/after the removal of trees and other habitat. Detailed plans are not in place as of yet, answers to the questions were based on current study results and current survey plans, the NHIS and Arborist report.
13-Apr-23	Email	MCFN Feedback Chart Shared MCFN feedback chart that was approved by Ministry. Noted that the EA column is still being reviewed.
14-Apr-23	Email	April 15th Public Event - Indigenous Slide Shared the Indigenous slide that will be presented at the April 15th event based on MCFN request.
19-Apr-23	Email	Follow Up Follow up to see when feedback could be received on shared presentation materials. Noted April 28th to be the deadline.
21-April-23	Email	Schedule Public Realm Planning Meeting/Workshop To schedule a meeting to discuss: MCFN's role in the detailed design of the cultural overlay of the site, how it's coming to life and how/where they want to be highlighted; Ranking of design ideas; Location/placement across the site; Evaluation framework of design ideas, etc.
26-Apr-23	Email	Response to Summary Email sent by Project team Asked Project team to prepare an agenda for May 8th meeting with client. Note that feedback on presented materials in March will be discussed during this meeting. Also asked to schedule a meeting with Project team in May to discuss the placekeeping design ideas. Asked to put a hold for a meeting on May 30th so Project team can present to their Chief.
8-May-23	Meeting (virtual)	MCFN CDAC OPPR Placekeeping Feedback Meeting Agenda: Ontario Place Public Realm Design Feedback on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recommended Design - Potential Placekeeping Ideas - Content For Interpretive Signage - Preferred Locations for MCFN Placekeeping Ideas
8-May-2023	Email	Follow Up Email Requested MCFN to share the additional comments that they have on the recommended design and the potential placekeeping ideas as mentioned in the meeting with CDAC on May 8th.
14-May-23	Email	Follow Up Email Followed up on the email from May 8th and asked for feedback before the end of the week, May 19th, to be incorporated into the Report Back 3 and the ESR.
17-May-23	Call	Bi-Weekly Call with MCFN MCFN requested a few meetings to be scheduled.

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18-May-23	Email	Minutes from Engagement Meeting on Monday, May 8 Sent draft of 8 May 23 min for review by MCFN. Reminded Casey/Jessica of Action Item #2 [from min]: "Send LANDinc comments Fawn Sault shared with Casey Jonathan on Recommended Conceptual Design." Said deadline was Friday, May 19, 2023 deadline for inclusion in Report-Back 3.
18-May-23	Meeting (virtual)	Working Group meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EA/Public Realm Process placemat Feedback Chart
2-June-23	Email	MCFN provided comments on the draft ESR Executive summary and Sections 6.2.2 and 6.3.1.
5-July-23	Meeting (virtual)	The Project Team provided an overview of the Draft ESR.

Alderville First Nation (Alderville) Communications Log

Date	Method	Summary
10-Mar-22	Email	Notice of Commencement of the Category C EA
17-Mar-22	Email	Website Launch Providing notification about the Category C website launch.
3-May-22	Email	Ontario Place Redevelopment - MinoKamik MHSTCI announces to rights-holding First Nation that Minokamik Collective is joining the team responsible for the Class EA and public realm design, alongside LANDinc, Martha Schwartz Partners and Jacobs.
16-May-22	Email	Ontario Place Redevelopment - Minokamik Letter of Introduction Email sent from Project team on behalf of Minokamik with PDF letter attachment signed by Lead Consultant and Indigenous Engagement Specialist.
4-May-22	Email	MHSTCI Ontario Place Redevelopment Notification Letter
27-May-22	Call	Morrison Hershfield followed up via phone call for their participation.
6-Jul-22	Email	Morrison Hershfield sent a follow-up email to the MHSTCI Notification Letter.
18-Jul-22	Email	Ontario Place Public Realm Engagement Site Visit Inquired about availability on Thursday, July 21 for a site visit, or Friday, July 29 for a Meeting (virtual) and/or Site Visit.
30-Aug-22	Email	Ontario Place Redevelopment - Environmental Assessment Evaluation Criteria Sent draft Evaluation Criteria for review and feedback by Fri, Sep 23, 2022 as the table is going to be shared at the Oct. 4, 2022 Public Engagement Event.
6-Sep-22	Meeting (virtual)	Alderville/Scugog Preliminary Engagement Session Meeting 1 Jacobs provided an overview of EA assessment. Alderville described the difficulty of just getting to Trillium Park, suggested a critical aspect of the design should be accessing site. Also suggested that knowledge of Treaties as being a significant piece of history for visitors to know. ▪ Interest expressed in pervious vs. impervious ratio of public realm and recommended/preferred measures to increase shoreline resiliency.
7-Sep-22	Email	Invitation to Preliminary Engagement Session Meeting 1, Part 2 with Alderville, Scugog.
14-Sep-22	Email	Ontario Place Public Realm Preliminary Design Presentation Sent presentation from Preliminary Design Meeting on 6-Sep-22. Provided reminder for meeting on 27-Sep-22 for the opportunity to continue discussion from the previous meeting.

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4-Oct-22	Email	Meeting Minutes from Mtgs. Sep. 6 & Sep. 27; & EA Criteria Feedback Sent minutes from meeting on 6-Sep-2022 and 27-Sep-2022 for review. Requested that any changes be provided by the end of the week (7-Oct-22). Informed that the feedback deadline for EA criteria has been extended from 23-Sep-22 to 14-Oct-22.
7-Oct-22	Email	Ontario Place Public Realm Conceptual Design Reveal Meeting Request for availability for meeting to show how Indigenous ideas have been incorporated into conceptual design. Report-back to be shared in next couple of weeks.
14-Oct-22	Email	EA Criteria Feedback Follow-up Follow-up email regarding extension of feedback deadline for EA criteria from 23-Sep-22 to 14-Oct-22.
18-Oct-22	Email	Email invitation to Indigenous Design Option Reveal Invite for an informal 1.5-hour meeting on Tues, Oct. 25, 2022, 10:00-11:30am to walk through the Preliminary Conceptual Design Options before the Public Engagement Event on Thursday, October 27, from 5:00-7:00pm.
29-Nov-22	Email	Miro Board and Review of Report-Back 1 Inquired if access to Miro Board is working and provided link if not. Notified following Important dates have been amended (as posted on the Miro Board): - Report Back1 FN community feedback due 16-Dec-2022. - Draft Report Back2 distributed with FN for final review 19-Dec-2022. - Final Draft Report Back2 FN Community feedback due 23-Dec-2022. (Any comments received after to be incorporated into Report Back3).
13-Dec-22	Email	Email request for conceptual design option input by Dec 16, 2022. Communicated desire to incorporate feedback into 2nd report-back as feedback will be used to refine/evolve key areas of Ontario Place public realm. Provided link to Conceptual Design Option Presentation Video from Oct 27, 2022, Summary of Conceptual Design Options and Report-Back1 (PDF) for reference.
12-Jan-23	Email	January 12th, 2023 - Morrison Hershfield Ontario Place Report Review Notification
25-Jan-23	Email	Email: "Ongoing Engagement Process-Ontario Place Public Realm Project" Email sent to provide an update on the progress of Ontario Place Public Realm Project. Attached Draft Report Back 2.
26-Jan-23	Call	Call to provide an update on the progress of the Project Left a voice message with a request to discuss the email, "Ongoing Engagement Process-Ontario Place Public Realm Project" sent Jan 25th and the overall progress of the Project.
6-Feb-23	Email	Email to schedule meeting in March/early April sent to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Alderville ▪ Kawartha Nishnawbe ▪ Scugog

Date	Method	Summary
13-Feb-23	Call	Call to follow up with last email and schedule a meeting Two dates provided to Project team: April 4 th and 5 th to meet and go over possible design options.
31-Mar-23	Email	Follow Up Follow up email to confirm availability to join the meeting.
4-Apr-23	Email	Meeting on April 5th A check in email about the upcoming meeting along with the agenda. Also let the community know that Ministry will be joining in.
5-Apr-23	Meeting (virtual)	Recommended Conceptual Design, Proposed Science-Based Programming and On-Site Parking Solution, and Potential Placekeeping Ideas Overview of Recommended Conceptual Design: Zone 3: concern over # of fountains and fish entrainment. Zone 4: Happy that impervious pavement will be improved upon as run-off [into lake] is a major concern. Discussed light pollution and learning opportunities for night sky from Anishinaabe perspective. Suggestion to incorporate dodem and/or wampum belt designs into gateway patterning. Recommendation to consider incorporation of 1764 Covenant Chain belt.
6-Apr-23	Email	OP Virtual Public Consultation Event April 27, 5-7:00pm Notification on upcoming event provided. To register for the event, and/or to find out more information please visit: https://engageontarioplace.ca/
6-Apr-23	Email	Schedule Meeting 2 Follow up email to schedule a Part 2 meeting for either: April 17, 12-1pm or April 18th, 9-11am.
12-Apr-23	Email	Follow Up Email Followed up on the meeting that needs to be scheduled to go over the rest of the presentation content made on April 5th.
17-Apr-23	Call	Follow up Call to Schedule Meeting Followed up on the meeting that needs to be scheduled to go over the rest of the presentation content made on April 5th.
17-Apr-23	Email	Meeting Minutes Shared meeting minutes from April 5th meeting for review.
25-Apr-23	Meeting (virtual)	Zoom Meeting - Part 2 - Continuation from Meeting April 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued presentation of Placekeeping Ideas for ranking. ESR Overview Northshore Rock Berm Update

Date	Method	Summary
16-May-23	Email	Meeting Minutes Sent Minutes from 25 April 2023 meeting for review. Requested photos and/or literature on "Manidoo Ogitigan/Spirit Garden" (public art piece) that Alderville did for the City of Kingston that was made reference to during part 1 of meeting set (5 Apr 2023). Attached minutes from that meeting too for reference.

Curve Lake and Hiawatha Communications Log

Date	Method	Summary
10-Mar-22	Email	Notice of Commencement of the Category C EA
17-Mar-22	Email	Website Launch Providing notification about the Category C website launch.
3-May-22	Email	Ontario Place Redevelopment - MinoKamik MHSTCI announces to rights-holding First Nations that Minokamik Collective is joining the team responsible for the Class EA and public realm design, alongside LANDinc, Martha Schwartz Partners and Jacobs.
4-May-22	Email	MHSTCI Ontario Place Redevelopment Notification Letter
16-May-22	Email	Ontario Place Redevelopment - Minokamik Letter of Introduction Email sent from Project team on behalf of Minokamik with PDF letter attachment signed by Lead Consultant and Indigenous Engagement Specialist.
30-May-23	Email	Morrison Hershfield sent follow-up email to Notification Letter
11-Jul-22	Email	Morrison Hershfield Sent a follow-up email to the MHSTCI Notification Letter. Email sent to additional contacts.
15-Jul-22	Call/ Email	Ontario Place Site Visit and Workshop Thursday, July 21, 2022. Call and email with Curve Lake Representative. Official email invite sent with draft agenda and WeTransfer link to (1) engagement plan, (2) Visioning PowerPoint, (3) Opportunities and Constraints Mapping. Attached Letters of Introduction sent out on 16-May-22.
21-Jul-22	Meeting (virtual)	Curve Lake/Hiawatha - Project Introduction & Preliminary Design Discussion Commented procurement process should support local artists. Outside artists paint false narratives, bringing different styles that aren't reflective of the region. Preference for immersive design experience like that at the Canoe Museum. Recommendation made to relocate Inukshuk sculpture to more appropriate location and replace it with work by an Indigenous artist with cultural and historical knowledge of the area/region.
16-Aug-22	Email	Ontario Place Public Realm July 21 Preliminary Design Mtg. Minutes for Review Sent min. from meeting on 21 Jul 2022 for review. Requested any changes/additions be shared and included link to presentations.
30-Aug-22	Email	Ontario Place Redevelopment - Environmental Assessment Evaluation Criteria Sent draft Environmental Assessment Evaluation Criteria for review and feedback by Sep. 23, 2022 as the table is going to be shared at the Oct. 4, 2022 Public Engagement Event.

Date	Method	Summary
7-Oct-22	Email	Ontario Place Public Realm Evaluation Criteria and Next Meeting Request for confirmation that Curve Lake/Hiawatha does not have any feedback re. EA criteria. Requested availability for meeting to show how Indigenous ideas have been incorporated into conceptual design. Updated that the Report-Back will be ready to share in the next couple of weeks.
11-Oct-22	Email	RE: Ontario Place public realm EA Evaluation Criteria and Next Meeting Email received from Curve Lake/Hiawatha - requested to continue to receive information.
18-Oct-22	Email	Email invitation to Indigenous Design Option Reveal Invite for an informal 1.5-hour meeting on Tues, Oct. 25, 2022, 10:00-11:30am to walk through the Preliminary Conceptual Design Options before the Public Engagement Event on Thursday, October 27, from 5:00-7:00pm.
29-Nov-22	Email	Miro Board and Review of Report-Back 1 Inquired if access to Miro Board is working and provided link if not. Notified following Important dates have been amended (as posted on the Miro Board): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Report Back 1 FN community feedback due 16-Dec-2022. ▪ DRAFT Report Back 2 distributed with FN for final review 19-Dec-2022. ▪ FINAL DRAFT Report Back 2 FN Community feedback DUE 23-Dec-2022. (Any comments received after to be incorporated into Report Back 3).
13-Dec-22	Email	Email reminder for conceptual design option input by Dec 16, 2022. Communicated desire to incorporate feedback into 2nd report-back as feedback will be used to refine/evolve key areas of Ontario Place public realm. Provided link to Conceptual Design Option Presentation Video from Oct 27, 2022, Summary of Conceptual Design Options and Report-Back1 (PDF) for reference.
12-Jan-23	Email	Morrison Hershfield Ontario Place Report Review Notification
25-Jan-23	Call	Call to provide an update on the process of the Project (4:15 PM) Left a voice message asking for confirmation on receiving the email, "Ongoing Engagement Process-Ontario Place Public Realm Project", sent out the morning of Jan 25th. Mentioned how the Project team wants to update them on the progress on the Project. Asked to email or call back if there are any questions.
25-Jan-23	Email	Email: "Ongoing Engagement Process-Ontario Place Public Realm Project" Email sent to provide an update on the progress of Ontario Place Public Realm Project. Attached Draft Report Back 2.
26-Jan-23	Call	Call received Received a return call to confirm receipt of the email "Ongoing Engagement Process-Ontario Place Public Realm Project", sent the morning of Jan 25th. Provided updates on the Project and the next steps.
6-Feb-23	Email	Email to schedule meeting Contacted to schedule a meeting in March/early April.

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13-Feb-23	Call	Call to follow up with last email and schedule a meeting Two possible dates provided for a meeting, March 22-23rd, 3-5pm. Curve Lake/Hiawatha asked for the presentation to focus on some introduction to the site as Elders will be invited that have never heard about the Project.
17-Feb-23	Email	Follow-up email to confirm a final March meeting date/time and to give a quick overview of the agenda. Communicated that the Project team will be going over the ESR table of contents in the March meeting.
24-Feb-23	Call	Follow-up call made to request meeting dates.
10-Mar-23	Email	Morrison Hershfield Ontario Place Report Review Reminder.
31-Mar-23	Email	Recommended Design & Placekeeping Deck & Report Back 2 As no meeting was scheduled with Curve Lake, recommended design, potential placekeeping presentation deck (PowerPoint and PDF), final approved Report Back 2 and a survey link to the ranking table was shared through email. Also posted on Miro boards.
31-Mar-23	Email	Follow Up Emailed to request availability to re-schedule meeting to present recommended designs and potential placekeeping ideas.
May 26, 2023	Meeting (virtual)	Ontario Place – MH Natural Heritage Presentation Presented a summary of (natural heritage/ ecological) survey work completed to-date.

Haudenosaunee Confederacy and Haudenosaunee Development Institute (HCCC/HDI) Communications Log

Date	Method	Summary
10-Mar-22	Email	Notice of Commencement of the Category C EA
17-Mar-22	Email	Website Launch Providing notification about the Category C website launch.
3-May-22	Email	Ontario Place Redevelopment - MinoKamik MHSTCI announces to rights-holding First Nations that Minokamik Collective is joining the team responsible for the Class EA and public realm design, alongside LANDinc, Martha Schwartz Partners and Jacobs.
4-May-22	Email	MHSTCI Ontario Place Redevelopment Notification Letter
16-May-22	Email	Ontario Place Redevelopment - Minokamik Letter of Introduction Email sent from Project team on behalf of Minokamik with PDF letter attachment signed by Lead Consultant and Indigenous Engagement Specialist.
27-May-22	Email	Morrison Hershfield followed up via phone call for their participation. Spoke with the receptionist, she will pass along the information and reply to the email.
30-Aug-22	Email	Ontario Place Redevelopment - Environmental Assessment Evaluation Criteria Sent draft Environmental Assessment Evaluation Criteria for review and feedback by Fri, Sep 23, 2022 as the table is going to be shared at Oct. 4, 2022 Public Engagement Event.
30-Aug-22	Call	Re. Invitation for engagement session on Wed., Sept 7, 2022 (11:00-1:00pm). Left voice message.
6-Jul-22	Email	Morrison Hershfield sent a follow-up email to the MHSTCI Notification Letter.
6-Sep-22	Call	Follow-up Re. Invitation for engagement session on Wed., Sept 7, 2022 Follow-up call made to confirm if HCCC/HDI representative would be in attendance for engagement session.
7-Sep-22	Meeting (virtual)	HCCC/HDI Preliminary Engagement Session Meeting 1 Meeting remained in session for 45 minutes with no attendance from HCCC/HDI. 6 touch points were made. 3 emails and 3 calls.
7-Oct-22	Email and Canada Post	Ontario Place Public Realm Evaluation Criteria and Next Meeting Request for confirmation that HCCC/HDI does not have any feedback re. EA criteria. Requested availability for meeting to show how Indigenous ideas have been incorporated into conceptual design. Updated that report-back will be ready to share in the next couple of weeks.
16-Nov-22	Email	Invitation to share Miro Board with HCCC/HDI, Huron Wendat, Six Nations

Date	Method	Summary
29-Nov-22	Email and Canada Post	Miro Board and Review of Report-Back 1 Inquired if access to Miro Board is working and provided link if not. Notified following Important dates have been amended (as posted on the Miro Board): - Report Back 1 FN community feedback due 16-Dec-2022. - DRAFT Report Back 2 distributed with FN for final review 19-Dec-2022. - FINAL DRAFT Report Back 2 FN Community feedback DUE 23-Dec-2022. (Any comments received after to be incorporated into Report Back 3).
13-Dec-22	Email	Email request for conceptual design option input by Dec 16, 2022. Communicated desire to incorporate feedback into 2nd report-back as feedback will be used to refine/evolve key areas of Ontario Place public realm. Provided link to Conceptual Design Option Presentation Video from Oct 27, 2022, Summary of Conceptual Design Options and Report-Back 1 (PDF) for reference. Provided word document to be filled out and sent back.
12-Jan-23	Email	Morrison Hershfield Ontario Place Report Review Notification
25-Jan-23	Email	Email: "Ongoing Engagement Process-Ontario Place Public Realm Project" Email sent to provide an update on the progress of Ontario Place Public Realm Project. Attached Draft Report Back 2.
26-Jan-23	Call	Call to provide an update on the progress of the Project (12:00 PM) Left a voice message requesting confirmation of receipt of the email, "Ongoing Engagement Process-Ontario Place Public Realm Project", sent the morning of Jan 25th. Mentioned how the Project team wants to update them on the progress on the Project. Asked to email or call back if there are any questions.
13-Feb-23	Call	Call to HDI to follow up with last email and schedule a meeting Administrator staff picked up and requested previous email be resent so it can then be directly sent to HCCC/HDI contact.
17-Feb-23	Email and Call	Called to follow-up on previous calls and sent email to schedule a meeting. The office administrator requested that we follow up with another email and call again as the secretary that manages emails is not in the office.
21-Mar-23	Email	HCC requests EA consultant contact information (Jacobs).
4-Apr-23	Email	Recommended Design & Placekeeping Deck & Report Back 2 Recommended design, potential placekeeping presentation deck (PowerPoint and PDF), final approved Report Back 2 and a survey link to the ranking table was shared through email. Also posted on Miro boards.
25-May-23	Meeting (virtual)	Meeting held to discuss: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project overview • Natural heritage • EA/Public Realm Process placemat • Rock Berm

Huron Wendat Communications Log

Date	Method	Summary
18-Jul-22	Email	Invitation: Ontario Place Engagement Session with Huron Wendat @ Wed Jul 20, 2022 10am - 12pm (EDT)
20-Jul-22	Meeting (virtual)	Huron Wendat - Project Introduction and Preliminary Design Discussion Suggestion to tie modern science with traditional Indigenous knowledge. Suggestion to use [gateway plaza] bridge to emulate shape of longhouse, incorporating field of the 3 sisters scaled to the size of the longhouse and number of people it would need to feed. Provide learning opportunities re. Indigenous medicine, plant identification and its influence on today's science. Recommendation to check out design elements of Onhwa' Lumina Night Walk Trail.
16-Aug-22	Email	Ontario Place Public Realm Preliminary Design Meeting Minutes for Review & Follow-up Sent minutes from meeting on 20 Jul 2022 for review. Included link to presentation that was shared during meeting.
30-Aug-22	Email	Ontario Place Redevelopment - Environmental Assessment Evaluation Criteria Sent draft Environmental Assessment Evaluation Criteria for review and feedback by Fri, Sep 23, 2022. Offered to schedule a time to go over the presentation.
8-Sep-22	Email	Follow-up RE: Minutes to Huron/Wendat Community Engagement Session Email sent following up on meeting minutes and presentation that were shared.
7-Oct-22	Email	Ontario Place Public Realm Conceptual Design Reveal Meeting Request for availability for meeting to show how Indigenous ideas have been incorporated into conceptual design. Report-back to be shared in the next couple of weeks.
18-Oct-22	Email	Email invitation to Indigenous Design Option Reveal Invite for an informal 1.5-hour meeting on Tues, Oct. 25, 2022, 10:00-11:30am to walk through the Preliminary Conceptual Design Options before the Public Engagement Event on Thursday, October 27, from 5:00-7:00pm.
3-Nov-22	Email	Indigenous Design Option Reveal and meeting minutes
3-Nov-22	Meeting (Virtual)	Report-Back 1 Review Review of Report-Back #1 and design ideas. Discussion about Longhouse design, palisade fencing, language clans, living wall and design narrative.
16-Nov-22	Email	Invitation to share Miro Board with HCCC/HDI, Huron Wendat, Six Nations
22-Nov-22	Email	Invitation to Huron Wendat Miro Board Review Meeting Tuesday, November 29, 2022.

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29-Nov-22	Email	Miro Board and Review of Report-Back 1 Inquired if access to Miro Board is working and provided link if not. Notified following Important dates have been amended (as posted on the Miro Board): - Report Back1 FN community feedback due 16-Dec-2022. - DRAFT Report Back 2 distributed with FN for final review 19-Dec-2022. - FINAL DRAFT Report Back 2 FN Community feedback due 23-Dec-2022. (Any comments received after to be incorporated into Report Back 3).
13-Dec-22	Email	Email request for conceptual design option input by Dec 16, 2022. Communicated desire to incorporate feedback into 2nd report-back as feedback will be used to refine/evolve key areas of Ontario Place public realm. Provided link to Conceptual Design Option Presentation Video from Oct 27, 2022, Summary of Conceptual Design Options and Report-Back 1 (PDF) for reference. Provided word document to be filled out and sent back.
25-Jan-23	Call	Call confirmed that email, "Ongoing Engagement Process-Ontario Place Public Realm Project" was received and that feedback will be provided. Clarification of dates were given.
25-Jan-23	Email	Email: "Ongoing Engagement Process-Ontario Place Public Realm Project" Email sent to provide an update on the progress of Ontario Place Public Realm Project. Attached Draft Report Back 2.
10-Feb-23	Email	Email to schedule meeting Contacted to schedule a meeting in March/early April.
13-Feb-23	Call	Call to follow up with last email and schedule a meeting A list of dates is to be provided to Project team for meeting times in March.
28-Feb-23	Email	Response received from Huron Wendat providing three possible meeting dates, per request. Project team responded with a date that works. Project team noted that the Project team will provide an overview of the ESR.
20-Mar-23	Email	Meeting on March 21st A check in email about the upcoming meeting along with the agenda. Also let the community know that Ministry will be joining in.
21-Mar-23	Meeting (virtual)	Zoom Meeting - Recommended Design and Potential Placekeeping Ideas Review of Recommended Conceptual Design: Zone 3: pleased that opening of Brigantine Cove will allow movement for canoes and kayaks. Interested to see results of studies on impact to warm water fish habitat. Suggestion to use shellfish [further away from shoreline to improve water in a specific area.
31-Mar-23	Email	Recommended Design & Placekeeping Deck & Report Back 2 Recommended design, potential placekeeping presentation deck (PDF), final approved Report Back 2 and a survey link to the ranking table was shared through email. Also posted on Miro boards.
6-Apr-23	Email	Meeting Minutes for March 21st Meeting and Follow Up Shared a copy of the meeting minutes for community review and comment. Also followed up to confirm they have received the presentation materials shared on March 31st. Noted that feedback is needed by April 28th, 2023, end of day.

Date	Method	Summary
17-Apr-23	Call	Follow Up Call Left a voicemail to ask about review of meeting minutes and presentation.
20-Apr-23	Email	Follow Up Email Shared new link to presentation content and new survey link as well.
20-Apr-23	Call	Follow Up and Schedule Meeting Followed up to confirm if they have received presentation content shared on March 31st and if they would be able to provide feedback by April 28th. Project team asked for their availability in the next few months especially end of May and June.
20-Apr-23	Call	Update on Survey Asked a question about the survey and let us know that they have completed the survey.

Kawartha Nishnawbe Communications Log

Date	Method	Summary
10-Mar-22	Email	Notice of Commencement of the Category C EA
17-Mar-22	Email	Website Launch Providing notification about the Category C website launch.
23-Mar-22	Email	Formal introduction from MHSTCI and providing a couple of attachments on the overview of Ontario Place, vision and guiding principles, and an overview of the Environmental Assessment.
3-May-22	Email	Ontario Place Redevelopment MHSTCI announces to rights-holding First Nations that Minokamik Collective is joining the team responsible for the Class EA and public realm design, alongside LANDinc, Martha Schwartz Partners and Jacobs.
4-May-22	Email	MHSTCI Ontario Place Redevelopment Notification Letter
16-May-22	Email	Ontario Place Redevelopment - Minokamik Letter of Introduction Email sent from Project team on behalf of Minokamik with PDF letter attachment signed by Lead Consultant and Indigenous Engagement Specialist.
17-Jul-22	Email	RE: Thursday July 21 at 10am Invitation Series of emails from 17-Jul-22 to 20-Jul-22 to inquire about representative availability for a meeting. No one available to participate as they are in a transition.
30-Aug-22	Email	Ontario Place Redevelopment - Environmental Assessment Evaluation Criteria Sent draft Environmental Assessment Evaluation Criteria for review and feedback by Fri, Sep 23, 2022 as the table is going to be shared at Oct. 4, 2022 Public Engagement Event.
7-Sep-22	Email	Invitation to Preliminary Engagement Session Meeting 1, Part 2 with Alderville, Kawartha Nishnawbe, Scugog.
14-Sep-22	Email	Ontario Place Public Realm Preliminary Design Presentation Sent presentation from Preliminary Design Meeting on 6-Sep-22. Provided reminder for meeting on 27-Sep-22 for the opportunity to continue our discussion from the previous meeting.
7-Oct-22	Email	Ontario Place Public Realm Evaluation Criteria and Next Meeting Request for confirmation that Kawartha Nishnawbe does not have any feedback re. EA criteria. Requested availability for meeting to show how Indigenous ideas have been incorporated into conceptual design. Updated that report-back will be ready to share in the next couple of weeks.
16-Nov-22	Email	Invitation sent to share Miro Board with Alderville, Kawartha Nishnawbe, Scugog

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29-Nov-22	Email	Miro Board and Review of Report-Back 1 Inquired if access to Miro Board is working and provided link if not. Notified following Important dates have been amended (as posted on the Miro Board): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Report Back1 FN community feedback due 16-Dec-2022. ▪ DRAFT Report Back2 distributed with FN for final review 19-Dec-2022. ▪ FINAL DRAFT Report Back2 FN Community feedback DUE 23-Dec-2022. (Any comments received after to be incorporated into Report Back3).
13-Dec-22	Email	Email reminder for conceptual design option input by Dec 16, 2022. Communicated desire to incorporate feedback into 2nd report-back as feedback will be used to refine/evolve key areas of Ontario Place public realm. Provided link to Conceptual Design Option Presentation Video from Oct 27, 2022, Summary of Conceptual Design Options and Report-Back1 (PDF) for reference.
12-Jan-23	Email	Morrison Hershfield Ontario Place Report Review Notification
25-Jan-23	Email	Email: "Ongoing Engagement Process-Ontario Place Public Realm Project" Email sent to provide an update on the progress of Ontario Place Public Realm Project. Attached Draft Report Back 2.
6-Feb-23	Email	Email to schedule meeting. Contacted to schedule a meeting in March/early April. Email sent to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Alderville ▪ Kawartha Nishnawbe ▪ Scugog
4-Apr-23	Email	Recommended Design & Placekeeping Deck & Report Back 2 Recommended design, potential placekeeping presentation deck (PowerPoint and PDF), final approved Report Back 2 and a survey link to the ranking table was shared through email. Also posted on Miro boards.

Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation (MSIFN or Scugog) Communications Log

Date	Method	Summary
10-Mar-22	Email	Notice of Commencement of the Category C EA
17-Mar-22	Email	Website Launch Providing notification about the Category C website launch.
3-May-22	Email	Ontario Place Redevelopment - MinoKamik MHSTCI announces to rights-holding First Nations that Minokamik Collective is joining the team responsible for the Class EA and public realm design, alongside LANDinc, Martha Schwartz Partners and Jacobs.
4-May-22	Email	MHSTCI Ontario Place Redevelopment Notification Letter
16-May-22	Email	Ontario Place Redevelopment - Minokamik Letter of Introduction Email sent from Project team on behalf of Minokamik with PDF letter attachment signed by Lead Consultant and Indigenous Engagement Specialist.
18-Jul-22	Email	Ontario Place Public Realm Engagement Site Visit Inquired about availability on Thursday, July 21 for a site visit, or Friday, July 29 for a meeting (virtual) and/or site visit.
22-Aug-22	Email	MSIFN responded to only participate in report reviews
30-Aug-22	Email	Ontario Place Redevelopment - Environmental Assessment Evaluation Criteria Sent draft Environmental Assessment Evaluation Criteria for review and feedback by Fri, Sep 23, 2022 as the table is going to be shared at Oct. 4, 2022 Public Engagement Event.
6-Sep-22	Meeting (virtual)	Alderville/Scugog Preliminary Engagement Session Meeting 1 Meeting ran over time. Second date to continue scheduled for 27-Sep-22. Jacobs provided an overview of EA assessment. Alderville described the difficulty of just getting to Trillium Park, suggested a critical aspect of the design should be accessing site. Also suggested that knowledge of Treaties as being a significant piece of history for visitors to know. Interest expressed in pervious vs. impervious ratio of public realm and recommended/preferred measures to increase shoreline resiliency.
7-Sep-22	Email	Invitation to Preliminary Engagement Session Meeting 1, Part 2 with Alderville, Scugog. Continuation of discussion on general aspirations and values for the Ontario Place public realm redevelopment.
14-Sep-22	Email	Ontario Place Public Realm Preliminary Design Presentation Sent presentation from Preliminary Design Meeting on 6-Sep-22. Provided reminder for meeting on 27-Sep-22 for the opportunity to continue discussion from the previous meeting.

Date	Method	Summary
27-Sep-22	Meeting (virtual)	<p>Preliminary Engagement Session Meeting 1, Part 2 with Scugog.</p> <p>Proposal to re-cycle water from catch basins [from pervious surfaces] and cycle it back into buildings like at Environment Building at the University of Waterloo that features pervious permeable pavers and a constructed wetland. Water from basin is cycled back into building, along with green roof, and used for gray water purposes. Suggestion to use native grassland instead of green roof seed mixes (many have non-native sedum species). Told by Scugog Chief and Council to focus on issues that would impact water quality.</p>
4-Oct-22	Email	<p>Meeting Minutes from Mtgs. Sep. 6 & Sep. 27; & EA Criteria Feedback</p> <p>Sent minutes from meeting on 6-Sep-2022 and 27-Sep-2022 for review. Requested that any changes be provided by end of the week (7-Oct-22).</p>
7-Oct-22	Email	<p>Ontario Place Public Realm Conceptual Design Reveal Meeting</p> <p>Request for availability for meeting to show how Indigenous ideas have been incorporated into conceptual design. Report-back to be shared in the next couple of weeks.</p>
7-Oct-22	Email	<p>Meeting with Ministry Request</p> <p>Requested availability and whether MSIFN still wanted for Project team to set-up a meeting with the Ministry.</p>
18-Oct-22	Email	<p>Emailed invitation for Indigenous Design Option Reveal</p> <p>Invite for an informal 1.5-hour meeting on Tues, Oct. 25, 2022, 10:00-11:30am to walk through the Preliminary Conceptual Design Options before the Public Engagement Event on Thursday, October 27, from 5:00-7:00pm.</p>
25-Oct-22	Meeting (virtual)	<p>Report Back Overview</p> <p>Preview of the first report back and quick update of upcoming Public Consultation Event (27 Oct 22). All communities invited, Six Nations and Scugog representatives joined.</p>
27-Oct-22	Email	<p>Meeting Minutes - Oct. 25th, 2022</p> <p>Meeting minutes shared with all attendees.</p>
16-Nov-22	Email	<p>Invitation to share Miro Board with Alderville, Kawartha Nishnawbe, Scugog</p>
29-Nov-22	Email	<p>Miro Board and Review of Report-Back 1</p> <p>Inquired if access to Miro Board is working and provided link if not.</p> <p>Requested feedback on Report Back1 for Report Back2 for submittal to the ministry 16-Jan-2022.</p> <p>Requested to schedule a meeting in the next 3 weeks.</p> <p>Notified following Important dates have been amended (as posted on the Miro Board):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Report Back1 FN community feedback due 16-Dec-2022. ▪ DRAFT Report Back2 distributed with FN for final review 19-Dec-2022. ▪ FINAL DRAFT Report Back2 FN Community feedback DUE 23-Dec-2022. <p>(Any comments received after to be incorporated into Report Back 3).</p>

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26-Jan-23	Call	Call to provide an update on the progress of the Project (12:45 PM) Called a few numbers with no response. Left a voice message requesting confirmation of receipt of the email, "Ongoing Engagement Process-Ontario Place Public Realm Project" sent Jan 25th and inquire about any questions about the process, etc.
6-Feb-23	Email	Email to schedule meeting Contacted to schedule a meeting in March/early April. Email sent to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Alderville ▪ Kawartha Nishnawbe ▪ Scugog
13-Feb-23	Call	Call to follow up with last email and schedule a meeting Left a voicemail with a quick update and notification that Project team is looking into scheduling dates.
14-Feb-23	Email	MSIFN informed Morrison Hershfield that they have new email addresses and to send any further notifications through them. They will participate in the review but will not be able to provide comments until March/April, and request an update on the status of the reports.
17-Feb-23	Email	Follow-up email re: previous email to schedule a meeting time and briefly introduced the agenda for the next meeting. Also mentioned that the Project team will go over the table of contents of ESR and answer any questions that they may have in our next meeting.
24-Feb-23	Email and Call	Follow-up email and call made for a possible meeting in March/April to go over Project team's presentation of possible Indigenous Placekeeping design ideas and an overview of the ESR.
1-Mar-23	Email	Follow-up email request for a possible meeting in March/April to go over Project team's presentation of possible Indigenous Placekeeping design ideas and an overview of the ESR.
21-Mar-23	Email	Morrison Hershfield sent a request for the attendance list and availability for the Natural Heritage Impact Study review meeting.
30-Mar-23	Email	Cancelled Meeting Scugog asked to cancel the meeting scheduled for April 5th. They are unable to commit time to review Ontario Place until the Relationship Agreement is signed with IO.

Date	Method	Summary
12-Apr-23	Meeting (virtual)	Morrison Hershfield Ontario Place Report Review meeting.
4-Apr-23	Email	Recommended Design, Placekeeping Deck and Report Back 2 Recommended design, potential placekeeping presentation deck (PowerPoint and PDF), final approved Report Back 2 and a survey link to the ranking table was shared through email. Also posted on Miro boards.
19-Apr-23	Email	Follow Up Followed up to confirm shared material was received and to schedule a meeting.
26-Apr-23	Email	Response to Project team Email Requested to reshare the presentation content as the links have expired.
2-Jun-23	Email	Re: Environmental Assessment & Public Realm Design – Ontario Place Sending comments regarding the Ontario Science Centre, the Natural Heritage Impact study, Indigenous Placekeeping elements and the EA.
10-Aug-23	Meeting (virtual)	The Project Team provided an overview of the Draft ESR.



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To the attention of:

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Ontario Place Redevelopment Secretariat
Ministry of Infrastructure

Cc. Kelly LaRocca, Jeff Forbes, Laura Colwell, Don Richardson, Sam Shrubsole, Tom Turoczi
June 1, 2023

Re: Environmental Assessment & Public Realm Design – Ontario Place

Dear Infrastructure Ontario,

Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation is pleased to present comments on the Preferred Public Realm Design and Natural Heritage Impact Study for Ontario Place. The Environmental Study Report incorporates discussion on the Science Centre and Indigenous Place Keeping design, two important topics which effect our nation. We have provided commentary on both below.

Science Centre

The incorporation of the Ontario Science Centre is one matter included in the scope of work listed in the redevelopment of the public spaces at Ontario Place as a government-led activity. The purpose of the Environmental Assessment is to study the “environmental, cultural and socio-economic effects” of the redevelopment activities in order to consider these impacts in the decision-making process and mitigate adverse impacts.

Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation (MSIFN) would like to raise our concerns that the placement of the Science Centre on the Ontario Place lands will have a cultural and socio-economic impact on First Nations. The Science Centre is described as a government-led activity, this government run program is meant to educate the public on science. Currently the focus of the programming is solely western science. In reviewing the Science Centre’s standard programming, it is described as the study of perceptions of science, human biology, natural environment, physics, engineering, weather, and climate. Yet there is no mention of Indigenous



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Knowledge. The Science Centre does not approach educational programming with Two-Eyed Seeing, it is focused on western science. The public relies on the government to lead the way in dissemination of knowledge and to have a government entity provide education that ignores Indigenous Knowledge acts to erase and diminish our ways of knowing and being. This programming upholds the dominant perspective that western knowledge is the only accepted form of knowledge in society today.

Two-eyed seeing allows for the presentation of multiple worldviews to be known and understood and often leads to a better integration of all peoples and relationships with the earth. Should the government incorporate knowledge sharing and move the Science Centre to Ontario Place than it is essential that programming and education to the public is changed for the better and acts to reconcile the existing inadequacies.

As a way forward MSIFN recommends the following:

1. Establish an Indigenous Advisory Circle involving Williams Treaties First Nations and our Nation partners.
2. Reflect on how the Government of Ontario is going to meaningfully develop programming that represents two-eyed seeing. The following resources are recommended as a start to educate the general public:
 - a. Reading books from Robin Wall Kimmerer, John Borrows and Basil Johnston.
 - b. Teach Indigenous history of Canada and register for courses such as the Indigenous Canada Course offered by the University of Alberta (see here: [Indigenous Canada | University of Alberta \(ualberta.ca\)](https://ualberta.ca/indigenous-canada)).
3. Develop a budget to implement two-eyed seeing approaches and to assist in the capacity for Indigenous advisors to participate.

Public Realm Space – Indigenous Place Keeping Design

MSIFN appreciates the effort made by Infrastructure Ontario to introduce Indigenous elements into the design of Ontario Place. We have reviewed the list of design options and would like to highlight that the two most important elements that should be the focus of attention at Ontario Place are public education and a space for Indigenous peoples. Public education should focus on Indigenous peoples specific to the region, the treaty territories and the difficult and harmful history/relationships between Canada and Indigenous peoples. The second most important



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design element is to create a space for Indigenous Peoples to visit and practice ceremony/healing.

MSIFN would appreciate efforts to include Indigenous arts and would encourage Infrastructure Ontario to choose an Indigenous artist from the local area. We offer the following artists for consideration:

- I. Jonathon Colwell - [\(21\) Jonathon Colwell | LinkedIn](#)
- II. Luke Swinson - [Luke Swinson Art](#)
- III. Sharifah Marsden - [Sharifah – SHARIFAH \(sharifahmarsden.com\)](#)
- IV. August Swinson - [August Swinson – The Beasting](#)

Other elements that would be appreciated include turtle shell canopy and tree of life. Interactive elements of design are encouraged.

Natural Heritage Impact Study

In addition to the above comments on the Science Centre and Indigenous Place Keeping design, MSIFN has reviewed the Natural Heritage Impact Study and has the following comments.

Species at Risk – As mentioned in the report, there are numerous Species at Risk (SAR) in and around the Ontario Place site. According to the Natural Heritage Information Centre and DFO Aquatic SAR Mapping, the following species are present:

Endangered Species: Queensnake and Piping plover found on both islands and on the mainland, American eel off East Island. Shortnose Cisco off the coast of Ontario Place.

Threatened Species: Eastern meadowlark, Barn swallow, and Wood thrush found on both islands and on the mainland. Least bittern found on the East Island and on the mainland, Chimney swift on mainland.

Species of Special Concern: Eastern wood-pewee found on both islands and on the mainland, Northern map turtle on both islands, Common nighthawk on the mainland, Midland painted turtle on East Island.

The Natural Heritage Impact Study mentions some of these species in the report but does not address the probable existence of Piping plover (*Charadrius melodus*), an endangered species listed under Schedule 1 of the Species at Risk Act. These SAR birds nest on wide sand, gravel, or



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cobble beaches, barrier island sandspits, or peninsulas in marine coastal areas making the islands at Ontario Place their preferred habitat. Queensnake (*Regina septemvittata*) is another endangered species found on the NHIC map for the Ontario Place site. This species is mentioned in the report once, but it states “There is no suitable habitat on site for this species and they were not detected during targeted surveys”. The preferred habitat of Queensnake is a few metres from the water including abutments of old bridges and crevices in bedrock. As Ontario Place is a shoreline park, it is unclear why there is no suitable habitat’ for Queensnake.

The main threats the above species face are habitat loss, degradation, and fragmentation. As the Ontario Place site has been closed and allowed to grow unmaintained, it is likely that SAR birds, reptiles, and fish have found refuge there. Threats to SAR and their habitat can be mitigated through habitat restoration and/or avoiding further habitat destruction through stewardship and landscape planning. We suggest that Ontario Place begin habitat restoration planning early, before site preparation begins to minimize impacts. There is a strong preference toward natural landscape features rather than built, and providing like-for-like habitat replacements for SAR. First Nations should be involved in these efforts and consulted throughout.

Lakefilling – The report mentions an estimated surface area of land created by lakefill of 36,000 m² on the West Island, and new underwater lakefill area supporting the land of 25,200 m², including shore works and a submerged reef.

There have already been extensive modifications of the Lake Ontario shoreline which have altered natural coastal processes, negatively impacted fish and fish habitat, and caused contaminants to accumulate in sediments (Shoreline regeneration for the Greater Toronto Bioregion: a report). It is impossible to know the true extent of shoreline modifications and development as there has not been a cumulative effects assessment completed. MSIFN raised concerns about the impacts of lakefilling on benthic invertebrates in a meeting with Ontario Place staff. We were provided with a fact sheet, but little information regarding how impacts to these species would be mitigated. We urge Ontario Place to consider assessing the cumulative impacts of lakefilling and shoreline modifications on Lake Ontario, and consider the project’s impacts in relation to all other development. Such impacts should be quantified in the ESR report and properly compensated for to ensure critical habitat is not lost.



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We ask that these concerns are incorporated into the Class EA and Environmental Study Report.

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Consultation Team

Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation



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To the attention of:

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Ontario Place Redevelopment Secretariat,
Ministry of Infrastructure
EngageOP@Jacobs.com

Cc; Natalie Zeitoun, Sarah Park

August 25, 2023

Re: **ERO #019-7311**

Ontario Place - Draft Environmental Study Report (ESR)

Dear Tom McDonnell,

The Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation are pleased to provide comments on the draft Environmental Study Report for Ontario Place. See comments, concerns, and questions outlined in the table below.



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Topic	Reference	Comment
Vegetation	<p>3.1.4 Vegetation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - More than 800 trees were identified throughout the public realm Project footprint at the time of the survey, ranging in species, sizes, and origins. Of the total trees, approximately 52% are native species, 37% are non-native species, and 10% are unknown. <p>3.1.4.1 Vegetation of Significance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - None of the plant species found within the Project footprint require protection under current legislation, because most native species are not naturally occurring, and many are ornamental landscape varieties. - There are no significant woodlands at the Ontario Place site (MH 2023a). <p>5.4.1.3.1 Alteration of Vegetation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Design and construction activities will disturb or remove existing vegetation onsite. The loss or alteration of existing vegetation is considered negligible, because redevelopment activities will ultimately improve vegetation across the Project footprint by increasing the amount and type (that is, native vegetation.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It is disappointing that none of the plant species found within the Project footprint require protection. While there may not be any significant woodlands, this does not necessarily indicate that the woodlands present on site do not provide value. The woodlands on the Ontario Place site are currently home to many mature native tree species, which provide important ecological value, food, and habitat. - On a site tour June 12th, 2023 MSIFN staff noticed large mature willow trees on site. Willows act as a prime food source for pollinators in spring and should be retained to the extent possible. - MSIFN staff also noticed white mulberry near the shoreline on site. We recommend removing this non-native tree, as it can choke out the native red mulberry and overtake this species. - Will there be any preference given to retaining mature, native tree species on site over non-native? - When sourcing seeds for restoration, Ontario Place should ensure that native seeds are selected, and that the seeds are sourced from local populations to ensure the genetics locally adapted to this region are retained. There should also be monitoring plans in place to ensure long term health of restored trees.



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Invasive Species	<p>3.1.4.2 Invasive Species</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Common reed (<i>phragmites australis</i> ssp. <i>australis</i>) is present along the eastern edge of the Water's Edge zone and western edge of the mainland. <p>5.4.1.3.2 Introduction or Spread of Invasive Species</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ash tree species will be discouraged from the final planting list to prevent or help control Emerald ash borer. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ontario Place must do invasive species management on site pre and post construction and replace these plants with native species. By not doing this, the site is acting as a seed source for the spread of invasive species and contributing to ecosystem loss. Phragmites are a large threat to native plants in Ontario. - Is the only option to avoid planting ash species entirely? The species is already under threat with populations decreasing in the province. Having thorough invasive species management and monitoring practices is preferred.
Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat	<p>Table 5-6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If a bird showing behaviour indicative of nesting and/or nests or young birds are encountered in the work limits at any time, consultation with an Avian Specialist shall be completed, and works will not continue in the location of the observation until after August 31 (or until the area is determined by the Avian Specialist to no longer be in use by breeding birds). <p>5.4.1.5.1 Change in Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - During construction, most of the existing vegetation onsite will be removed, which will alter available habitat for birds and insects until vegetation is re-established. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On the site tour June 12th, 2023 MSIFN staff noticed large numbers of nesting birds in the bridges and structures surrounding the Cinesphere and in trees spanning the site. Bird exclusion netting was present on most structures but not all. Is there a reason work continued during the summer on site, even though it is stated that work will not continue until after August 31st in the location of a breeding bird observation? - How will Ontario Place ensure there is available habitat on site for birds and insects in the interim? If the plan is to remove most vegetation and mature trees then birds, bats, and insects will lose both food and habitat for an extended period.
Endangered Species	<p>3.1.6.1 Avifauna</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Large numbers of cliff swallow and barn swallow nests were observed. These nesting sites were 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Barn swallows are listed as threatened in the ESR, which protects both the birds and their habitat. Has Ontario Place received authorization via an ESA permit to harm this species?



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	<p>observed on human-made structures and are not considered significant under Significant Wildlife Habitat guidelines.</p> <p>Table 3-1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Barn swallow (<i>Hirundo rustica</i>). Threatened S4B. Threatened. L4. Breeding onsite (infrastructure). <p>Table 5-16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If any eggs, nests or shelters of migratory birds were identified during the Redevelopment Project and were to be disturbed or destroyed, permits or registration under the Migratory Birds Convention Act and Migratory Birds Regulations would be required and/or removal of any trees/vegetation and associated nests would need to be done outside the nesting season for the birds. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Is construction allowed to continue on human-made structures during breeding bird season because this habitat is not considered significant? If this is the case, and none of the vegetation species require protections either, then which habitat IS protected for nesting birds on site? - American eel (Threatened) are also listed as having suitable habitat on site, and shoreline alterations may impact the species. Please inform MSIFN of any Endangered Species Act permits required for the Project. - The swallow species present on site are migratory birds. Did Ontario Place receive permits or registration under the Migratory Birds Convention Act? Or will removal of trees/vegetation and associated nests be done outside the nesting season for these birds?
Aquatic Life and Aquatic Habitat	<p>5.4.1.6.1 Change in Aquatic Life and Aquatic Habitat</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Construction activities have the potential to impact aquatic life and associated habitat; such activities include vegetation clearing, grading, excavation, riparian planting, and uses of vehicles and equipment. - There is no re-alignment or infill of Lake Ontario proposed on the Project footprint. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There is a small pond on the Ontario Place site which is not mentioned in the report but was noticed during the MSIFN site tour in June 2023. This area could be considered fish habitat and should be listed in the report. If the pond is to be retained during redevelopment, we recommend adding riparian vegetation around the pond to compliment the existing wetland species and replace invasives. - MSIFN was under the impression that infill of Lake Ontario was planned for the Project. Is this no longer proposed?



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Drainage and Climate Change	<p>3.1.9.1 Drainage Conditions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Drainage from the existing parking lots is captured through a network of catch basins and storm sewers that discharge into the lake through combined sewer outfalls. The remainder of the Mainland runoff is captured in catchments that flow overland south and discharge into the lake. <p>Table 5-7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mitigation/Monitoring Measures: Direct run-off away from sensitive areas. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In the ESR report, it states in the mitigation/monitoring measures to “direct run-off away from sensitive areas”, however the current drainage conditions direct all parking lot and mainland runoff to discharge into Lake Ontario. Are there plans to re-direct run-off away from the lake, or stormwater collection measures being implemented to prevent this? - With climate change, increased rainfall is expected and already taking place. How will the Project handle this increased rainfall without further implications to Lake Ontario?
Indigenous Community Feedback	Section 6.3.1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This section does not mention the request for an Indigenous Advisory Circle meant to inform Ontario Science Centre programming. This section of the report does not mention the importance of two-eyed seeing and the responsibility of the province to educate the public on Indigenous rights and interests. - This section excludes the recommendation of establishing an indigenous advisory circle to inform programming for the science centre and also excludes the importance of education and two-eyed seeing into the design. This education should go beyond the environmental education and teach the public about treaties and the people who occupied the lands prior to colonialization. - The response section of how our recommendations were incorporated seems to be the same answer cut and pasted in each box. This approach does not represent meaningful consultation and engagement.



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">- MSIFN also submitted comments on Lake Fill and Species at Risk and these comments were not mentioned at all in the Indigenous feedback section.
Ontario Science Centre	Section 4.1.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- This section talks about the programming at Ontario Place but doesn't mention the importance of updating the programming to include Indigenous Traditional Knowledge. It is important that Ministry of Infrastructure ensure this is not an after thought.

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Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation
Consultation Department

Six Nations of the Grand River (Six Nations) Communications Log

Date	Method	Summary
10-Mar-22	Email	Notice of Commencement of the Category C EA
17-Mar-22	Email	Website Launch Providing notification about the Category C website launch.
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17-Mar-22	Email	Website Launch Providing notification about the Category C website launch.
28-Mar-22	Meeting (virtual)	Monthly Meeting - Six Nations & MHSTCI / IO: First meeting with Six Nations to provide introduction to the project and begin consultation. Overview of how Environmental Assessment (EA) integrates with design. Recap of Ontario Place Public Realm (OPPR) project site and describes approach to engagement provided.
3-May-22	Email	Ontario Place Redevelopment MHSTCI announces to rights-holding First Nations that Minokamik Collective is joining the team responsible for the Class EA and public realm design, alongside LANDinc, Martha Schwartz Partners and Jacobs.
4-May-22	Email	MHSTCI Ontario Place Redevelopment Notification Letter.
26-May-22	Email	Re: Ontario Place Redevelopment – Meeting date. Meeting confirmed in response to Six Nations email with availability for 8-Jun-22. This date is favorable to meet with Six Nations of the Grand River Elected Council (Six Nations GREC) Lands and Resources Department Consultation and Accommodation Process (CAP) Team.
5-Jun-22	Email	Re: Ontario Place Redevelopment - Clarification regarding Minokamik's letter of introduction. Email invitation sent in response to request for invitation from Six Nations on 2-Jun-22. Six Nations provided list of individuals to include.
8-Jun-22	Meeting (virtual)	Six Nations Engagement Meeting No. 1. Engagement schedule presented. Presentation of Ontario Place Public Realm site and context; natural influences, cultural activities, sustainable principles, honouring Indigenous traditions.
16-Jun-22	Email	Six Nations notified Morrison Hershfield that they would like to be included in when surveys take place and they are interested in the results. They indicated that the site visits would be very dependent on their availability.

Date	Method	Summary
28-Jun-22	Email	Invitation sent for Ontario Place Site Visit and Workshop July 8, 10:00-3:30pm Sent link to a folder containing a copy of the Project team Slide presentation shared with Six Nations on Jun 8, 2022, Opportunities and Constraints Mapping and the Engagement Plan. Invited Six Nations to a Site Visit and Workshop at Ontario Place that will include a catered lunch on July 8th from 10am to 3:30pm. Included a draft agenda.
30-Jun-22	Email	Re: Ontario Place Site Visit and Workshop July 8, 10:00-3:30pm? Follow-up email confirming if list of individuals copied on emails will be those attending workshop. Asked if Six Nations was comfortable sharing site visit/workshop with HCCC/HDI.
30-Jun-22	Email	Morrison Hershfield asked Six Nations to confirm if they would like to participate in a Morrison Hershfield presentation for the completed natural heritage studies to date.
8-Jul-22	Site Visit & Workshop	Six Nations Ontario Place Site Visit & Workshop Met at Trillium Park entrance stone, had traditional ceremony and circle introductions at Trillium fire pit, toured site. Some ideas explored during the design workshop included various ideas for the gateways, incorporation of wampum belts in the bridge design, and a need for artist residences for local emerging Indigenous artists.
10-Aug-22	Email	Six Nations confirmed that they would like to participate in a presentation for the completed natural heritage studies.
12-Aug-22	Email	Site Visit and Workshop Meeting Minutes and Follow-up Sent meeting minutes from 8 Jul 2022 Site Visit and Workshop for review and approval with deadline of Wed, Aug 17, 22 to respond if any changes or additions are wanted. Gave quick update of Project status and welcomed any further ideas or meetings.
30-Aug-22	Email	Ontario Place Redevelopment - Environmental Assessment Evaluation Criteria Sent draft Environmental Assessment Evaluation Criteria for review and feedback by Fri, Sep 23, 2022 as the table is going to be shared at Oct. 4, 2022 Public Engagement Event.
31-Aug-22	Email	Re: New contact Correspondence confirming new contact for the Project.
7-Oct-22	Email	Ontario Place Public Realm Evaluation Criteria and Next Meeting Request for confirmation that Six Nations does not have any feedback re. EA criteria. Requested availability for meeting to show how Indigenous ideas have been incorporated into conceptual design. Informed that report-back will be ready to share in the next couple of weeks.
18-Oct-22	Meeting	Morrison Hershfield Natural Heritage Surveys Presentation.
25-Oct-22	Meeting (virtual)	Report Back #1 Overview Preview of the first report back and quick update of upcoming Public Consultation Event (27 Oct 22). All communities invited, Six Nations and Scugog representatives joined.
27-Oct-22	Email	Meeting Minutes - Oct. 25th, 2022 Meeting minutes shared with all attendees.

Date	Method	Summary
16-Nov-22	Email	Invitation to share Miro Board with HCCC/HDI, Huron Wendat, Six Nations
29-Nov-22	Email	Miro Board and Review of Report-Back 1 Inquired if access to Miro Board is working and provided link if not. Requested feedback on Report Back1 for Report Back2 for submittal to the ministry 16-Jan-2022. Requested to schedule a meeting in the next 3 weeks. Notified following Important dates have been amended (as posted on the Miro Board): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Report Back1 FN community feedback due 16-Dec-2022. ▪ DRAFT Report Back2 distributed with FN for final review 19-Dec-2022. ▪ FINAL DRAFT Report Back2 FN Community feedback DUE 23-Dec-2022. (Any comments received after to be incorporated into Report Back3).
8-Dec-22	Email	Scheduling of meeting Provided potential meeting dates from the week of Jan 23-27, 2023 in response to Six Nations request emailed on Dec 7, 2023 on behalf of Six Nations GREC Lands & Resources Department Consultation & Accommodation Process (CAP) Team. Provided reminder that feedback for Report-Back 2 and Design Concept Options is needed by Dec 16, 2023.
13-Dec-22	Email	Email reminder that conceptual design option input is required by Dec 16, 2022. Communicated desire to incorporate feedback into 2nd report-back as feedback will be used to refine/evolve key areas of Ontario Place public realm. Provided link to Conceptual Design Option Presentation Video from Oct 27, 2022, Summary of Conceptual Design Options and Report-Back1 (PDF) for reference. Requested feedback for: what is liked, what is disliked, what's missing, etc. Provided word document to be filled out and sent back.
18-Dec-22	Email	Re: Need for Input on Conceptual Design Options by 16 Dec 22! Input received from Six Nations on Dec 16, 2022 surrounding the design options for input will be incorporated into Report-Back 2.
4-Jan-23	Email	Email to schedule meeting Email to request availability corresponding to potential dates sent in Dec 18, 2022 email.
12-Jan-23	Email	Morrison Hershfield Ontario Place Report Review Notification
25-Jan-23	Email	"Ongoing Engagement Process-Ontario Place Public Realm Project" Email sent to provide an update on the progress of Ontario Place Public Realm Project. Attached Draft Report-Back 2.
27-Jan-23	Meeting (virtual)	Six Nations Meeting – Conceptual Options and Placekeeping Provided overview of Report Back #2. Reviewed Conceptual Design Options with SNGR and recorded preferences for each zone. Discussion of potential locations on OPPR site for design recommendations took place. Additional design ideas/suggestions include: highlight American eel, include Indigenous names for things throughout site, Tree of Peace and Thanksgiving Address.
3-Feb-23	Call	Questions regarding use of Medicine Wheel for Indigenous Placekeeping Design Narrative.

Date	Method	Summary
7-Feb-23	Email	Minutes from meeting Jan. 27 for review Attached minutes for review and circulation among team members. Asked about scheduling a meeting at Six Nations GREC's earliest convenience (~mid-March) to further discuss the Indigenous design ideas for the Ontario Place public realm and upcoming Recommended Conceptual Design Open House.
13-Feb-23	Email	Email to schedule March meeting Requested team's availability for the last 2 weeks in March or the first week in April to review some of the placekeeping designs we have come up with.
13-Mar-23	Email	Invitation Sent for Meeting on March 22, 2023 from 2:00-3:30pm for Presentation of Narrative Design
17-Mar-23	Email	Meeting on March 23rd A check in email about the upcoming meeting along with the agenda. Also let the community know that Ministry will be joining in.
22-Mar-23	Meeting (virtual)	SNGR – Recommended Conceptual Design and Potential Placekeeping Ideas Review of Recommended Conceptual Design and evaluation process that led to design. <u>Zone 1</u> : Concern trees in stoned area are not allotted enough space and nutrients to thrive. Preference to save as many native trees as possible. <u>Zone 3</u> : Don't remember beach being part of design. Disagree with having recreational area in environmentally focused location [where turtles may nest]. Management Operations deemed important in this zone to ensure water is clean and usable for all species. Happy to see floating wetland moved from middle of wetland to shoreline. LANDinc requested SNGR begin thinking of content of interpretive signage and desired messaging.
27-Mar-23	Email	Morrison Hershfield tentatively planning for turtle surveys this week based on current ice conditions. Will continue the surveys into the month of April, plan on completing 5 site visits over the next month.
31-Mar-23	Email	Morrison Hershfield adds that turtle surveys are depending on weather conditions. Will potentially schedule turtle surveys on Monday or Wednesday next week.
31-Mar-23	Email	Recommended Design & Placekeeping Deck & Report Back 2 Recommended design, potential placekeeping presentation deck (PDF), final approved Report Back 2 and a survey link to the ranking table was shared through email. Also posted on Miro boards.
6-Apr-23	Email	Meeting Minutes for March 22nd Meeting Shared a copy of the meeting minutes for community review and comment. Also attached additional information on the floating wetlands.
6-Apr-23	Email	Morrison Hershfield has scheduled the turtle surveys for April 12th-April 14th.

Date	Method	Summary
6-Apr-23	Email	Follow Up Email Followed up to confirm the community members have received the presentation materials shared on March 31st. Also forwarded the email to members that were not included in the original email. Asked to circulate the presentation materials to any members that were not included in Project team's initial emails. Noted that feedback is needed by April 28th, 2023, end of day.
14-Apr-23	Email	Morrison Hershfield says that they are continuing to do surveys the following week, turtle surveys will be conducted on Monday and Wednesday with Friday as an alternate in case of weather.
18-Apr-23	Email	Morrison Hershfield informs Six Nations that weather conditions were not optimal on April 17th, will continue surveying on April 19th, asks Six Nations if they would like to participate.
19-Apr-23	Email	Morrison Hershfield sent signed archaeological monitoring program document.
20-Apr-23	Email	Follow Up Email Let Six Nations know that a voice message was left. Called to follow up and confirm if they have received shared content from March 31st and if they have any questions or concerns. Asked for availability for the months of May/June and July for next engagement meetings.
21-Apr-23	Email	Morrison Hershfield informs that there will be a turtle survey on April 24th with April 27th as an alternate in case of bad weather and asks for participation.
21-Apr-23	Email	Response to Project team Request for the file link to be reshared. Also provided 5 dates for Six Nations availability.
25-Apr-23	Email	Follow Up and Meeting Sent a meeting invite for May 26th and July 13th. Also, included the link to presentation content and requested feedback by April 28th.
28-Apr-23	Email	Feedback Six Nation's sending feedback on the Indigenous placekeeping design ideas.
25-May-23	Meeting (virtual)	Working Group meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EA/Public Realm Process placemat Feedback Chart
25-May-23	Meeting (virtual)	The Project Team provided an overview of the Draft ESR.

Anishnawbe Health Foundation (AHF) Communications Log

Date	Method	Summary
20-Oct-22	Email	RE: Ontario Place Public Realm - Urban Indigenous Community Engagement Session Request for availability to participate in the updates for the Ontario Place Public Realm Indigenous Community Engagement sessions on Nov 8 or Nov.15th from 10:30 am to 12:00pm. An introductory letter was also sent.
11-Nov-22	Email	Meeting invitation for Ontario Place public realm Re-development session for the Urban Indigenous Community Focus Group
15-Nov-22	Meeting (virtual)	Urban Indigenous Engagement Session Attendees from: ICIE, TYRMC, AHF Design concept meeting to present the concepts for the five public realm study area zones in the EA. Dialogue among meeting attendees to integrate Indigenous ideas into the ongoing designs. Instructions regarding Miro Board use provided. Suggestions included: meeting lodge for retreats and meetings, permanent arbor for powwows and other outdoor gatherings, wild berry bushes and fruit bearing trees.
16-Nov-22	Email	Invitation to share Miro Board with Urban Indigenous Organizations
16-Nov-22	Email	Meeting minutes for 15-Nov-22 meeting shared for review
24-Nov-22	Email	Additional Ontario Place public realm Engagement Session Nov. 30, 2022 Email to offer an additional Engagement Session Wed, Nov 30 from 5:30-7:00pm for individuals from Urban Indigenous Groups who could not make first date. Will be sending out invitation shortly. Please RSVP.
28-Nov-22	Email	Additional Ontario Place public realm Engagement Session Nov. 30, 2022 Informed AHT that the session will not be different from the previous in response to an inquiry email received on 28-Nov-22. Sent invitation hoping it could be passed on to AHF.
1-Dec-22	Email	Invitation sent for Urban Indigenous Engagement Group 3 Meeting Invitation Tue Dec 6, 2022, 5:30-7:00pm (EST)
26-Jan-23	Email	Email: "Ongoing Engagement Process-Ontario Place Public Realm Project" Email sent to provide an update on the progress of Ontario Place Public Realm Project. Attached Draft Report Back 2.
10-Feb-23	Email	Email to schedule meeting Contacted to schedule a meeting in March/early April.
17-Feb-23	Email	Follow-up email Looking into April 3rd, 11:30am-2pm for a possible meeting date time frame

Date	Method	Summary
22-Feb-23	Email	Follow-up emails A series of email correspondence from 22-Feb-23 to 24-Feb-23 to coordinate a meeting date with the following communities/groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Anishnawbe Health Foundation (AHF) ▪ Indigenous Centre for Innovation & Entrepreneurship (ICIE) ▪ TO & York Region Métis Council (TYRMC) ▪ Tungasuvvingat Inuit/TO Inuit Association (TI) ▪ Native Canadian Centre of Toronto (NCCT) ▪ Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO)
24-Feb-23	Email	Follow-up email sent to confirm availability for an evening meeting, no response.
28-Feb-23	Email	Follow-up email to confirm availability for an evening meeting.
31-Mar-23	Email	Follow Up Follow up email to confirm availability to join the meeting.
21-Apr-23	Email	Response to Follow up Email Requested the links to be re-shared.
21-Apr-23	Email	Issues with survey Shared concerns on the google form survey and asked for an excel version.

Indigenous Centre for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (ICIE) Communications Log

Date	Method	Summary
11-Nov-22	Email	Meeting invitation for Ontario Place public realm Re-development session for the Urban Indigenous Community Focus Group
15-Nov-22	Meeting (virtual)	Urban Indigenous Engagement Session Attendees from: ICIE, TYRMC, AHF Design concept meeting to present the concepts for the five public realm study area zones in the EA. Dialogue among meeting attendees to integrate Indigenous ideas into the ongoing designs. Instructions regarding Miro Board use provided. Suggestions included: meeting lodge for retreats and meetings, permanent arbor for powwows and other outdoor gatherings, wild berry bushes and fruit bearing trees.
16-Nov-22	Email	Invitation to share Miro Board with Urban Indigenous Organizations
16-Nov-22	Email	Meeting minutes for 15-Nov-22 meeting shared for review
26-Jan-23	Email	Email: "Ongoing Engagement Process-Ontario Place Public Realm Project" Email sent to provide an update on the progress of Ontario Place Public Realm Project. Attached Draft Report Back 2.
10-Feb-23	Email	Email to schedule meeting Contacted to schedule a meeting in March or early April.
17-Feb-23	Email	Follow-up email to schedule meeting.
22-Feb-23	Email	Follow-up emails A series of email correspondence from 22-Feb-23 to 24-Feb-23 to coordinate a meeting date with the following communities/groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Anishnawbe Health Foundation (AHF) ▪ Indigenous Centre for Innovation & Entrepreneurship (ICIE) ▪ TO & York Region Métis Council (TYRMC) ▪ Tungasuvvingat Inuit/TO Inuit Association (TI) ▪ Native Canadian Centre of Toronto (NCCT) ▪ Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO)
31-Mar-23	Email	Agenda for Meeting on April 3rd and Report Back 2 Final Shared the agenda for meeting Shared final report back 2 copy that is approved by the Ministry
5-Apr-23	Email	Recommended Design & Placekeeping Deck & Report Back 2 Recommended design, potential placekeeping presentation deck (PowerPoint and PDF), final approved Report Back 2 and a survey link to the ranking table was shared through email. Also posted on Miro boards.

Date	Method	Summary
20-Apr-23	Email	Follow Up Followed up to confirm if they have received presentation content shared on April 5th and if they would be able to provide feedback by April 28th.

Native Canadian Centre of Toronto (NCCT) Communications Log

Date	Method	Summary
20-Oct-22	Email	RE: Ontario Place Public Realm - Urban Indigenous Community Engagement Session Request for availability to participate in the updates for the Ontario Place Public Realm Indigenous Community Engagement sessions on Nov 8 or Nov 15th from 10:30 am to 12:00pm. An introductory letter was also sent.
11-Nov-22	Email	Ontario Place Public Realm Mtg. Nov. 15 10:30-12pm Reminder of Community Engagement Mtg Nov 15. Attached link to Zoom invite.
1-Dec-22	Email	Urban Indigenous Engagement Group 3 Meeting Invitation Tue Dec 6, 2022, 5:30-7:00pm (EST)
6-Dec-22	Meeting (virtual)	Urban Indigenous Groups –Community Engagement Meeting (group 3) Design concept meeting to present the concepts for the five public realm study area zones in the EA. Dialogue among meeting attendees to integrate Indigenous ideas into the ongoing designs. Instructions regarding Miro Board use provided. Recommended an event space with a powwow area, reference was made to the Carrying Place Trail, a mini zoo with 4-5 different types of animals, incorporation of sashes and infinity symbol to represent Métis.
9-Dec-22	Email	Urban Indigenous Meeting 3 Minutes Provided minutes from the Urban Indigenous Meeting 3. Thanked the groups for their participation. Request for any retraction, amendments, or additions to be communicated. Informed that invitations to the Miro Board will be sent out.
26-Jan-23	Email	Email: "Ongoing Engagement Process-Ontario Place Public Realm Project" Email sent to provide an update on the progress of Ontario Place Public Realm Project. Attached Draft Report Back 2.
10-Feb-23	Email	Email to schedule meeting Contacted to schedule a meeting in March/early April.
17-Feb-23	Email	Follow-up email Looking into April 3rd, 11:30am-2pm for a possible meeting date time frame.
22-Feb-23	Email	Follow-up emails A series of email correspondence from 22-Feb-23 to 24-Feb-23 to coordinate a meeting date with the following communities/groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Anishnawbe Health Foundation (AHF) ▪ Indigenous Centre for Innovation & Entrepreneurship (ICIE) ▪ TO & York Region Métis Council (TYRMC) ▪ Tungasuvvingat Inuit/TO Inuit Association (TI) ▪ Native Canadian Centre of Toronto (NCCT) ▪ Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO)

Date	Method	Summary
31-Mar-23	Email	Agenda for Meeting on April 3rd and Report Back 2 Final Shared the agenda for meeting Shared final report back 2 copy that is approved by the Ministry.
3-Apr-23	Meeting (virtual)	Zoom Meeting - Recommended Design and Potential Placekeeping Ideas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Presentation of EA process that resulted in Recommended Conceptual Design and preview of what will be shown at upcoming Public Open House (27 Apr 23). ▪ <u>Zone 2</u>: Concern for pathway navigability at night for visually impaired. Contrast is best. Lines in Centre of pathways helpful. ▪ Discussion of potential placekeeping Ideas for further consideration and ranking. Jacobs overview of Environmental Study Report.
5-Apr-23	Email	Recommended Design & Placekeeping Deck & Report Back 2 Recommended design, potential placekeeping presentation deck (PowerPoint and PDF), final approved Report Back 2 and a survey link to the ranking table was shared through email. Also posted on Miro boards.
20-Apr-23	Email	Follow Up Followed up to confirm if they have received presentation content shared on April 5th and if they would be able to provide feedback by April 28th.

Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) Communications Log

Date	Method	Summary
20-Oct-22	Email	RE: Ontario Place Public Realm - Urban Indigenous Community Engagement Session Request for availability to participate in the updates for the Ontario Place Public Realm Indigenous Community Engagement sessions on Nov 8 or Nov 15th from 10:30 am to 12:00pm. An introductory letter was also sent.
11-Nov-22	Email	Meeting invitation for Ontario Place public realm Re-development session for the Urban Indigenous Community Focus Group Asked to send designate if unable to attend.
1-Dec-22	Email	Invitation sent for Urban Indigenous Engagement Group 3 Meeting Invitation Tue Dec 6, 2022, 5:30-7:00pm (EST)
6-Dec-22	Meeting (virtual)	Urban Indigenous Groups –Community Engagement Mtg (group 3) Design concept meeting to present the concepts for the five public realm study area zones in the EA. Dialogue among meeting attendees to integrate Indigenous ideas into the ongoing designs. Instructions regarding Miro Board use provided. Recommended an event space with a powwow area, reference was made to the Carrying Place Trail, a mini-zoo with 4-5 different types of animals, incorporation of sashes and infinity symbol to represent Métis.
9-Dec-22	Email	Urban Indigenous Meeting 3 Minutes Provided minutes from the Urban Indigenous Meeting 3. Thanked the groups for their participation. Request for any retraction, amendments, or additions to be communicated. Informed that invitations to the Miro Board will be sent out.
14-Dec-22	Email	Re: Urban Indigenous Meeting 3 Minutes Received feedback from MNO for changes to the meeting minutes.
26-Jan-23	Email	Email: "Ongoing Engagement Process-Ontario Place Public Realm Project" Email sent to provide an update on the progress of Ontario Place Public Realm Project. Attached Draft Report Back 2.
10-Feb-23	Email	Email to schedule meeting Contacted to schedule a meeting in March/early April.
22-Feb-23	Email	Follow-up emails A series of email correspondence from 22-Feb-23 to 24-Feb-23 to coordinate a meeting date with the following communities/groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Anishnawbe Health Foundation (AHF) ▪ Indigenous Centre for Innovation & Entrepreneurship (ICIE) ▪ TO & York Region Métis Council (TYRMC) ▪ Tungasuvvingat Inuit/TO Inuit Association (TI) ▪ Native Canadian Centre of Toronto (NCCT) ▪ Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO)

Date	Method	Summary
31-Mar-23	Email	April 3rd Meeting Agenda/Report Back 2 (Final Version) Shared the Meeting and Final version of Report Back 2.
3-Apr-23	Meeting (virtual)	Zoom Meeting – Recommended Design and Potential Placekeeping Ideas Attendees from: TI, MNO/TYRMC, NCCT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Presentation of EA process that resulted in Recommended Conceptual Design and preview of what will be shown at upcoming Public Open House (27 Apr 23). ▪ <u>Zone 2</u>: Concern for pathway navigability at night for visually impaired. Contrast is best. Lines in Centre of pathways helpful. ▪ Discussion of potential placekeeping Ideas for further consideration and ranking. Jacobs overview of ESR.
5-Apr-23	Email	Recommended Design & Placekeeping Deck & Report Back 2 Recommended design, potential placekeeping presentation deck (PowerPoint and PDF), final approved Report Back 2 and a survey link to the ranking table was shared through email. Also posted on Miro boards.
13-Apr-23	Email	Response to Presentation Materials MNO apologized for not being able to attend the meeting on April 3 rd and provided new email address. Asked for Project team to involve TYRMC President, Senator, and Treasurer in future engagement sessions.
14-Apr-23	Email	Response to Email Asked if MNO had a chance to review content shared. Also noted that Project team has been in touch with MNO President and Senator previously and will continue to reach out.
20-Apr-23	Email	Follow Up Followed up to confirm if they have received presentation content and if they would be able to provide feedback by April 28 th .

Tungasuvvingat Inuit/Toronto Inuit Association (TI) Communications Log

Date	Method	Summary
20-Oct-22	Email	RE: Ontario Place Public Realm - Indigenous Community Engagement - Invitation Request for availability to participate in the updates for the Ontario Place Public Realm Indigenous Community Engagement sessions on Nov 8 or Nov 15th from 10:30 am to 12:00pm. An introductory letter was also sent.
11-Nov-22	Email	Meeting invitation for Ontario Place public realm Re-development session for the Urban Indigenous Community Focus Group
12-Nov-22	Email	Meeting invitation for Ontario Place public realm Re-development session for the Urban Indigenous Community Focus Group
24-Nov-22	Email	Additional Ontario Place public realm Engagement Session Nov. 30, 2022 Email to offer an additional Engagement Session Wed, Nov 30 from 5:30-7:00pm for individuals from Urban Indigenous Groups who were not able to make first date. Will be sending out invitation shortly. Please RSVP.
30-Nov-22	Meeting (Virtual)	Zoom Meeting – Urban Indigenous Group 2 Meeting Attendees from: TI Design concept meeting to present the concepts for the five public realm study area zones in the EA. Dialogue among meeting attendees to integrate Indigenous ideas into the ongoing designs. Instructions regarding Miro Board use provided. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concern over grading of public realm. Grading at Trillium Park too steep in some locations for someone in a wheelchair to navigate unassisted. Concern about accessibility to water for people with mobility issues – especially terraced south shore. Liked idea of multi-purpose event space, interest in capacity of Forum area. Discussion topics included food insecurity and public spaces to grow food and benefits of a learning centre.
1-Dec-22	Miro Board Invite	Toronto Urban Indigenous Groups Miro Board Invite to Comment Sent invitation to the Miro Board to explore and continue adding notes/suggestions/imagery. Thanked TI for attendance at 30-Nov-22 session and for providing such valuable feedback. Requested photos of Talking Trees at Casino Rama as online search was unsuccessful.
5-Dec-22	Email	Sent meeting minutes for Urban Indigenous Groups 2 - Community Engagement to attendees
26-Jan-23	Email	Email: "Ongoing Engagement Process-Ontario Place Public Realm Project" Email sent to provide an update on the progress of Ontario Place Public Realm Project. Attached Draft Report Back 2.
10-Feb-23	Email	Email to schedule meeting Contacted to schedule a meeting in March/early April. Response received indicating availability in early April. Project team replied that a follow-up email will be sent with potential dates.

Date	Method	Summary
22-Feb-23	Email	Follow-up emails A series of email correspondence from 22-Feb-23 to 24-Feb-23 to coordinate a meeting date with the following communities/groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Anishnawbe Health Foundation (AHF) ▪ Indigenous Centre for Innovation & Entrepreneurship (ICIE) ▪ TO & York Region Métis Council (TYRMC) ▪ Tungasuvvingat Inuit/TO Inuit Association (TI) ▪ Native Canadian Centre of Toronto (NCCT) ▪ Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO)
31-Mar-23	Email	April 3rd Meeting Agenda/Report Back 2 (Final Version) Shared the Meeting and Final version of Report Back 2.
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13-Apr-23	Email	Response to Presentation Materials MNO apologized for not being able to attend the meeting on April 3 rd and provided new email address. Asked for LANDinc to involve TYRMC President, Senator, and Treasurer in future engagement sessions.
14-Apr-23	Email	Response to Email Asked if MNO had a chance to review content shared. Also noted that LANDinc has been in touch with MNO President and Senator previously and will continue to reach out.
20-Apr-23	Email	Follow Up Followed up to confirm if they have received presentation content and if they would be able to provide feedback by April 28 th .

Toronto and York Region Métis Council (TYRMC) Communications Log

Date	Method	Summary
20-Oct-22	Email	Ontario Place Public Realm - Indigenous Community Engagement Meeting (virtual) sessions Request for availability to participate in the updates for the Ontario Place Public Realm Indigenous Community Engagement sessions on Nov. 8 th or Nov. 15 th from 10:30 am to 12:00pm. An introductory letter was also sent.
2-Nov-22	Email	Re: Ontario Place public realm - Urban Indigenous Community Engagement Session Communicated that availability was limited to the 8th. Unable to accommodate that session, Nov 15th selected.
11-Nov-22	Email	Meeting invitation for Ontario Place public realm Re-development session for the Urban Indigenous Community Focus Group
15-Nov-22	Meeting (virtual)	Urban Indigenous Engagement Session Attendees from: ICIE, TYRMC, AHF Design concept meeting to present the concepts for the five public realm study area zones in the EA. Dialogue among meeting attendees to integrate Indigenous ideas into the ongoing designs. Instructions regarding Miro Board use provided. Suggestions included: meeting lodge for retreats and meetings, permanent arbor for powwows and other outdoor gatherings, wild berry bushes and fruit bearing trees.
16-Nov-22	Email	Invitation to share Miro Board with Urban Indigenous Organizations
16-Nov-22	Email	Meeting minutes for 15-Nov-22 meeting shared for review
26-Jan-23	Email	Email: "Ongoing Engagement Process-Ontario Place Public Realm Project" Email sent to provide an update on the progress of Ontario Place Public Realm Project. Attached Draft Report Back 2.
10-Feb-23	Email	Email to schedule meeting Contacted to schedule a meeting in March/early April.
17-Feb-23	Email	Follow-up email Looking into April 3rd, 11:30am-2pm for a possible meeting date time frame
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Date	Method	Summary
31-Mar-23	Email	Agenda for Meeting on April 3rd and Report Back 2 Final Shared the agenda for meeting Shared final Report Back 2 copy that is approved by the Ministry
3-Apr-23	Meeting (virtual)	Zoom Meeting – Recommended Design and Potential Placekeeping Ideas Attendees from: TI, MNO/TYRMC, NCCT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Presentation of EA process that resulted in Recommended Conceptual Design and preview of what will be shown at upcoming Public Open House (27 Apr 23). ▪ <u>Zone 2</u>: Concern for pathway navigability at night for visually impaired. Contrast is best. Lines in Centre of pathways helpful. ▪ Discussion of potential placekeeping Ideas for further consideration and ranking. Jacobs overview of ESR.
19-Apr-23	Email	Update on the Project Shared presentation materials, Report Back 2 and survey link with the Toronto and York Métis Council.
20-Apr-23	Email	Follow Up Followed up to confirm if they have received presentation content and if they would be able to provide feedback by April 28th.

Notes:

- AHF = Anishnawbe Health Foundation
- CDAC = Culture and Design Advisory Council
- EA = Environmental Assessment
- ESR = Environmental Study Report
- FN = First Nations
- OPPR = Ontario Place Public Realm
- ICIE = Indigenous Centre for Innovation & Entrepreneurship
- MCFN = Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation
- MNO = Métis Nation of Ontario
- N/A = Not applicable
- NCCT = Native Canadian Centre of Toronto
- TI = Tungasuvvingat Inuit/Toronto Inuit Association
- TYRMC = Toronto and York Region Métis Council


A-5 Notice of Completion

Ontario Place Redevelopment Project

955 Lake Shore Blvd. West, Toronto

Over the next several years, Ontario Place will be redeveloped into a remarkable world-class, year-round destination that will include over 43 acres of free public space and parkland for everyone to enjoy. As part of the redevelopment, the Ministry of Infrastructure (MOI) has undertaken the Category C Public Work Class Environmental Assessment (EA) Project for the future public spaces and parkland (the public realm) at Ontario Place. As a result of the Category C EA process, a preferred design for the site's future public realm has been developed (shown as the non-shaded area in the below figure).



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Preferred Undertaking

As part of the Ontario Place redevelopment project, the MOI will undertake the following activities:

- 1) Site preparations
- 2) Site development

Site preparations led by the MOI will be occurring across the entirety of Ontario Place with the exception of Trillium Park. Site development activities led by the MOI will only occur within the public realm redevelopment lands that are subject to the Category C EA. Development work led by the private sector as part of the overall Ontario Place redevelopment will occur on tenanted lands outside the public realm boundaries (shown as the shaded area in the above figure).

The preferred design that has been identified for the redevelopment of the public realm includes: enhanced public spaces and parkland; increased publicly accessible waterfront; spaces for festivals, events and markets; recognition of culture and heritage, including opportunities for Indigenous Placekeeping; restoration of the pods and Cinesphere; construction of a new Ontario Science Centre building; surface and underground parking; a new transit hub; new aquatic habitat and wetlands; increased tree canopy coverage; new and improved multi-use trails for people to walk, run and bike; and recreational features.

Notice of Completion

Public Work Class Environmental Assessment

The key types of activities included in the government-led scope of work includes:

- Planning approvals and realty activities
- Building decommissioning and removal
- Grading and landscaping
- Development of parks, trails and open spaces
- Shoreline repairs and flood mitigation
- Site access and parking (surface and underground parking lots)
- Construction of an all-new Ontario Science Centre facility (expanding into the existing Pod complex and Cinesphere)
- Construction of new buildings and supporting site infrastructure

Environmental Study Report

The redevelopment of the public realm at Ontario Place has been carried out in accordance with the Category C Public Work Class EA process, which is an approved planning process under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*. A Draft Environmental Study Report has been completed and placed on the public record for a 60-day comment period starting on July 4, 2023, and ending on September 2, 2023. The report is available for comments online at [EngageOntarioPlace.ca](https://engageontarioplace.ca). The Final Environmental Study Report will take into consideration comments received and is anticipated to be posted in Fall 2023.

Opportunities for Comment

Interested persons may provide written comments to our Project Team by September 2, 2023. All comments and concerns should be sent directly to:

Tom McDonnell

Manager, Transformation Delivery

Ontario Place Redevelopment Secretariat, Ministry of Infrastructure

777 Bay Street, 2nd Floor

Toronto ON, M7A 2J3

Email: EngageOP@Jacobs.com

In addition, a request may be made to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for an order requiring a higher level of study (i.e. requiring an individual/comprehensive EA approval before being able to proceed), or that conditions be imposed (e.g. require further studies), only on the grounds that the requested order may prevent, mitigate or remedy adverse impacts on constitutionally protected Aboriginal and treaty rights. Requests on other grounds will not be considered. Requests should include the requester contact information and full name and be received by September 2, 2023.

Requests should specify what kind of order is being requested (request for conditions or a request for an individual/comprehensive EA), how an order may prevent, mitigate or remedy potential adverse impacts on Aboriginal and treaty rights, and any information in support of the statements in the request. This will ensure that the ministry is able to efficiently begin reviewing the request.

The request should be sent in writing or by email to:

Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

777 Bay Street, 5th Floor

Toronto ON M7A 2J3

Email: minister.mecp@ontario.ca

and

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Public Work Class Environmental Assessment

Director, Environmental Assessment Branch

Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

135 St. Clair Ave. W, 1st Floor

Toronto ON, M4V 1P5

Email: EABDirector@ontario.ca

Requests should also be copied to Tom McDonnell, Ministry of Infrastructure, by mail or by email (at the address shown above). Please visit the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks website for more information on requests for orders under Section 16 of the *Environmental Assessment Act* at: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/class-environmental-assessments-part-ii-order>

Notice of Collection

All personal information that you provide in your request – such as name, address, telephone number and property location – is collected, under the authority of section 30 of the *Environmental Assessment Act* and is collected and maintained for the purpose of creating a record that is available to the general public. As this information is collected for the purpose of a public record, the protection of personal information provided in the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FIPPA) does not apply (s.37). Personal information you submit will become part of a public record that is available to the general public unless you request that your personal information remain confidential.

The information you provide will be collected, maintained and disclosed by the Ministry of Infrastructure (the “Ministry”) and the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. It will be shared with the Ministry’s third-party advisors who have a need to know the information in order to assist the Ministry in fulfilling its obligations under the *Environmental Assessment Act*. These advisors are Ontario Infrastructure and Lands Corporation (“Infrastructure Ontario”), Bespoke Cultural Collective (“Bespoke”), Land Design Incorporated (“LandInc.”), Martha Schwartz Partners (“MSP”) and CH2M HILL Canada Limited (“Jacobs”).

Your personal information is collected under the authority of sections 4 and 5 of the Ministry of Infrastructure, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.35 and the *Environmental Assessment Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.E.18, respectively.

Notes

- Cet avis est disponible en français sur demande.
- If this information is required in an accessible format, please notify the Project contact identified above.

Notice issued on July 4, 2023.

Évaluation environnementale de la catégorie d'ouvrage public

Projet de réaménagement de la Place de l'Ontario

955 Lake Shore Blvd. West, Toronto

Au cours des prochaines années, la Place de l'Ontario sera réaménagée en une destination remarquable de classe mondiale, accessible toute l'année, qui comprendra plus de 43 acres d'espace public gratuit et de parc pour le plaisir de tous. Dans le cadre du réaménagement, le ministère de l'Infrastructure a entrepris l'évaluation environnementale de la catégorie d'ouvrage public générale (EE) pour les futurs espaces publics et parcs (le domaine public) de la Place de l'Ontario. Au terme du processus d'EE de catégorie C, un concept privilégié pour le futur domaine public du site a été élaboré au niveau conceptuel (représenté par la zone non ombrée dans la figure ci-dessous).



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Entreprise privilégiée

Dans le cadre du réaménagement de la Place de l'Ontario, le ministère de l'Infrastructure entreprendra les activités suivantes :

- 1) Préparation du site
- 2) Aménagement du site

Les préparatifs du site, menés par le ministère de l'Infrastructure, se dérouleront sur l'ensemble de la Place de l'Ontario, à l'exception du parc Trillium. Les activités d'aménagement du site menées par le ministère de l'Infrastructure se dérouleront uniquement sur les terrains réaménagés du domaine public qui font l'objet de l'EE de catégorie C. Les travaux d'aménagement menés par le secteur privé dans le cadre du réaménagement global de la Place de l'Ontario se dérouleront sur des terrains loués situés en dehors des limites du domaine public (zone ombrée dans la figure ci-dessus).

Le design privilégié identifié en vue du réaménagement du domaine public comprend les éléments suivants :

- Amélioration des espaces publics et des parcs ;
- Secteur riverain plus accessible au public ;
- Espaces pour des festivals, événements et marchés ;
- Restauration d'éléments culturels et patrimoniaux importants ;

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- Construction de nouveaux bâtiments, notamment des pavillons et la Cinésphère ;
- Construction d'un nouveau bâtiment pour le Centre des sciences de l'Ontario ;
- Stationnements en surface et souterrains ;
- Nouveau centre de transport en commun ;
- Nouveaux habitats aquatiques et zones humides ;
- Augmentation du couvert végétal ;
- Sentiers polyvalents nouveaux et améliorés pour la marche, la course à pied et le vélo ;
- Possibilités récréatives, y compris la course à pied et le vélo.

Les principaux types d'activités prévues dans le cadre des travaux dirigés par le gouvernement sont les suivants :

- Approbations d'urbanisme et activités immobilières ;
- Démantèlement et suppression de bâtiments ;
- Terrassement et aménagement paysager ;
- Aménagement de parcs, de sentiers et d'espaces ouverts ;
- Réparation des berges et atténuation des inondations ;
- Accès au site et stationnement (stationnements en surface et souterrains) ;
- Construction d'une toute nouvelle installation du Centre des sciences de l'Ontario (extension du complexe existant des pavillons et de la Cinésphère) ;
- Construction de nouveaux bâtiments et de l'infrastructure de soutien du site.

Rapport d'étude environnementale

Le réaménagement du domaine public de la Place de l'Ontario a été réalisé conformément au processus d'évaluation environnementale de portée générale de catégorie C, soit un processus de planification approuvé en vertu de la *Loi sur les évaluations environnementales* de l'Ontario. Une version préliminaire du rapport d'étude environnementale a été réalisée et versée au dossier public pour une période de commentaires de 60 jours commençant le 4 juillet 2023 et se terminant le 2 septembre 2023. Le rapport peut être commenté en ligne à engageontarioplace.ca.

Possibilités d'examen

Les personnes intéressées peuvent transmettre des commentaires écrits à notre équipe de projet d'ici le 2 septembre 2023. Tous les commentaires doivent être envoyés directement à :

Tom McDonnell

Manager, Transformation Delivery

Ontario Place Redevelopment Secretariat, Ministry of Infrastructure

777 Bay Street, 2nd Floor

Toronto ON, M7A 2J3

Courriel : EngageOP@Jacobs.com

En outre, une demande d'arrêté exigeant un niveau d'étude plus élevé (c'est-à-dire exigeant l'approbation d'une EE individuelle/complète avant de pouvoir aller de l'avant) ou imposant des conditions (par exemple en exigeant des études supplémentaires) peut être adressée au ministère de l'Environnement, de la Conservation et des Parcs, uniquement si l'arrêté sollicité permet de prévenir, d'atténuer ou de pallier les incidences négatives sur les droits ancestraux et les droits issus de traités protégés par la Constitution. Les demandes fondées sur d'autres motifs ne seront pas prises en considération. Toute demande doit comporter les coordonnées et le nom complet de son auteur et être reçue au plus tard le 2 septembre 2023.

Les demandes doivent préciser le type d'arrêté sollicité (demande de conditions ou demande d'EE individuelle ou globale), la manière dont l'arrêté peut prévenir, atténuer ou pallier les incidences négatives

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potentielles sur les droits ancestraux et issus de traités, ainsi que toute information à l'appui des affirmations contenues dans la demande. Cette procédure permettra au ministère d'entamer efficacement l'examen de toute demande.

Toute demande doit être envoyée par écrit ou par courrier électronique à :

Ministre de l'Environnement, de la Conservation et des Parcs

Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

777 Bay Street, 5th Floor

Toronto ON M7A 2J3

Courriel : minister.mecp@ontario.ca

et

Directeur de la Direction des évaluations environnementales

Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

135 St. Clair Ave. W, 1st Floor

Toronto ON, M4V 1P5

Courriel : EABDirector@ontario.ca

Toute demande doit également être adressée en copie à Tom McDonnell, ministère de l'Infrastructure, par courrier ou par courriel (à l'adresse indiquée ci-dessus). Pour de plus amples informations sur les demandes d'arrêté en vertu de l'article 16 de la *Loi sur les évaluations environnementales*, veuillez consulter le site web du ministère de l'Environnement, de la Conservation et des Parcs à l'adresse suivante : <https://www.ontario.ca/fr/page/evaluations-environnementales-de-portee-generale-arrete-pris-en-vertu-de-larticle-16>.

Avis de collecte de renseignements

Les renseignements personnels que vous nous fournissez seront utilisés pour communiquer avec vous et vous consulter au sujet de l'évaluation environnementale de portée générale de catégorie C concernant le domaine public de la Place de l'Ontario. Ils serviront également à créer un dossier public, comme l'exige la *Loi sur les évaluations environnementales* et comme le permet l'article 37 de la *Loi sur l'accès à l'information et la protection de la vie privée*. Les renseignements personnels que vous soumettez feront partie d'un dossier public accessible au grand public, à moins que vous ne demandiez que vos renseignements personnels restent confidentiels. Ils seront également analysés, de manière anonyme, afin de veiller à ce que nos consultations touchent un public inclusif et diversifié.

Ces renseignements seront recueillis, conservés et divulgués par le ministère de l'Infrastructure (le « ministère ») et le ministère de l'Environnement, de la Protection de la nature et des Parcs. Ils seront transmis aux conseillers indépendants du ministère qui doivent en prendre connaissance afin d'aider le ministère à remplir ses obligations en vertu de la *Loi sur les évaluations environnementales*. Ces conseillers sont la Société ontarienne des infrastructures et de l'immobilier (« Infrastructure Ontario »), Bespoke Cultural Collective, Land Design Incorporated (« LandInc. »), Martha Schwartz Partners (« MSP ») et CH2M HILL Canada Limited (« Jacobs »).

Vos renseignements personnels sont recueillis en vertu des articles 4 et 5 de la *Loi sur le ministère de l'Infrastructure*, L.R.O. 1990, c. M. 35 et de la *Loi sur les évaluations environnementales*, L.R.O. 1990, c. E. 18, respectivement.

Notes :

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- Si vous désirez obtenir ces renseignements dans un format accessible, veuillez en informer la personne-ressource du projet identifiée ci-dessus.

Avis émis le 4 juin 2023

A-6 Comments on the Draft Environmental
Study Report

TECHNICAL REVIEW MEMO

Review of the Draft Environmental Study Report for the Public Realm (Ontario Government owned Property), part of the Redevelopment of Ontario Place, Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation Territory.

Prepared for: Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation c/o Casey Jonathon (Major Projects)

Prepared by: Kathleen Ryan (BSc., MSc.)

Dated: August 24 2023

RE: Public Realm Development at Ontario Place East Island - Draft Environmental Study Report

Purpose and Scope of Review

The purpose of this memo is to evaluate Infrastructure Ontario's¹ (IO) submission of the Draft Environmental Study Report (ESR) for the Public Realm (the Project), which forms part of the larger Ontario Place Redevelopment Project being completed by the Ontario Ministry of Infrastructure (MOI, the Proponent) and its tenants, on lands part of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Territory. The Ontario government is the owner of lands on the East Island and the Mainland (the Site), for which the ESR has been prepared. A portion of the East Island is leased from the Ontario government by a tenant - Live Nation, and the entire West Island by another tenant - Therme Canada; developments planned for these portions of Ontario Place are not discussed in the ESR and do not require the same regulatory compliance as the Project being completed by the Proponent.

This memo is a follow-up to the initial review that was completed in February 2023, in which the relevant documents forming the basis of the ESR were reviewed. Part of the purpose of this memo is to determine how previous comments were incorporated into an updated Natural Heritage Impact Study and/or into the ESR.

Review and analysis of the documents identified below is intended to ensure that MCFN's Aboriginal and treaty rights and the environment of the MCFN Territory (lands, waters, wildlife) are protected from any potential negative impacts resulting from the above development and associated activities. It is also intended to ensure that MCFN input and involvement are incorporated throughout the planning and implementation phases of the Project and, where appropriate, that the Project provides benefit to MCFN and its membership.

Documents

- Draft Environmental Study Report, Ontario Place Redevelopment Project, Ministry of Infrastructure Category C Public Work Class Environmental Assessment, prepared by Jacobs Consultancy Canada Inc (June 2023) (the ESR).
- Natural Heritage Impact Study for the Redevelopment of Ontario Place - Final Report, prepared by Morrison Hershfield Limited (November 2022 and May 1 2023 Versions) (NH Report).

¹ Infrastructure Ontario (IO) is submitting the ESR on behalf of the Proponent, the Ontario Ministry of Infrastructure.

- Arborist Report for the Redevelopment of Ontario Place, prepared by Morrison Hershfield Limited (November 2022 and May 1 2023 Versions) (Arborist Report).
- Ontario Place Redevelopment Website [<https://engageontarioplace.ca/>]

Project Context

The Proponent has proposed to the full redevelopment of the Site to create an upgraded, publicly-accessible park area that provides visitors with a diverse recreation experience within Toronto and on the shores of Lake Ontario, including trails, scenic look-outs, picnic areas, beaches, food and other concessions, event spaces, science and cultural programming, and an upgraded marina (the Project). In order to redevelop the site, an almost complete clearing of the on-site environment and a complete demolition of existing infrastructure are required. While the Ontario Place island complex, including the East Island, are man-made islands that were built between 1969-1971, and the terrestrial component of the Site is comprised of 50% non-native and ornamental vegetation species, and the aquatic or shoreline component of the Site offers little in the way of fish habitat, the islands have demonstrated that they do provide valuable ecological functions and wildlife habitat in an area (Toronto Waterfront) where wildlife habitat is generally limited.

The key phases of the Project include:

- Decommissioning and removal of existing buildings
- Tree and vegetation removal across the Site (site grading and landscaping)
 - The Arborist Report recommends trees that should be retained at the Site (Native trees with ecological value).
- Construction of new parks, trails, and open space
 - Includes new native plantings of trees, vegetation, and wetlands.
- Shoreline repairs and flood mitigation
- Site access and parking infrastructure
- Construction of new buildings and supporting site infrastructure

The key components or distinct design areas of the Project include:

- The Water's Edge
- The Forum
- The Marina
- Brigantine Cove
- The Mainland

Regulatory Context

The purpose of the ESR is to fulfill the Proponent's obligation to conduct the Project in compliance with Ontario's environmental regulations. The Project is subject to the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* (Part II.1) and the ESR must be completed in compliance with the requirements of a Class C Ministry of Infrastructure Public Work Class Environmental Assessment. The Project is subject to other provincial and federal permitting approvals processes that will be required under the *Fisheries Act*, *Species at Risk Act*, *Migratory Birds Convention Act*, *Endangered Species Act*, and the *Navigable Waters Act*, *Ontario Environmental Protection Act*, *Ontario Heritage Act*, and . The Project is not subject to municipal City of Toronto Official Planning, Zoning and By-Law approvals,

or permitting processes of Conservation Authorities under the *Conservation Authorities Act*, though the Proponent has stated it will strive to comply with these regulations.

The Class C Public Works Class Environmental Assessment is described as a streamlined process, and a planning tool. The Ministry of Climate Change and Parks (MECP) is the responsible authority under the Environmental Assessment Act, but the Minister's approval is not required in order to proceed with the Project. The Proponent must complete the components of the Class C EA, but no approvals are required.

Assessment

The purpose of the ESR in this regulatory context is to provide information about design alternatives and the rationale for and selection of preferred design alternatives for each project component, as well as to qualitatively evaluate potential impacts based on these selected alternatives and identify mitigation measures. The ESR provided only conceptual design (30% design) information, qualitative analysis of impacts, and no discussion of operational plans or impacts. The ESR summarized the core findings of the NH Report (2022/2023a) and the Arborist Report, but lacked detail regarding either related to the selected design alternatives. The ESR provides largely conceptual information, lacking details about design, details about phased approaches to construction (especially removal of habitat features on-site), and provides a very high-level assessment of potential impacts and mitigations. The ESR consistently refers to decisions that will be made and information that will be available during the detailed design phase.

Revisions were noted in the NH Report (2023) submitted as part of the ESR, with edits were made to the characterization of trees in the Arborist Report. Changes included:

- 18 large (>30cm DBH) trees previously identified as Ontario Place trees are now identified as trees outside of the
- 70 small (<30cm DBH) trees have brought into the data set from external tree inventory data; and,
- 56 trees that were labeled as “dead” in the November submission have been corrected to “excellent”, and 25 trees that were labeled as “fair or poor” in the November submission have been corrected to “good”, out of 471 large trees (error in 17% of trees categorized)
- Corrected status of Northern Map Turtle from Not at Risk to Species of Special Concern.

Table 1 (below) shows the original characterization of trees and impact assessment, and Table 2 (below) shows the updated characterization of trees and impact assessment.

For the Public Realm, the percentage of trees to be impacted has decreased from 76% to 65%. Based on changes in tree characterization, as follows:

- The total number of trees impacted (less than 30cm DBH) has increased from 116 to 127
- The total number of trees protected (less than 30cm DBH) has decreased from 100 to 56
- The total number of trees impacted (greater than 30cm DBH) has decreased from 502 to 429
- The total number of trees protected (greater than 30cm DBH) has increased from 95 - 23

Table 1: November 2022 Natural Heritage Report - Tree Characterization and Impact

Table 8: Number of Trees Potentially Impacted and Protected, per Stakeholder

Area	Total Trees ≥30cm DBH Proposed to be Impacted	Total Trees ≥30cm DBH Proposed to be Protected	Total Trees <30cm DBH Proposed to be Impacted	Total Trees <30cm DBH Proposed to be Protected	% Of Total Trees per Area Proposed to be Impacted
Public Realm	116	100	502	95	76%
Therme	212	0	634	0	100%
Live Nation	0	43	0	482	0%
Totals	338	143	1,136	577	-

Table 2: July 2023 Natural Heritage Report - Tree Characterization and Impact

Table 8: Summary of Trees Potentially Impacted and Protected by Area

Area	Total Trees ≥30cm DBH Proposed to be Impacted	Total Trees ≥30cm DBH Proposed to be Protected	Total Trees <30cm DBH Proposed to be Impacted	Total Trees <30cm DBH Proposed to be Protected	% Of Total Trees per Area Proposed to be Impacted
Public Realm	127	56	429	237	65%
Therme	226	0	634	0	100%
Live Nation	19	25	280	202	57%
Ontario Place Totals	372	81	1,343	439	77%
Trees Outside of Ontario Place Boundary	0	18	0	0	0
Totals	372	99	1,343	439	76%

Selection of Preferred Alternatives

Review and selection of preferred designs was a core component of the ESR. Across the five (5) components, this review is in agreement with two (2) of the selected alternatives, and somewhat in agreement with one (1) of the selected alternatives, and in disagreement with major elements of the other two (2) selected alternatives.

The five (5) components of the site and comments related to each component and the selected alternative are provided in the table below.

Site Component	Preferred Alternative	MCFN Comment
Water's Edge	<p>Concept A Stone Lookouts</p> <p>Hardened Armored Terraced Shoreline</p>	<p>Disagree with the selected alternative.</p> <p>Concept A has considerably less terrestrial and aquatic ecological value compared to Concept B.</p> <p>Concept A has substantially more impervious surface area, providing less ecological functions for the site, including functions related to reduction in heat island effect.</p> <p>The selection of Concept A is focussed on the accessibility and seating available on the shore for visitors, without visitors having to climb down. This option also requires the area to be “shut down” in the winter for visitor safety (while Concept B does not require this).</p> <p>In and near water aspects of this Concept also do not provide fish and fish habitat benefit, and likely do not provide suitable habitat for American Eel (SAR).</p> <p>Both options are stated to support exceedance of 100 year storm event criteria.</p> <p>Additional bioengineering techniques to enhance the naturalized, vegetated shoreline design could provide additional flood mitigation capacity in Concept B, and still provide more overall benefits to the Site and local environment.</p>
Forum	<p>Concept A Fountain & Flexible Space</p>	<p>Agree with the selected alternative.</p>
Brigantine Cove	<p>Concept B Wetlands & Nature</p>	<p>Somewhat Agree with the selected alternative.</p> <p>Agree with the revised positioning of the boardwalk to the shoreline to prevent human disturbance to wildlife and water.</p>

		<p>Agree that replacement of the East Bridge will improve water movement and quality, and habitat connectivity through the Site.</p> <p>Agreement with TRCA's concerns regarding the low ecological value of the floating wetlands for the aquatic species known to use habitat at the Site.</p> <p>More information about the floating wetland and shoreline design is needed.</p> <p>MCFN must be engaged in the detailed design phase for Brigantine Cove.</p> <p>Disagree with the alternative selected for the north shore of Brigantine Cove (see Mainland).</p>
Marina	Concept A Park Marina	<p>Agree with the selected alternative. Increases greenspace and ecological features.</p> <p>More information is needed during the detailed design phase on construction activities in-water.</p>
Mainland	<p>Concept A Urban and Active</p> <p>Parking (combination of underground and above ground parking with vegetation added to above ground)</p> <p>Building the Ontario Science Centre and Ontario Plaza</p>	<p>Agree with the parking aspects of the preferred design and building Ontario Science Centre and Ontario Plaza.</p> <p>Disagree with the preferred alternative (urban beach) for the south edge of the Mainland / northern shoreline of Brigantine Cove.</p> <p>Concept B would provide additional ecological functions benefitting both the Site (more pervious surfaces, supports storm/waste-water management on site) and wildlife habitat, including habitat for SAR Turtles and Birds.</p> <p>Creation of a diverse upland / riparian / emergent (wetland) vegetation zone in this particular location, would provide additional terrestrial and aquatic habitat at the site - and provide wetland habitat in addition to the proposed floating wetlands which do not provide the same habitat functions as an emergent wetland would.</p>

Key Concerns and Questions

Shoreline Alterations

- Other documents related to the Project (NH Report, Shoreline Report) discussed the need for significant shoreline alteration work to ensure that the shoreline features would protect the infrastructure and visitors at the Site, and be able to withstand strong storm, wave, and flood events on the Lake Ontario shoreline and increasing intensity of these events related to climate change. However, very limited information is provided in this document about shoreline or in-water works related to the Site, with the exception of some information related to the shoreline alterations at the Water's Edge component (discussed above).
- Shoreline alterations will be an important component of this Project and shoreline treatments should be favoured that support terrestrial and aquatic habitat values, create or enhance aquatic habitat at the Site, and incorporate bio-engineering or naturalized elements for greater long-term resiliency.

American Eel Habitat

- Based on the information provided in the NH Report (2022/2023), the entire south shoreline of the East Island was identified as potential American Eel Habitat and American Eels were collected in 2013 and 2016 during annual electrofishing surveys at the West Island (South Shore near East Headland) by the Toronto Region Conservation Authority (TRCA).
 - American Eels have also been collected in the Humber River, and proximity of the West Island to the Humber River outfall is a contributing factor to American Eel observations at this site.
- There is very little information in the ESR about the proposed shoreline alterations on the East Island, with the exception of the concept proposed for the "Water's Edge" area, which still lacks details. Based on the limited information about the terraced stone planned for the Water's Edge area, this type of structure would appear to provide limited or no American Eel habitat value in this location.
- How will the American Eel habitat be maintained or created within this Site? Are there other locations within the Site that will provide suitable refuge and feeding habitat for American Eel during shoreline alteration works?

SAR Turtles

- The Northern Map Turtle is a Species at Risk, and based on the NH Report assessment, the one (1) Map Turtle observed was determined to be using the site for overwintering and likely most of its life history is spent near this location (Brigantine Cove). A confirmed Turtle Overwintering Area for Map Turtles is considered a Significant Wildlife Habitat. Special consideration will need to be taken to provide suitable habitat for turtle species, and to protect this (and likely other turtles) turtle during construction activities.
- It is likely that other individual turtles are present at the Site and were not documented during

assessments, especially due to the nature of these sites and behaviours of turtles (low visibility in water, semi-aquatic species).

South Mainland / North Brigantine

- As discussed in the preferred alternatives table (above), the preferred alternative for the Mainland, as it relates to the beach at the north end of Brigantine Cove, is not ideal, when the Site is considered as a whole.
- Creation of a wetland complex on the south Mainland would be ideal for this Site. It would not only provide important wildlife habitat for terrestrial and aquatic species, it would provide ecological functions that would promote better water quality in Brigantine Cove, and likely contribute to storm-water management at the Site. Considering the habitat changes occurring at Brigantine Cove, and the lack of suitability of the floating wetland component, the wetland on the south Mainland would provide better habitat with less human interference.
- More information and MCFN involvement in the detailed design of Brigantine Cove is required.

Brigantine Cove

- As discussed in the preferred alternatives table (above), the TRCA's concerns about the habitat value of the floating wetlands for aquatic species are supported. As discussed in the Mainland section, the overall habitat value of a wetland shore on the north end of Brigantine Cove would be much greater than the proposed (beach, hard shoreline) treatment for that shoreline, or the floating wetlands. It would also provide habitat with potentially less human disturbance.
- More information and MCFN involvement in the detailed design of Brigantine Cove is required.

Water's Edge

- As discussed in the preferred alternatives table (above), the selected alternative for the Water's Edge has less overall ecological value at the Site for wildlife, including SAR American Eel, and less ecological function value related to resiliency of the Site over-time. Consideration should be made to select Concept A.
- More information and MCFN involvement in the detailed design of the Water's Edge is required.

Terrestrial Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat

- The ESR did not qualify how significant the Site is for migratory birds (based on findings of the NH Report). See comments from February 2023 review. In the detailed design phase, more specific information and plans are needed about how Migratory and Species at Risk birds (and non- SAR birds, bats and wildlife) and their habitat will be protected during construction, including the proposed phased-approach to decommissioning the site to prepare

for construction and adherence to timing windows, and provisions of essential habitat for wildlife during the transition of the site (bat boxes, protections around retained trees, breeding birds, overwintering turtles).

- See February 2023 comments. More information and MCFN involvement is required in the development of the approach to demolition, phased-construction, and provisions for wildlife on Site.

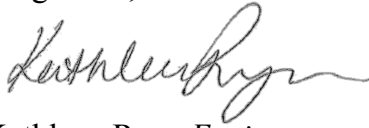
Summary

The ESR likely meets the requirements under the Class C Public Works Environmental Assessment, but still lacks the details needed to assess and provide meaningful feedback on the ecological and related Aboriginal and treaty rights aspects of the Project related to design, construction and operations. The ESR does not address any of the comments made by MCFN in February 2023. MCFN comments made in February 2023 and August 2023 will still need to be addressed during the detailed design phase, and through on-site monitoring and oversight activities carried out by MCFN.

Recommendations

- MCFN key concerns, comments and questions identified in this document (selected alternatives table above, key concerns and questions section above) and all MCFN comments made in February 2023 (table below) must be addressed through the detailed design and prior to any demolition / site-clearing or construction activities at the Site.
- There are a number of regulatory permits and authorizations that will be required for this Project. MCFN must be consulted by the Proponent and the Crown (responsible federal or provincial authority) regarding the content of and prior to any approval of permits or authorizations under the *Fisheries Act*, *Species at Risk Act*, *Migratory Birds Convention Act*, *Endangered Species Act*, and the *Navigable Waters Act*, *Ontario Environmental Protection Act*.
- The Proponent must ensure that there is suitable American Eel habitat preserved or created around the East Island, based on known habitat preferences, including: soft/mud substrates, vegetation, and interstitial refuge spaces.
- The Proponent should consider altering the selected design alternatives for the Water's Edge, the Mainland (south shore), and Brigantine Cove to favour more ecologically significant options that benefit wildlife and Site resiliency as a whole.
- The Proponent must provide more information about the proposed shoreline and in-water works around the East Island.
- Engagement through all planning phases is required, and the Proponent must ensure that MCFN Field Liaison Representatives can be part of any pre-construction ecological monitoring, and part of oversight of mitigation measures and permit adherence during construction, through post-construction monitoring and operational works.

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Comments from MCFN Review (February 2023)

MCFN Comment Date	MCFN Comments on Natural Heritage Report and Related Documents (February 2023)	Proponent Response	Next Step
February 2023			
	<p>MCFN should be part of developing detailed / specific mitigations, monitoring, and management plans for the site. MCFN could also deploy Monitors at the Site during key activities or time-windows to ensure adherence of mitigation measures and protection of species per project plans.</p> <p>Recommend to begin this process of developing detailed / specific mitigations, monitoring and management plans once the Draft ESR is complete and can be reviewed. The MCFN team can build on what is proposed in the Draft ESR and ensure that the proponent's are held to higher standards that are required to meet regulatory requirements.</p>	Not Addressed.	MCFN involvement in review and design of mitigations, monitoring and management plans is required.
	<p>Prior to any construction works on site, MCFN People should have the opportunity to harvest any/all plant and tree species of interest on site. Additionally, any trees that are removed from the site should be transported directly to MCFN (not at the expense of MCFN) for use in the Community (firewood, building wood, food plants, medicinal plants). Some MCFN Members may wish to visit the site to harvest</p>	Not Addressed.	<p>MCFN opportunity to harvest vegetation and trees on site is still required. Tree removal may not be completed by MCFN, but benefit from tree removal is required (e.g., credit from a lumberyard or similar mechanism is required).</p> <p>It is likely MCFN will want to conduct a ceremony prior to any tree removals</p>

	<p>medicinal or other cultural plants themselves (e.g. Sweet Flag).</p> <p>Based on the list of plants and trees on site (attached) MCFN could select which species they are interested in (e.g., trees to be transported) and could consult with Community Knowledge Holders to determine their level of interest in harvesting plants at this site</p>		on-site. Provisions must be made for this.
	<p>In order to accurately quantify and confirm an actual increase in both the quantity <u>and quality</u> of fish habitat at the Site, the Draft ESR should include more detailed assessments of fish habitat quality at the Site, including detailed water quality parameters (basic quality measures (DO, pH, Conductivity, etc.),, nutrients, e.coli, pharmaceuticals, metals, etc.), substrate parameters, and vegetation assessments. This type of baseline is necessary to track the success of the Project in achieving overall increase in fish habitat quantity and quality and to measure operational impacts of the Project.</p>	Not Addressed.	<p>No additional assessments were completed at the site prior to the completion of the ESR.</p> <p>The additional fish, fish habitat, water, and sediment assessments should be completed prior to any construction activities, and incorporated into detailed design and the development of monitoring programs.</p>
	<p>More information about the proposed construction and re-naturalization approach, including proposed timelines for construction and re-naturalization, and approaches for phased construction and renaturalization must be included in the Draft ESR.</p>	Not Addressed.	<p>No information about the proposed construction and re-naturalization approach are provided in the ESR.</p> <p>More information is required about site clearing, construction and re-naturalization approaches prior to any construction activities.</p>

	<p>A phased approach to construction and re-naturalization is mentioned in the NH Report but more information about the approach and how that approach will accomplish the strategic removal and replacement of habitats over-time is required.</p> <p>The phased approach should also include information about how adherence to timing windows to protect SAR and non-SAR species and habitats will be implemented through construction.</p> <p>The phased approach should also consider implementation of interim habitat through the site during construction (e.g., bird and bat boxes), commensurate with a strategic phased construction and renaturalization plan (if appropriate based on projected levels of disturbance during construction in various areas of the Site).</p>		
	<p>The Marina area is not discussed in detail in the NH Report report but will be altered during the construction activities, and will have ongoing impacts to and interactions with the environment at the Site through operations. (The NH Report does evaluate the habitat/species present around the Marina area).</p> <p>The Marina must be included as part of the impact assessment, mitigations, and management plans.</p>	Partially Addressed.	<p>More information is provided in the ESR than in previous documents about the Marina.</p> <p>The proposed alternative for the Marina is supported.</p> <p>More information about the Marina will be required during the detailed design phase.</p>

	Clarity is needed to confirm ownership of the Marina, though it is likely part of the Public Realm.		
	The Proponent must include information about <u>operational</u> impacts, mitigations and management of the Site in the Draft ESR. The NH Report does not include any assessment of the impacts and interactions to / with the	Not Addressed.	<p>No information about operational impacts, mitigations, and management of the Site are provided as part of the Draft ESR.</p> <p>Operational details are not required in this streamlined process.</p> <p>MCFN must continue to be engaged through the assessment of operational impacts and planning.</p>

MCFN Comment	Project Team Response	Section of the ESR Reference
The ESR provided only conceptual design (30% design) information, qualitative analysis of impacts, and no discussion of operational plans or impacts. The ESR summarized the core findings of the NH Report (2022/2023a) and the Arborist Report, but lacked detail regarding either related to the selected design alternatives. The ESR provides largely conceptual information, lacking details about design, details about phased approaches to construction (especially removal of habitat features on-site), and provides a very high-level assessment of potential impacts and mitigations. The ESR consistently refers to decisions that will be made and information that will be available during the detailed design phase.	The Class EA is a planning process, and it is typical to have an approximate 30% design level provided. This level of design provides sufficient details to understand potential environmental effects, develop proposed mitigation measures and identify net environmental effects related to the project. These are all further refined during the detailed design phase that follows completion of the EA process. Once comments have been received on the preferred design in the draft ESR, the Project Team will incorporate the suggested changes, as applicable, and release the final ESR. Following release of the final ESR, the Project Team will be able to work on detailed design and provide the necessary level of detail related to implementation of the project.	N/A

MCFN Comment	Project Team Response	Section of the ESR Reference
<p>Water's Edge Zone</p> <p><u>Concept A: Stone Lookouts</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Disagree with the selected alternative.– Concept A has considerably less terrestrial and aquatic ecological value compared to Concept B.– Concept A has substantially more impervious surface area, providing less ecological functions for the site, including functions related to reduction in heat island effect.– The selection of Concept A is focused on the accessibility and seating available on the shore for visitors, without visitors having to climb down. This option also requires the area to be “shut down” in the winter for visitor safety (while Concept B does not require this).– In and near water aspects of this Concept also do not provide fish and fish habitat benefit, and likely do not provide suitable habitat for American Eel (SAR).– Both options are stated to support exceedance of 100 year storm event criteria.– Additional bioengineering techniques to enhance the naturalized, vegetated shoreline design could provide additional flood mitigation capacity in Concept B, and still provide more overall benefits to the Site and local environment.	<p>Please see Table 4-4, which notes that design modifications were included that provided more vegetation for the preferred design than in the original Design Concept A. Trees proposed in the design are at the 77-meter elevation level which trees have been found to survive at.</p> <p>The impervious surface is needed to provide the required shoreline and flood protection to this area which Design Concept B offered less protection.</p> <p>The 77-meter elevation level is approximately where the area will have limited access during the winter for safety and maintenance reasons. During detailed design the type of “fencing” will be taken into consideration for limiting access during winter months. However, throughout the remainder of the year this design provides closer walkway and sitting areas to Lake Ontario for visitors to enjoy a closer proximity to the lake.</p> <p>Suitable American Eel Habitat within Ontario Place exists along the shoreline. Within Lake Ontario, large coarse rock located in water depths greater than 1 meter is suitable habitat for American Eel as cover provided within the interstitial spacing of the rock provides refuge for the species. The design team is currently looking at further designing the terraced stone shoreline protection with the possibility of placing in-water boulders along the stones in water depths greater than 1 meter. This habitat is also intended to provide some fish habitat.</p> <p>Thank you for your comment on bioengineering. We have taken note and have also forwarded it to the design team for further consideration during detailed design.</p>	<p>Table 4-4 Water's Edge Evaluation Summary</p>

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<p>Brigantine Cove Zone</p> <p><u>Concept B: Wetlands & Nature</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Somewhat Agree with the selected alternative.– Agree with the revised positioning of the boardwalk to the shoreline to prevent human disturbance to wildlife and water.– Agree that replacement of the East Bridge will improve water movement and quality, and habitat connectivity through the Site.– Agreement with TRCA's concerns regarding the low ecological value of the floating wetlands for the aquatic species known to use habitat at the Site.– More information about the floating wetland and shoreline design is needed.– MCFN must be engaged in the detailed design phase for Brigantine Cove.– Disagree with the alternative selected for the north shore of Brigantine Cove (see Mainland).	<p>The following links provide precedents or case studies of successful floating wetland projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• https://www.biomatrixwater.com/news/• https://e360.yale.edu/features/floating-wetlands-cities-pollution <p>The conditions present in Brigantine Cove are not ideal for a traditional type of wetland. For example, traditional wetlands required 1 meter depth of water which is not present along the shore of Brigantine Cove.</p> <p>One detailed design currently under consideration is the use of riprap along the edge of Brigantine Cove that can be used for habitat for turtles and other species.</p> <p>The design team will continue to engage MCFN during detailed design of the public realm.</p>	

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<p>Mainland Zone</p> <p><u>Urban and Active Parking</u></p> <p><u>Building Ontario Science Centre and Ontario Plaza</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Agree with the parking aspects of the preferred design and building Ontario Science Centre and Ontario Plaza.– Disagree with the preferred alternative (urban beach) for the south edge of the Mainland / northern shoreline of Brigantine Cove.– Concept B would provide additional ecological functions benefitting both the Site (more pervious surfaces, supports storm/waste-water management on site) and wildlife habitat, including habitat for SAR Turtles and Birds.– Creation of a diverse upland / riparian / emergent (wetland) vegetation zone in this particular location, would provide additional terrestrial and aquatic habitat at the site - and provide wetland habitat in addition to the proposed floating wetlands which do not provide the same habitat functions as an emergent wetland would.	<p>Upon further investigation during evaluation of the design concepts, it was determined that creation of a wetland would be costly and challenging to construct and maintain. This is partly due to the wetland requiring pumping of water over the dock wall to maintain the wetland environment. It was largely based on this that the urban beach was selected as preferred.</p> <p>Please note, through the design water access is not available at the urban beach this access is limited to the small beach proposed in Brigantine Cove. The use of boardwalks throughout is intended to encourage viewing Lake Ontario but to limit access to the water within this Zone.</p> <p>Aquatic habitat is limited in the area due to the presence of the existing sheet pile dock wall which is required to protect the shore. However, portions of the dock wall will be strengthened through the placement of a rock berm which can also provide improved aquatic habitat in the area.</p> <p>Trees shown in the preferred design along the boardwalk will be planted and are anticipated to survive since some of the trees are presently existing there.</p> <p>The design modifications being considered for the surface parking areas include increased vegetation cover, additional vegetation provided along the Martin Goodman trail edge (north side near Lake Shore W Blvd), use of green pavers/stone chips (which allow water infiltration during rain and runoff events), use of planting islands in the parking lots to capture runoff. In addition all stormwater is being strategically migrated to green spaces or drains and existing stormwater infrastructure will be used (where possible). All of these measures would improve infiltration and reduce runoff to Lake Ontario. This will be further developed as part of the Stormwater Management Plan proposed in Section 5.6.1.</p> <p>This portion of the Mainland Zone is situated in close proximity to Lake Shore W Blvd and will be used for parking, car and bus movements, pedestrian travel and cycling. As a result, wildlife habitat would not be suitable for this part of the design so wildlife using this area is minimized. The focus is to provide more habitat on the East Island where it is safer for wildlife.</p>	

MCFN Comment	Project Team Response	Section of the ESR Reference
<p>Shoreline Alterations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– However, very limited information is provided in this document about shoreline or in-water works related to the Site, with the exception of some information related to the shoreline alterations at the Water’s Edge component.– Shoreline alterations will be an important component of this Project and shoreline treatments should be favoured that support terrestrial and aquatic habitat values, create or enhance aquatic habitat at the Site, and incorporate bio-engineering or naturalized elements for greater long-term resiliency	<p>In the current Category C Class Environmental Assessment (EA), shoreline alternations are largely within the Water’s Edge Zone. The next step is to undertake detailed design which will include more specifics on the design and provide construction phasing.</p> <p>The intent is to design works that provide necessary shoreline and flood protection but also offer an opportunity to support terrestrial and aquatic habitat values and create or enhance aquatic habitat. This is being taken into consideration through the in-water boulders being proposed (to provide support to portions of the dock wall along the Mainland Zone as well as along the terraced stone at Water’s Edge), which can create and enhance aquatic habitat in these areas. Engagement with MCFN will continue throughout the detailed design phase.</p>	
<p>American Eel Habitat</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– There is very little information in the ESR about the proposed shoreline alterations on the East Island, with the exception of the concept proposed for the “Water’s Edge” area, which still lacks details. Based on the limited information about the terraced stone planned for the Water’s Edge area, this type of structure would appear to provide limited or no American Eel habitat value in this location.– How will the American Eel habitat be maintained or created within this Site? Are there other locations within the Site that will provide suitable refuge and feeding habitat for American Eel during shoreline alteration works?	<p>Further to the above, in the current Category C Class EA, shoreline alternations are largely within the Water’s Edge Zone. The next step is to undertake detailed design which will include more specifics on the design and provide construction phasing. Engagement with MCFN will continue throughout the detailed design phase.</p> <p>Within Lake Ontario, large coarse rock located in water depths greater than 1 meter is suitable habitat for American Eel as the cover provided within the interstitial spacing of the rock provides refuge for the species. The coarse rock is present in substrate and along much of the shoreline adjacent to the open water of Lake Ontario. This form of suitable habitat for the Eel was identified to be present at Ontario Place during environmental field assessments and occurs along the southern shoreline of the property. The design team is currently looking at further designing the terraced stone shoreline protection with the possibility of placing in-water boulders along the stones in water depths greater than 1 meter.</p> <p>Any work being completed within suitable habitat for American Eel will require mitigation measures and habitat enhancement as required through the provincial ESA permitting process and these can be further refined during detailed design and through the permit process.</p> <p>Specific construction plans will be further refined during detailed design, however, the construction area will be limited to the Water’s Edge zone with any American Eel habitat along the eastern edge of Trillium Park remaining.</p>	

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SAR Turtles <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Special consideration will need to be taken to provide suitable habitat for turtle species, and to protect this (and likely other turtles) turtle during construction activities.– It is likely that other individual turtles are present at the Site and were not documented during assessments, especially due to the nature of these sites and behaviours of turtles (low visibility in water, semi-aquatic species).	<p>The next phase in the public realm design is to undertake detailed design, which will include more specifics on the design and construction phasing. Engagement with MCFN will continue throughout the detailed design phase.</p> <p>As mentioned above, the design team is currently looking into the possible use of riprap along Brigantine Cove water's edge. This could provide suitable habitat for turtles and other species that may be present.</p>	
South Mainland / North Brigantine Cove Brigantine Cove Water's Edge <i>See comments above on these Zones.</i>	<i>Refer to response above.</i>	
Terrestrial Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat <ul style="list-style-type: none">– The ESR did not qualify how significant the Site is for migratory birds (based on findings of the NH Report). See comments from February 2023 review. In the detailed design phase, more specific information and plans are needed about how Migratory and Species at Risk birds (and non-SAR birds, bats and wildlife) and their habitat will be protected during construction, including the proposed phased-approach to decommissioning the site to prepare for construction and adherence to timing windows, and provisions of essential habitat for wildlife during the transition of the site (bat boxes, protections around retained trees, breeding birds, overwintering turtles).	<p>The Natural Heritage Impact Study was included as Appendix B to the Environmental Study Report (ESR) and provides details on migratory birds and their habitat along with potential impacts and mitigation measures during construction activities. References to migratory birds present at Ontario Place and their importance were included throughout the ESR but this was intended to be a summary while comprehensive information is located in Appendix B.</p> <p>Your comments on detailed design are noted and will be further considered during detailed design.</p> <p>The design team will continue to work with your community to ensure mitigation measures, such as tree protection, timing windows for construction and installing artificial habitats (e.g., bat boxes) are successfully implemented. As this work proceeds, MOI will continue to welcome your input to help inform plans.</p> <p>Note that the importance of trees and vegetation onsite is recognized, which is why for every tree removed as a result of redevelopment activities, approximately twice as many trees that are native to the area will later be planted across the site, with an increased replacement ratio of up to 6:1 for trees over 30cm in diameter.</p> <p>Copies of the Final Natural Heritage Impact studies completed in September 2023 by Morrison Hershfield and SLR were forwarded to MCFN on October 3, 2023. These studies cover both the west and east islands and the associated proposed redevelopment activities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Section 3.1.4• Section 3.1.6.1• Section 3.1.6.5• Appendix B

MCFN Comment	Project Team Response	Section of the ESR Reference
Recommendations		
MCFN key concerns, comments and questions identified in this document (selected alternatives table above, key concerns and questions section above) and all MCFN comments made in February 2023 (table below) must be addressed through the detailed design and prior to any demolition / site-clearing or construction activities at the Site.	Commitment is included in the draft ESR for ongoing engagement with Indigenous communities, including communities' involvement in developing monitoring programs and participating in monitoring activities. This is included in the draft ESR. As noted in the draft ESR the monitoring program will continue to be developed throughout detailed design and through construction.	Section 5.6.1
There are a number of regulatory permits and authorizations that will be required for this Project. MCFN must be consulted by the Proponent and the Crown (responsible federal or provincial authority) regarding the content of and prior to any approval of permits or authorizations under the Fisheries Act, Species at Risk Act, Migratory Birds Convention Act, Endangered Species Act, and the Navigable Waters Act, Ontario Environmental Protection Act.	We will add that MCFN will continue to be consulted with, as necessary, regarding the content of key approvals (e.g., Fisheries Act, SAR, Migratory Birds Convention Act, Endangered Species Act, and Navigable Waters Act and Ontario EPA) and prior to an approval of permits or authorizations to Section 5.7.1 of the Final ESR.	Section 5.7.1 Permitting and Approvals
The Proponent must ensure that there is suitable American Eel habitat preserved or created around the East Island, based on known habitat preferences, including: soft/mud substrates, vegetation, and interstitial refuge spaces.	As described above, the design team is currently looking at further designing the terraced stone shoreline protection with the possibility of placing in-water boulders along the stones in water depths greater than 1 meter, which have been found to provide suitable habitat for the American Eel. Construction related details will be further refined during detailed design, however the construction area will be limited to the Water's Edge zone with the anticipation that the American Eel habitat along the eastern edge of Trillium Park will remain.	
The Proponent should consider altering the selected design alternatives for the Water's Edge, the Mainland (south shore), and Brigantine Cove to favour more ecologically significant options that benefit wildlife and Site resiliency as a whole.	Please refer to comments above for the specific zones mentioned.	

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The Proponent must provide more information about the proposed shoreline and in-water works around the East Island.	The shoreline works for the public realm are largely for the Water’s Edge Zone where there is shoreline protection proposed. The shoreline and in-water works that are proposed are in Brigantine Cove, Water’s Edge and the Marina will also be further developed during detailed design. There are commitments throughout the draft ESR for continued engagement with Indigenous communities, specifically during detailed design. The Project Team is also making updates to Section 5.7.1 of the Final ESR to further clarify this.	
Engagement through all planning phases is required, and the Proponent must ensure that MCFN Field Liaison Representatives can be part of any pre-construction ecological monitoring, and part of oversight of mitigation measures and permit adherence during construction, through post-construction monitoring and operational works.	Commitments are included in several sections of the draft ESR for continued, ongoing engagement with Indigenous communities in assessment planning and refinement of mitigation measures, working to identify features of importance (e.g., native vegetation, wildlife, water quality) (see Table 5-16) as well as development of monitoring programs. For monitoring programs and activities, the commitment is for ongoing engagement with Indigenous communities to determine the desired level of involvement in these programs and activities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Table 5-16 • Section 5.5 • Section 5.6.1 • Section 5.6.2
February 2023 Comments – Next Steps		
MCFN involvement in review and design of mitigations, monitoring and management plans is required.	As noted in comments above, commitments are included throughout the draft ESR for continued engagement with Indigenous communities during detailed design, refinement of the mitigation measures and development of monitoring programs. See above for more information.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Table 5-16 • Section 5.5 • Section 5.6.1 • Section 5.6.2
<p>MCFN opportunity to harvest vegetation and trees on site is still required. Tree removal may not be completed by MCFN, but benefit from tree removal is required (e.g., credit from a lumberyard or similar mechanism is required).</p> <p>It is likely MCFN will want to conduct a ceremony prior to any tree removals on-site. Provisions must be made for this.</p>	<p>No construction related activities associated with the Category C Class EA project can take place until the EA process is complete. Your comments have been noted and forwarded to the design team.</p> <p>A tree ceremony has taken place in September 2023 and there are mitigation measures associated with tree removals. In addition, there are requirements to develop a Tree Protection Plan as part of the construction and operations monitoring plans outlined in Section 5.6.1.</p>	

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<p>No additional assessments were completed at the site prior to the completion of the ESR.</p> <p>The additional fish, fish habitat, water, and sediment assessments should be completed prior to any construction activities and incorporated into detailed design and the development of monitoring programs.</p>	<p>Additional natural heritage impact studies have been undertaken. Copies of the Final Natural Heritage Impact studies completed in September 2023 by Morrison Hershfield and SLR were forwarded to MCFN on October 3, 2023. These studies cover both the west and east islands and the associated proposed redevelopment activities.</p>	
<p>No information about the proposed construction and re-naturalization approach is provided in the ESR.</p> <p>More information is required about site clearing, construction and re-naturalization approaches prior to any construction activities.</p>	<p>The next step after completion of the EA process is to complete detailed design which will include site clearing and construction related information. As noted in comments above, commitments have been made in the draft ESR to continue engagement with Indigenous communities throughout the detailed design and construction phases of the project.</p>	
<p>More information is provided in the ESR than in previous documents about the Marina.</p> <p>The proposed alternative for the Marina is supported.</p> <p>More information about the Marina will be required during the detailed design phase.</p>	<p>As noted in comments above, commitments have been made in the draft ESR to continue engagement with Indigenous communities throughout the detailed design and construction phases of the project.</p> <p>There is a consultant that will be hired to undertake redevelopment of the marina. This will include looking at design, construction and operation of the marina.</p>	
<p>No information about operational impacts, mitigations, and management of the Site are provided as part of the Draft ESR.</p> <p>Operational details are not required in this streamlined process. MCFN must continue to be engaged through the assessment of operational impacts and planning.</p>	<p>Discussions were provided throughout the draft ESR (including the mitigation measures) on the operations phase of the project. This will be further developed during detailed design.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential Impacts Mitigation Measures and Net Effects of the Project Tables: Table 5-1, Table 5-2, Table 5-4, Table 5-5, Table 5-9, Table 5-11, Table 5-13, and Table 5-14 • Section 5.4.1.3.1 • 5.4.1.3.2 • Section 5.4.3.1.4 • Section 5.6.1



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Re: **ERO #019-7311**

Ontario Place - Draft Environmental Study Report (ESR)

Dear Tom McDonnell,

The Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation are pleased to provide comments on the draft Environmental Study Report for Ontario Place. See comments, concerns, and questions outlined in the table below.



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Topic	Reference	Comment
Vegetation	<p>3.1.4 Vegetation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - More than 800 trees were identified throughout the public realm Project footprint at the time of the survey, ranging in species, sizes, and origins. Of the total trees, approximately 52% are native species, 37% are non-native species, and 10% are unknown. <p>3.1.4.1 Vegetation of Significance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - None of the plant species found within the Project footprint require protection under current legislation, because most native species are not naturally occurring, and many are ornamental landscape varieties. - There are no significant woodlands at the Ontario Place site (MH 2023a). <p>5.4.1.3.1 Alteration of Vegetation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Design and construction activities will disturb or remove existing vegetation onsite. The loss or alteration of existing vegetation is considered negligible, because redevelopment activities will ultimately improve vegetation across the Project footprint by increasing the amount and type (that is, native vegetation.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It is disappointing that none of the plant species found within the Project footprint require protection. While there may not be any significant woodlands, this does not necessarily indicate that the woodlands present on site do not provide value. The woodlands on the Ontario Place site are currently home to many mature native tree species, which provide important ecological value, food, and habitat. - On a site tour June 12th, 2023 MSIFN staff noticed large mature willow trees on site. Willows act as a prime food source for pollinators in spring and should be retained to the extent possible. - MSIFN staff also noticed white mulberry near the shoreline on site. We recommend removing this non-native tree, as it can choke out the native red mulberry and overtake this species. - Will there be any preference given to retaining mature, native tree species on site over non-native? - When sourcing seeds for restoration, Ontario Place should ensure that native seeds are selected, and that the seeds are sourced from local populations to ensure the genetics locally adapted to this region are retained. There should also be monitoring plans in place to ensure long term health of restored trees.



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Invasive Species	<p>3.1.4.2 Invasive Species</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Common reed (<i>phragmites australis</i> ssp. <i>australis</i>) is present along the eastern edge of the Water's Edge zone and western edge of the mainland. <p>5.4.1.3.2 Introduction or Spread of Invasive Species</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ash tree species will be discouraged from the final planting list to prevent or help control Emerald ash borer. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ontario Place must do invasive species management on site pre and post construction and replace these plants with native species. By not doing this, the site is acting as a seed source for the spread of invasive species and contributing to ecosystem loss. <i>Phragmites</i> are a large threat to native plants in Ontario. - Is the only option to avoid planting ash species entirely? The species is already under threat with populations decreasing in the province. Having thorough invasive species management and monitoring practices is preferred.
Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat	<p>Table 5-6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If a bird showing behaviour indicative of nesting and/or nests or young birds are encountered in the work limits at any time, consultation with an Avian Specialist shall be completed, and works will not continue in the location of the observation until after August 31 (or until the area is determined by the Avian Specialist to no longer be in use by breeding birds). <p>5.4.1.5.1 Change in Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - During construction, most of the existing vegetation onsite will be removed, which will alter available habitat for birds and insects until vegetation is re-established. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On the site tour June 12th, 2023 MSIFN staff noticed large numbers of nesting birds in the bridges and structures surrounding the Cinesphere and in trees spanning the site. Bird exclusion netting was present on most structures but not all. Is there a reason work continued during the summer on site, even though it is stated that work will not continue until after August 31st in the location of a breeding bird observation? - How will Ontario Place ensure there is available habitat on site for birds and insects in the interim? If the plan is to remove most vegetation and mature trees then birds, bats, and insects will lose both food and habitat for an extended period.
Endangered Species	<p>3.1.6.1 Avifauna</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Large numbers of cliff swallow and barn swallow nests were observed. These nesting sites were 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Barn swallows are listed as threatened in the ESR, which protects both the birds and their habitat. Has Ontario Place received authorization via an ESA permit to harm this species?



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	<p>observed on human-made structures and are not considered significant under Significant Wildlife Habitat guidelines.</p> <p>Table 3-1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Barn swallow (<i>Hirundo rustica</i>). Threatened S4B. Threatened. L4. Breeding onsite (infrastructure). <p>Table 5-16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If any eggs, nests or shelters of migratory birds were identified during the Redevelopment Project and were to be disturbed or destroyed, permits or registration under the Migratory Birds Convention Act and Migratory Birds Regulations would be required and/or removal of any trees/vegetation and associated nests would need to be done outside the nesting season for the birds. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Is construction allowed to continue on human-made structures during breeding bird season because this habitat is not considered significant? If this is the case, and none of the vegetation species require protections either, then which habitat IS protected for nesting birds on site? - American eel (Threatened) are also listed as having suitable habitat on site, and shoreline alterations may impact the species. Please inform MSIFN of any Endangered Species Act permits required for the Project. - The swallow species present on site are migratory birds. Did Ontario Place receive permits or registration under the Migratory Birds Convention Act? Or will removal of trees/vegetation and associated nests be done outside the nesting season for these birds?
Aquatic Life and Aquatic Habitat	<p>5.4.1.6.1 Change in Aquatic Life and Aquatic Habitat</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Construction activities have the potential to impact aquatic life and associated habitat; such activities include vegetation clearing, grading, excavation, riparian planting, and uses of vehicles and equipment. - There is no re-alignment or infill of Lake Ontario proposed on the Project footprint. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There is a small pond on the Ontario Place site which is not mentioned in the report but was noticed during the MSIFN site tour in June 2023. This area could be considered fish habitat and should be listed in the report. If the pond is to be retained during redevelopment, we recommend adding riparian vegetation around the pond to compliment the existing wetland species and replace invasives. - MSIFN was under the impression that infill of Lake Ontario was planned for the Project. Is this no longer proposed?



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Drainage and Climate Change	<p>3.1.9.1 Drainage Conditions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Drainage from the existing parking lots is captured through a network of catch basins and storm sewers that discharge into the lake through combined sewer outfalls. The remainder of the Mainland runoff is captured in catchments that flow overland south and discharge into the lake. <p>Table 5-7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mitigation/Monitoring Measures: Direct run-off away from sensitive areas. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In the ESR report, it states in the mitigation/monitoring measures to “direct run-off away from sensitive areas”, however the current drainage conditions direct all parking lot and mainland runoff to discharge into Lake Ontario. Are there plans to re-direct run-off away from the lake, or stormwater collection measures being implemented to prevent this? - With climate change, increased rainfall is expected and already taking place. How will the Project handle this increased rainfall without further implications to Lake Ontario?
Indigenous Community Feedback	Section 6.3.1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This section does not mention the request for an Indigenous Advisory Circle meant to inform Ontario Science Centre programming. This section of the report does not mention the importance of two-eyed seeing and the responsibility of the province to educate the public on Indigenous rights and interests. - This section excludes the recommendation of establishing an indigenous advisory circle to inform programming for the science centre and also excludes the importance of education and two-eyed seeing into the design. This education should go beyond the environmental education and teach the public about treaties and the people who occupied the lands prior to colonialization. - The response section of how our recommendations were incorporated seems to be the same answer cut and pasted in each box. This approach does not represent meaningful consultation and engagement.



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">- MSIFN also submitted comments on Lake Fill and Species at Risk and these comments were not mentioned at all in the Indigenous feedback section.
Ontario Science Centre	Section 4.1.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- This section talks about the programming at Ontario Place but doesn't mention the importance of updating the programming to include Indigenous Traditional Knowledge. It is important that Ministry of Infrastructure ensure this is not an after thought.

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Consultation Department

MSIFN Comment	Project Team Response	Section of the ESR Reference
<p>It is disappointing that none of the plant species found within the Project footprint require protection. While there may not be any significant woodlands, this does not necessarily indicate that the woodlands present on site do not provide value. The woodlands on the Ontario Place site are currently home to many mature native tree species, which provide important ecological value, food, and habitat.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On a site tour June 12th, 2023 MSIFN staff noticed large mature willow trees on site. Willows act as a prime food source for pollinators in spring and should be retained to the extent possible. - MSIFN staff also noticed white mulberry near the shoreline on site. We recommend removing this non-native tree, as it can choke out the native red mulberry and overtake this species. - Will there be any preference given to retaining mature, native tree species on site over non-native? - When sourcing seeds for restoration, Ontario Place should ensure that native seeds are selected, and that the seeds are sourced from local populations to ensure the genetics locally adapted to this region are retained. There should also be monitoring plans in place to ensure long term health of restored trees. 	<p>In Section 3.1.4.1, "protection" refers to protected by current legislation, this was not intended to mean that no vegetation would be maintained during the site preparation and construction phases of the project. The intent was to indicate that legislatively there is no requirement to protect the trees being removed within the Project footprint.</p> <p>Table 5-4 indicates that trees not being removed will be protected in accordance with the Tree Protection Plans to be developed during detailed design as outlined in Section 5.6.1. Non-native terrestrial species will be removed to reduce the number of these species in the area as well as to promote increased biodiversity and variability through increased habitat. Appendix B also provides additional discussions, mitigation measures and assessment of impacts.</p> <p>Note that the importance of trees and vegetation onsite is recognized, which is why for every tree removed as a result of redevelopment activities, approximately twice as many trees that are native to the area will later be planted across the site, with an increased replacement ratio of up to 6:1 for trees over 30cm in diameter.</p> <p>The comments provided on the trees, retaining native trees, removing non-native tree, and use of native seeds are acknowledged and will be provided to the design team for consideration during detailed design. We acknowledge and extend our appreciation for the input received from First Nations on the importance of trees and vegetation onsite. As it has been shared with you, the design team will continue to work with your community during detailed design to further refine the mitigation measures, outlined in Section 5.4.1.3 of the draft ESR, and to ensure they are successfully implemented.</p>	<p>3.1.4 Vegetation</p> <p>3.1.4.1 Vegetation of Significance</p> <p>5.4.1.3.1 Alteration of Vegetation</p> <p>5.4.1.5.1 Change in Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat</p>

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<p>Ontario Place must do invasive species management on site pre and post construction and replace these plants with native species. By not doing this, the site is acting as a seed source for the spread of invasive species and contributing to ecosystem loss. Phragmites are a large threat to native plants in Ontario.</p> <p>- Is the only option to avoid planting ash species entirely? The species is already under threat with populations decreasing in the province. Having thorough invasive species management and monitoring practices is preferred.</p>	<p>Your comments are acknowledged and invasive species management will be developed further during detailed design when monitoring plans (such as the Vegetation Management Plan) are created.</p> <p>Table 5-4 outlines the need to implement best management practices to prevent the spread of invasive plants. Section 5.6.1 provides commitment to Naturalization Plan, Landscape Plan and a Vegetation Management Plan to control issues that may arise from detailed design to construction. Specifically, the Vegetation Management Plan provides measures to reduce the spread of invasive species.</p>	<p>3.1.4.2 Invasive Species 5.4.1.3.2 Introduction or Spread of Invasive Species</p>

<p>On the site tour June 12th, 2023 MSIFN staff noticed large numbers of nesting birds in the bridges and structures surrounding the Cinesphere and in trees spanning the site. Bird exclusion netting was present on most structures but not all. Is there a reason work continued during the summer on site, even though it is stated that work will not continue until after August 31st in the location of a breeding bird observation?</p> <p>- How will Ontario Place ensure there is available habitat on site for birds and insects in the interim? If the plan is to remove most vegetation and mature trees then birds, bats, and insects will lose both food and habitat for an extended period.</p>	<p>The Category C Class Environmental Assessment (EA) has not yet been completed. As such, no public realm construction has been initiated related to the Category C Class EA on the site. The mitigation measures of timing windows are associated with this Category C Class EA project. There are timing windows associated with the Category B Site Servicing Project however no construction was underway on that project in June 2023. There are other projects being undertaken at Ontario Place related to restoration of the Cinesphere and Pods and some of the bridges that have proceeded to construction. It is likely that what you have observed on site along the bridges and structures around the Cinesphere are related to the restoration project that were underway in June.</p> <p>Appendix B – Natural Heritage Impact Study (Draft) was included in the draft Environmental Study Report (ESR). Copies of the Final Natural Heritage Impact studies completed in September 2023 by Morrison Hershfield and SLR were forwarded to MSIFN on October 3, 2023. These studies cover both the west and east islands and the associated proposed redevelopment activities.</p> <p>Terrestrial wildlife impacts are proposed to be mitigated by installing new nesting/habitat structures prior to mass tree removals, which would provide an opportunity for additional/alternate habitat creation. Trillium Park (east side of East Island) will remain undisturbed, and it is anticipated that species should persist during construction on that portion of the East Island. Species should reinhabit the area relatively quickly post-construction with the change from manicured lawns, asphalt, etc. to a more naturalized state. It is recognized that bats may be negatively impacted with tree removals until suitable habitat is available and consideration may be given during detailed design to the installation of bat houses when conditions allow.</p> <p>Note that the importance of trees and vegetation onsite is recognized, which is why for every tree removed as a result</p>	<p>Table 5-6</p> <p>5.4.1.5.1 Change in Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat</p>
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	of redevelopment activities, approximately twice as many trees that are native to the area will later be planted across the site, with an increased replacement ratio of up to 6:1 for trees over 30cm in diameter.	
<p>Barn swallows are listed as threatened in the ESR, which protects both the birds and their habitat. Has Ontario Place received authorization via an ESA permit to harm this species?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Is construction allowed to continue on human-made structures during breeding bird season because this habitat is not considered significant? If this is the case, and none of the vegetation species require protections either, then which habitat IS protected for nesting birds on site? - American eel (Threatened) are also listed as having suitable habitat on site, and shoreline alterations may impact the species. Please inform MSIFN of any Endangered Species Act permits required for the Project. - The swallow species present on site are migratory birds. Did Ontario Place receive permits or registration under the Migratory Birds Convention Act? Or will removal of trees/vegetation and associated nests be done outside the nesting season for these birds? 	<p>To date no permits have been obtained associated with the works proposed in the Category C Class EA. Necessary permits will be obtained prior to construction, including those related to timing windows, construction of man-made structures, etc.</p> <p>Barn Swallows have recently been downlisted to be a species of Special Concern (Provincially) and this will be reflected in the final ESR. As indicated in Appendix B, Section 5.7.1 and Table 5-16, any necessary permits and approvals will be identified and obtained during detailed design. In addition, the mitigation measures proposed in the draft ESR (e.g., timing windows, construction of bat houses) will be further refined during detailed design.</p> <p>Within Lake Ontario, large coarse rock located in water depths greater than 1 meter is suitable habitat for American Eel as cover provided within the interstitial spacing of the rock provides refuge for the species. . The coarse rock is present in substrate and along much of the shoreline adjacent to the open water of Lake Ontario. This form of suitable habitat for the Eel was identified to be present at Ontario Place during environmental field assessments and occurs along the southern shoreline of the property.</p> <p>Any work being completed within suitable habitat for American Eel will require mitigation measures and habitat enhancement as required through the provincial ESA permitting process and these can be further refined during detailed design and through the permit process.</p>	<p>3.1.6.1 Avifauna Table 3-1 Table 5-16</p>

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<p>There is a small pond on the Ontario Place site which is not mentioned in the report but was noticed during the MSIFN site tour in June 2023. This area could be considered fish habitat and should be listed in the report. If the pond is to be retained during redevelopment, we recommend adding riparian vegetation around the pond to compliment the existing wetland species and replace invasives.</p> <p>- MSIFN was under the impression that infill of Lake Ontario was planned for the Project. Is this no longer proposed?</p>	<p>There is no infilling of Lake Ontario that has been, or is being, proposed for the Category C Class EA project. There will be some lakefilling as part of the Therme Canada redevelopment on the West Island. We are uncertain of the small pond MSIFN is referring to. Could this be the 'TRCA lagoon' located south of the Budweiser Stage and east of the Marina? If it is this lagoon, the Project Team can confirm that the current preferred design has this existing lagoon being retained. If it is a different pond you are referring, please let us know.</p>	<p>5.4.1.6.1 Change in Aquatic Life and Aquatic Habitat</p>
<p>In the ESR report, it states in the mitigation/monitoring measures to "direct run-off away from sensitive areas", however the current drainage conditions direct all parking lot and mainland runoff to discharge into Lake Ontario. Are there plans to re-direct run-off away from the lake, or stormwater collection measures being implemented to prevent this?</p> <p>- With climate change, increased rainfall is expected and already taking place. How will the Project handle this increased rainfall without further implications to Lake Ontario?</p>	<p>Some of the design modifications being considered include increased vegetation cover, use of green pavers/stone chips (e.g., for the surface parking lots which allow water infiltration during rain and runoff events), use of planting islands in the parking lots to capture runoff and replacing the asphalt area in the Forum with green pavers. In addition, all stormwater is being strategically migrated to green spaces or drains, finger drains are being implemented on the East Island which allow water to infiltrate into the ground rather than runoff into Lake Ontario and existing stormwater infrastructure will be used (where possible). All of these measures would improve infiltration and reduce runoff to Lake Ontario.</p> <p>Section 5.4.2, Table 5-10 and Section 5.4.1.7 discuss climate change and specifically that the preferred design is expected to improve the existing flood and shoreline conditions. The Climate Risk and Resilience Assessment (referred to in Section 3.2) was used to inform redevelopment activities across Ontario Place related to extreme heat, extreme cold, rainstorms, high lake levels, and more. Based on this, the preferred design incorporates various opportunities for mitigating flood management as well as shoreline protection.</p>	<p>3.1.9.1 Drainage Conditions</p> <p>Table 5-7</p>

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<p>This section does not mention the request for an Indigenous Advisory Circle meant to inform Ontario Science Centre programming. This section of the report does not mention the importance of two-eyed seeing and the responsibility of the province to educate the public on Indigenous rights and interests.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This section excludes the recommendation of establishing an indigenous advisory circle to inform programming for the science centre and also excludes the importance of education and two-eyed seeing into the design. This education should go beyond the environmental education and teach the public about treaties and the people who occupied the lands prior to colonialization. - The response section of how our recommendations were incorporated seems to be the same answer cut and pasted in each box. This approach does not represent meaningful consultation and engagement. - MSIFN also submitted comments on Lake Fill and Species at Risk and these comments were not mentioned at all in the Indigenous feedback section. 	<p>MSIFN's feedback and recommendations have been considered in the preferred design and EA process. In the response section, the response to MSIFN's previous comments was to refer MSIFN to the preferred design included in the draft ESR and was not intended to be specific as to how each issue was addressed. MSIFN's previous comments will be included in the final ESR. While the Ministry of Infrastructure (MOI) is responsible for the physical building and facility, it is the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) that oversees the Ontario Science Centre's (OSC) programming. We have noted your comments about the relocation of and programming at the OSC. The Ministry of Infrastructure will work with MTCS and OSC to ensure engagement takes place to discuss MSIFN's comments.</p>	<p>Section 6.3.1.</p>
<p>This section talks about the programming at Ontario Place but doesn't mention the importance of updating the programming to include Indigenous Traditional Knowledge. It is important that Ministry of Infrastructure ensure this is not an after thought.</p>	<p>Programming is out of the scope of the Category C EA, but it will be further considered and confirmed during detailed design. As provided above, your comments about programming have been noted and that the Ministry of Infrastructure will work with MTCS and OSC to ensure engagement takes place to discuss MSIFN's comments.</p>	<p>Section 4.1.6</p>

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Hello Natalie and Pat,

Thank you for sending the draft ESR along to us at the Six Nations Wildlife and Stewardship Office, and patiently waiting for us to review and add our comments. The reviewed file is attached. Hopefully these comments will help to inform the decision making and planning processes for the redevelopment activities.

I believe I've sent our review to the right people, if not, I trust it will be circulated to those it pertains to.

We greatly appreciate the time spent consulting with us and trying to implement our suggestions. I look forward to our meeting tomorrow to discuss things further.

Sincerely,

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Response to Summary Comments

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Effort put into collecting comprehensive data was lacking: multi-year, species targeted surveys should be completed to address the knowledge gaps identified.– No surveys on the Live Nations/Trillium Park area, yet there are predicted impacts and even structure removals within these areas, a more comprehensive understanding of the wildlife should be had via surveys.	<p>Copies of the Final Natural Heritage Impact studies completed in September 2023 by Morrison Hershfield and SLR were forwarded to SNGR on October 3, 2023. These studies cover both the West and East Islands and the associated proposed redevelopment activities.</p> <p>Additionally, the Natural Heritage Impact Study was included in the draft ESR in Appendix B.</p>	Appendix B Natural Heritage Impact Study
<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Strongly encourage the proponent to incorporate more green/soft shoreline into their plans rather than using hard shorelines with rip-rap.	<p>Acknowledged and has been forwarded to the design team for further consideration during detailed design.</p> <p>The design team is currently looking at further designing the terraced stone shoreline protection with the possibility of placing in-water boulders along the stones in water depths greater than 1 meter which have been found to provide suitable habitat for the American Eel.</p>	N/A – outside the scope of the ESR; falls within detailed design phase
<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Require clarification for many ideas (Additional boardwalks, more explanation on financial considerations, stockpiling concerns, management of invasive species, stormwater ponds vs bioswales, avoiding contaminated property, monitoring etc.) some of these ideas come with seemingly good intentions but, do not seem to be well planned out	<p>Acknowledged and has been forwarded to the design team for further consideration during detailed design.</p> <p>Stockpiling, management of invasive species, stormwater management, avoiding contamination are issues that will be addressed during detailed design. The ESR incorporates approximately a 30% design level with the specific details, including refinement of mitigation measures, to occur during detailed design. As noted in the ESR, ongoing consultation with Indigenous communities will continue throughout detailed design and subsequent phases of the Project.</p> <p>Stormwater is also being considered by design modifications such as increased vegetation cover, use of green pavers/stone chips (e.g., for the surface parking lots which allow water infiltration during rain and runoff events), use of planting islands in the parking lots to capture runoff and replacing the asphalt area in the Forum with green pavers. Existing stormwater infrastructure will be used (where possible), which limits the use of bioswales in areas where stormwater management mechanisms currently exist. These measures would improve infiltration and reduce runoff to Lake Ontario and may not include the use of bioswales or stormwater management ponds. Stormwater will be further addressed during detailed design and through development of a Stormwater management Plan (Section 5.6.1 of the Final ESR).</p>	N/A – outside the scope of the ESR; falls within detailed design phase

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Suggest the proponent uses more definitive language. Will vs may, would vs could, in order to clearly convey the proponents intentions	As noted in the previous comment, the ESR incorporates approximately a 30% design level with the specific details developed during detailed design. It is for this reason that the terminology is not as defined leaving room for refinements to be incorporated during detailed design.	N/A – outside the scope of the ESR; falls within detailed design phase
<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Water access is contentious as it may disturb the wildlife and the ecosystems trying to be created (wetlands)	Water access is limited to the small beach proposed in Brigantine Cove. The use of boardwalks throughout, trails and terraced stone shoreline protection (Water’s Edge zone) are intended to encourage viewing Lake Ontario but to limit access to the water within the Project area. Options to restrict access to the water will be considered further during detailed design.	Figure 5-2 Appendix G
<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Greenspace use: lawns vs native ground cover and gardenscapes.	Acknowledged and this will be developed further during detailed design. Section 5.6.1 provides commitment to Naturalization Plan, Landscape Plan and a Vegetation Management Plan to control issues that may arise from detailed design to construction. Specifically, the Vegetation Management Plan will provide measures to reduce the spread of invasive species.	Section 5.6.1
<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Limited assessment for soil contamination, pre- and post-construction, seemingly majority of contamination assessments come from historical records. The plan to mitigate soil contamination seems to a cap rather than remediation- burying the problem deeper.	Unlike other areas within the City of Toronto, Ontario Place was man-made using urban fill from other construction projects in Toronto to create the islands. As indicated in Section 3.1.2 contamination is present and since these are man-made islands there is limited opportunity to mitigate the soil contamination. Ontario Regulation 153/04 will be followed to remediate soils and groundwater contamination. Section 5.6.1 of the Final ESR notes that a Contamination Discovery Plan will be developed to identify areas of know contamination before construction activities commence. Mitigation measures will include options for handling, storage, cleanup and disposal of contaminated materials. This will be further developed during detailed design.	Section 5.6.1 Section 5.6.2.5 Section 5.7.1
<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Concerns for the vulnerability of the aquifer- contamination, dewatering- parking facility.	Your input is acknowledged and note that during detailed design of the public realm lands, including the underground parking structure, the vulnerability of the aquifer is taken into consideration. Permit requirements for dewatering are outlined in the ESR and any required permits will be obtained prior to commencement of construction.	Section 5.7.1

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<p>– Not pleased with the disregard for SAR trees, just because they were planted on the islands (rather than naturally propagating) does not mean protection should be void.</p>	<p>As noted in Section 3.1.4.1, "protection" refers to protected by current legislation and was not intended to mean that no vegetation would be maintained during the site preparation and construction phases of the project. The intent was to indicate that legislatively there is no requirement to protect the trees being removed within the Project footprint.</p> <p>Table 5-4 indicates that trees not being removed will be protected in accordance with the Tree Protection Plans to be developed during detailed design as outlined in Section 5.6.1. Non-native terrestrial species will be removed to reduce the number of these species in the area as well as to promote increased biodiversity and variability through increased habitat. Appendix B also provides additional discussions, mitigation measures and assessment of impacts.</p> <p>Note that the importance of trees and vegetation onsite is recognized, which is why for every tree removed as a result of redevelopment activities, approximately twice as many trees that are native to the area will later be planted across the site, with an increased replacement ratio of up to 6:1 for trees over 30cm in diameter.</p> <p>Your input on the importance of trees and vegetation onsite is acknowledged and appreciated. The design team will continue to work with your community to further refine the mitigation measures during detailed design.</p>	<p>3.1.4 Vegetation</p> <p>3.1.4.1 Vegetation of Significance</p> <p>5.4.1.3.1 Alteration of Vegetation</p>
<p>– Concerns surrounding the Incentivization of completing the construction quickly, potentially enabling work crews to cut corners, and avoid doing proper due diligence when it come to delays for wildlife and the environment.</p>	<p>During detailed design the mitigation measures provided in the draft ESR will be further refined. These mitigation measures form the basis for construction tender documents. Timing windows and other measures are adhered to ensuring that wildlife and the environment are protected,</p>	

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<p>– Concerns around the claims of increasing multi-modal transportation, while also increasing the availability for single-vehicle parking.</p>	<p>Parking is required to accommodate all modes of travel to the site and to accommodate a range of site visitors from across the province and of all ages and abilities. Within the Ontario Place lands, 1,301 parking spaces are currently provided to serve the existing uses. While the parking supply is proposed to double from existing conditions, the proposed parking structure is designed to only accommodate up to 10% of visitors arriving to the site by personal automobile during the peak periods. Most remaining visitors are expected to arrive using sustainable modes of travel, including transit, cycling, and walking. As such, the increase in parking supply is considered modest compared to the expected visitors to the site year-round for the proposed uses.</p> <p>The proposed parking solution is only one part of a multi-modal transportation approach. The proposed redevelopment also identifies potential for significant improvements in active transportation facilities – such as planned expansion and upgrade of pedestrian and cycling facilities along the Martin Goodman Trail, extension of the William G. Davis trail and a new waterfront multi-use pathway – and supports greater integration with the broader transit network, protecting for a mobility hub and last-mile connection to the future Ontario Line station. A number of transportation demand management measures, such as shuttle buses, partnership with ridesharing apps, implementing safewalk programs, transit ticket integration, and bike share passes, are also being proposed to reduce dependency on single-occupancy vehicle trips and to encourage sustainable modes of travel to the site. Compared to how visitors currently arrive at Ontario Place, it is anticipated that more visitors will use sustainable modes of travel once Ontario Place is redevelopment given that key transit and active transportation improvements are planned for the area.</p>	<p>Sections 5.4.2.1 and 5.4.5</p> <p>Appendix E</p> <p>Traffic Impact Assessment Summary</p>

Response to Specific Comments

SNGR Specific Comment	Proposed Response from Jacobs to Community	Section of the ESR Reference
<p>Natural Heritage Assessment Studies</p> <p>The park and the green space in front of the Budweiser stage should also be included in this EA/ESR, as it is important to know the existing conditions of these spaces, and to understand the impacts the new developments will have.</p> <p>It is possible the trillium park/ green space near Budweiser are home to several migratory birds. The Park may act as a refugee for wildlife during construction, and understanding what wildlife is currently there and what moves there during construction. It is important to understand and address this knowledge gap . Knowing this may impact how future development takes place, and influence avoidance or mitigation practices.</p> <p>If the government is not conducting the EA at the Trillium park/Budweiser stage; will the private owner of those lands be conducting environmental/wildlife/natural heritage surveys to help inform the process of redevelopment?</p> <p>Trillium Park is not included in the EA, but will be included for redevelopment activities? Encourage the proponent to include the park within the EA process, as understanding the current conditions of the Park could help inform the development process and allow for appropriate mitigation to occur.</p> <p>Need to ensure LSA is properly studied and considered impacts to wildlife in Trillium Park, greenspace in front of Budweiser, etc.</p>	<p>Appendix B – Natural Heritage Impact Study (Draft) was included in the draft ESR. Copies of the Final Natural Heritage Impact studies completed in September 2023 by Morrison Hershfield and SLR were forwarded to SNGR on October 3, 2023. These studies cover both the West and East Islands and the associated proposed redevelopment activities.</p> <p>It should be noted that no redevelopment activities will occur in Trillium Park</p> <p>Live Nation is the tenant that will be developing the Budweiser Stage area in the future. They have not completed designs for this area and as such the studies they require have not yet been determined. They will be required to conduct all necessary environmental studies and obtain any required permits.</p>	<p>– Appendix B – Natural Heritage Impact Study</p>

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<p>Vegetation</p> <p>Does not encourage the use of hard armoring or stone and prefer use of softer erosion prevention techniques (or green and vegetated).</p> <p>Vegetation is a more naturalized and potentially more effective method of protection. This includes vegetation planting, green gabions, live fascines, logs as weirs, brush piles, etc.</p> <p>Weeds provide forage for birds and other wildlife, refuge for insects, flowers for pollinators, vegetative cover to protect the soils and absorb water and so weeds should be protected.</p> <p>Where will vegetation/seeds be sourced from and looking for native seed mixes? Consider planting native species.</p>	<p>The comments provided on the trees, retaining native trees, use of native seeds, etc. are acknowledged and will be provided to the design team for consideration during detailed design. Please note that the importance of trees and vegetation onsite is recognized and your comments are appreciated, which is why for every tree removed as a result of redevelopment activities, approximately twice as many trees that are native to the area will later be planted across the site, with an increased replacement ratio of up to 6:1 for trees over 30cm in diameter. The Project Team will continue to work with SNGREC to ensure the mitigation measures (refined during detailed design) are successfully implemented.</p> <p>As noted in Section 5.6.1 of the Final ESR, there will be various monitoring plans developed during detailed design such as a Naturalization Plan, Tree Protection Plan and Vegetation Management Plan (which includes reducing the spread of invasive species) to name a few.</p> <p>Where possible, the use of vegetation, pervious surfaces (e.g., green pavers), etc., have been incorporated into the preferred design. The specifics will be further developed during detailed design.</p> <p>The impervious surface is needed to provide the required shoreline and flood protection to the shoreline on the south side of the East Island (Water's Edge zone).</p>	<p>N/A – outside the scope of the ESR; falls within detailed design phase</p>

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<p>Species at Risk - Turtles</p> <p>Presence of species (e.g., turtles) to provide education/awareness about the serious ecological impacts that releasing pets into the wild presents.</p> <p>Survey effort dedicated to turtle surveys was limited. Encourages the proponent to follow species specific protocols and increase the surveys to a multi-year, multi-season effort to better address the knowledge gap.</p> <p>LSA should be managed and redeveloped in a manner that will not impact the habitat of turtles, including managing water quality of these habitats.</p>	<p>The intent is to design works that provide necessary shoreline and flood protection but also offer an opportunity to support terrestrial and aquatic habitat values and create or enhance aquatic habitat. This is being taken into consideration through the in-water boulders being proposed (provide support to portions of the dock wall along the Mainland zone as well as along the terraced stone at Water’s Edge) which can create and enhance habitat in these areas.</p> <p>The next phase is to undertake detailed design which will include more specifics on the design and construction phasing. Consultation with SNGREC will continue throughout the detailed design phase.</p> <p>Currently the design team is looking into the possible use of riprap along Brigantine Cove water’s edge that could provide habitat for turtles and other species that may be present.</p> <p>Additional studies have been undertaken to update the existing conditions report and to consider impact assessment. Copies of the Final Natural Heritage Impact studies completed in September 2023 by Morrison Hershfield and SLR were forwarded to SNGREC on October 3, 2023. These studies cover both the west and east islands and the associated proposed redevelopment activities.</p>	<p>N/A – outside the scope of the ESR; falls within detailed design phase</p>

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<p>Water Access</p> <p>Does not encourage people to access the water the stone terraces into the water may disrupt wildlife, etc. Best not to disrupt the shoreline wildlife and ecosystem when trying to stabilize the shorelines.</p> <p>Do not encourage human access to the wetland and nature area in Brigantine Cove.</p> <p>Create fish habitat and protect American Eel. Ensure people don't interact and disturb these.</p>	<p>As noted above in the response to summary comments, water access is limited to the small beach at Brigantine Cove. At the south shore of the East Island (Water’s Edge zone) the 77-meter elevation level is approximately where the area will have limited access with the design to provide edge walkways and sitting areas to Lake Ontario for visitors to enjoy a closer proximity to the lake, but no water access is to be permitted.</p> <p>Your comments about water use interaction with species have been forwarded to the design team for consideration during detailed design.</p> <p>Please note that shoreline works are required to bring the site to modern environmental standards and to mitigate flooding. The design team is looking at ways to provide improved aquatic shoreline habitat through these works.</p> <p>Suitable American Eel Habitat within Ontario Place exists along the shoreline. Within Lake Ontario, large coarse rock located in water depths greater than 1 meter is suitable habitat for American Eel as cover provided within the interstitial spacing of the rock provides refuge for the species.</p> <p>Based on this, the design team is currently looking at further designing the terraced stone shoreline protection with the possibility of placing in-water boulders along the stones in water depths greater than 1 meter since they have been found to provide suitable habitat for the American Eel.</p> <p>Aquatic habitat is limited along the Mainland edge due to the presence of the existing sheet pile dock wall which is required to protect the shore. However, portions of the dock wall will be strengthened through the placement of a rock berm which can also provide improved aquatic habitat in the area.</p>	<p>N/A – outside the scope of the ESR; falls within detailed design phase</p>

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<p>Stormwater</p> <p>Stormwater will reach the Lake from the parking area are there any infiltration processes or grates to ensure garbage and sediments don’t enter directly into the Lake.</p> <p>Redevelop sewers and storm sewers to introduce infiltration or treatment systems into Ontario Place’s entire drainage system.</p>	<p>Some of the design modifications being considered include increased vegetation cover, use of green pavers/stone chips (e.g., for the surface parking lots which allow water infiltration during rain and runoff events), use of planting islands in the parking lots to capture runoff and replacing the asphalt area in the Forum with green pavers. In addition, all stormwater is being strategically migrated to green spaces or drains, finger drains are being implemented on the East Island which allow water to infiltrate into the ground rather than runoff into Lake Ontario and existing stormwater infrastructure will be used (where possible). All of these measures would improve infiltration and reduce runoff to Lake Ontario.</p> <p>Section 5.6.1 notes that a Stormwater Management Plan will be developed based on the detailed design.</p>	<p>Section 5.6.1</p> <p>– N/A – outside the scope of the ESR falls within detailed design phase</p>
<p>Long-Term Impacts</p> <p>Goal should be avoiding, then minimizing, and then mitigating/accommodating the negative environmental impacts through out the entirety of the project should be prioritized.</p> <p>This includes from the beginning of construction, to completion, and operation. The design of the project should consider the long-term impacts and how to avoid or minimize that, rather than just managing the impacts during construction.</p> <p>Within the Marina, there do not seem to be many environmental protection / resiliency measures in place that could withstand the changing climate. In the Marina there is limited trees, and the majority of the shoreline is hardscaped. What infrastructure improvements will be made to withstand sever weather? Are there adaptive management plans to compensate for the unexpected?</p>	<p>Your comments are acknowledged and have been forwarded to the design team for further consideration during detailed design. In particular, the mitigation measures will be refined during detailed design and will further the commitment to consider long-term impacts and how to avoid or minimize these potential impacts, where possible.</p> <p>Section 5.4.2, Table 5-10 and Section 5.4.1.7 discuss climate change and specifically that the preferred design is expected to improve the existing flood and shoreline conditions. The Climate Risk and Resilience Assessment (referred to in Section 3.2) was used to inform redevelopment activities across Ontario Place related to extreme heat, extreme cold, rainstorms, high lake levels, etc. Based on this, the preferred design incorporates various opportunities for mitigating flood management as well as shoreline protection. For the Marina, this was addressed (as noted in Appendix F Detailed Evaluation Tables) by reinforcing the shoreline areas and raising the building structures to be above the flood limit.</p>	<p>Section 5.4.2</p> <p>Table 5-10</p> <p>Section 5.4.1.7</p> <p>Appendix F</p> <p>N/A – outside the scope of the ESR; falls within detailed design phase</p>

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<p>Soil</p> <p>How will the soil be re-mediated? What actions will be taken to identify specific locations of contaminants.</p> <p>What if a food vendor is not being responsible with cooking grease? What if fuel or oil from a boat leaks (in water or on land)? What if some other unexpected event occurs? Soil monitoring should be a consistent during operation of the park. At least 3-4 times a year. Especially if there are several pockets of contaminated areas found during construction.</p> <p>Monitoring the soil can quantify the soil mitigation progress or identify if anything harmful is occurring. Soil monitoring can help understand rates of erosion, since preventing erosion is a major goal of the redevelopment activities it makes sense to quantify the progress being made.</p>	<p>As noted in Section 5.7.1 remediation of soil will be done in accordance with O. Regulation 153/04.</p> <p>A Soil and Groundwater Management Plan and Soil and Erosion Control Plan will both be developed based on the detailed design. These plans can take into consideration the need and timing of soil monitoring. As well the reference has been added to the Table 5-4 of the Final ESR that effective soil management and erosion control strategies will be implemented, and reference is made to TRCA's Erosion and Sediment Control Guide for Urban Construction for developing the strategy. These measures are intended to limit the potential for contaminated soil to enter Lake Ontario.</p>	<p>Section 5.6.1</p> <p>Section 5.7.1</p>
<p>Plant Species Protection</p> <p>Encourages protection of noted plant species regardless of legislation.</p> <p>Promote survival of Honey Locust trees and plant more on the islands.</p> <p>While admittedly the species were not naturally occurring here, they are still endangered/at risk and are native to Ontario/Canada. Advocates that the proponent go above and beyond what is legislatively required of them, and work to protect the species listed above.</p> <p>Hard time supporting the provincial rank system, as the only means of protecting native species. Legislation often lacks the foresight required. We as a society should work to avoid adding new species to SAR lists or prevent species from requiring legislative protection.</p> <p>All native species are worthy of protection, and serve a purpose within the environment, whether or not they are classified as SAR or threatened.</p> <p>Species of cultural and subsentence importance to Six Nations (SN) should also be considered for specific protection/mitigation practices. ie. Canadian Redbud- is potentially a culturally important species to SN.</p> <p>Manage all invasive species and look at Best Management Practices to inform management of invasive species.</p>	<p>Table 5-4 outlines the need to implement best management practices to prevent the spread of invasive plants. Section 5.6.1 provides commitment to Naturalization Plan, Landscape Plan and a Vegetation Management Plan to control issues that may arise from detailed design to construction. Specifically, the Vegetation Management Plan will provide measures to reduce the spread of invasive species.</p> <p>As noted above in the response to summary comments, Final Natural Heritage Impact studies were completed in September 2023 by Morrison Hershfield and SLR and these studies cover both the west and east islands and the associated proposed redevelopment activities, including undertaking an impact assessment. These studies were shared with SNRGEC on October 3, 2023. As it has been shared with you, the design team will continue to work with your community during detailed design to further refine the mitigation measures, outlined in Section 5.4.1.3 of the draft ESR, and to ensure they are successfully implemented.</p> <p>Your input on the importance of trees onsite is acknowledged and appreciated.</p>	<p>Table 5-4</p> <p>Section 5.6.1</p>

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<p>Birds / Terrestrial Wildlife</p> <p>If birds or other wildlife are in fact using structures within Ontario Place to nest, or finding places to forage, Ontario Place is creating some form of habitat for these birds. Just because the habitat does not have the classification or label of a SWH, does not mean the wildlife's habitat should be destroyed or tampered with during redevelopment activities. SNWSO encourages the proponent to let these habitats to remain in place and if possible to improve their habitats. Improvements could include installing bird boxes or allowing specific cliffs or edges of the island to be left untouched, or to plant various native food sources for the birds to forage (berries, shrub bushes, fruit trees, etc.).</p> <p>Encourages the proponent to install alternative bat roosting/nesting features before the potential habitat trees are removed. Ideally the newly installed features would be used by the bats before the trees are removed.</p> <p>The wildlife especially hold significant cultural importance to Six Nations people, as a source of sustenance, culture and traditional practice. Suggest that providing protection (avoiding) and minimizing then mitigating impacts to wildlife is an appropriate way to avoid infringing upon Indigenous hunting and harvesting rights.</p>	<p>Barn Swallows have recently been downlisted to be a species of Special Concern (Provincially) and this will be reflected in the final ESR. As indicated in Appendix B, Section 5.7.1 and Table 5-16, any necessary permits and approvals will be identified and obtained during detailed design. In addition, the mitigation measures proposed in the draft ESR (e.g., timing windows, construction of bat houses) will be further refined during detailed design.</p> <p>As noted previously, the next step after completion of the EA process is to complete detailed design which will include site clearing and construction related information.</p> <p>Terrestrial wildlife impacts are proposed to be mitigated by installing new nesting/habitat structures prior to mass tree removals to provide an opportunity for additional/alternate habitat creation. Trillium Park (east side of East Island) will remain undisturbed, and it is anticipated that species should persist during construction on that portion of the East Island. Species should re-inhabit the area relatively quickly post-construction with the change from manicured lawns, asphalt, etc. to a more naturalized state. It is recognized that bats may be negatively impacted with tree removals until suitable habitat is available and consideration may be given during detailed design to the installation of bat houses when conditions allow.</p> <p>Note that the importance of trees and vegetation onsite is recognized, which is why for every tree removed as a result of redevelopment activities, approximately twice as many trees that are native to the area will later be planted across the site, with an increased replacement ratio of up to 6:1 for trees over 30cm in diameter.</p> <p>The Mainland zone is situated in close proximity to Lake Shore W Blvd and will be used for parking, car and bus movements, pedestrian travel and cycling. As a result, wildlife habitat would not be suitable for this part of the design so wildlife using this area is minimized. The focus is to provide more habitat where it is safer for wildlife.</p>	<p>Appendix B - Natural Heritage Impact Study</p>

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Marina Control Zebra mussels or Quagga mussels and put in place boating practices.	Your comments are acknowledged and have been forwarded to the design team for further consideration during detailed design. In addition, there is a consultant that will be hired to undertake redevelopment of the marina. This will include looking at design, construction and operation of the marina. This includes the development of a Vegetation Management Plan (Section 5.6.2) which includes managing invasive species (this could be expanded to include these types of aquatic species).	Section 5.6.1 N/A – outside the scope of the ESR; falls within detailed design phase
Brigantine Cove Fountains – how will they work during storms. Floating wetlands can be beneficial. These plans for the fountains and floating wetlands will be effective for remediating the water quality present in the Cove. How will the fountains operate?	Your comments are acknowledged and have been forwarded to the design team for further consideration during detailed design. The fountains will be removed during the winter months and it is anticipated that they will be operated through the use of a pump located near the boat launch in Brigantine Cove.	N/A – outside the scope of the ESR; falls within detailed design phase

<p>Parking</p> <p>Underground parking structure – additional details on number of levels, dewatering during construction, etc.</p> <p>Why can’t use Exhibition Place instead for parking. Will there be a connection between Ontario Plaza and the underground structure.</p> <p>The environmental impacts from the construction of the parking garage will be felt regardless. The impacts cannot be minimized after the fact by encouraging sustainable modes of transportation. The priority should be to encourage more sustainable modes of transportation before constructing the parking facility.</p>	<p>Further details will be provided in the Final ESR noting that the underground parking structure is anticipated to be 5 levels with connections to the Therme Welcome Pavilion, Ontario Plaza and the Ontario Science Centre.</p> <p>Section 3.5.1 indicated that Exhibition Place is currently undergoing a Master Plan exercise that includes reviewing parking supply. This limits the opportunity for consideration of parking at Exhibition Place at this time.</p> <p>Section 5.4.5.1.1 commits to active transportation as a key component of the preferred design. This includes construction of a transit hub to provide new opportunities for arriving to the site.</p> <p>Section 5.7.1 includes the need for a permit related to certain dewatering activities. This permit will be obtained and practices followed to prevent potential impacts to Lake Ontario.</p> <p>Additional details on the underground parking structure will be developed during detailed design.</p> <p>Parking is required to accommodate all modes of travel to the site and to accommodate a range of site visitors from across the province and of all ages and abilities. Within the Ontario Place lands, 1,301 parking spaces are currently provided to serve the existing uses. While the parking supply is proposed to double from existing conditions, the proposed parking structure is designed to only accommodate up to 10% of visitors arriving to the site by personal automobile during the peak periods. Most remaining visitors are expected to arrive using sustainable modes of travel, including transit, cycling, and walking. As such, the increase in parking supply is considered modest compared to the expected visitors to the site year-round for the proposed uses.</p> <p>The proposed parking solution is only one part of a multi-modal transportation approach. The proposed redevelopment also identifies potential for significant improvements in active transportation facilities – such as planned expansion and upgrade of pedestrian and cycling facilities along the Martin Goodman Trail, extension of the William G. Davis trail and a new waterfront multi-use pathway – and supports greater integration with the broader transit network, protecting for a mobility hub and last-mile connection to the future Ontario Line station. A number of transportation demand management measures, including shuttle buses partnership with ridesharing apps, implementing safewalk programs, transit ticket integration, and bike share passes are also being proposed to reduce dependency on single-occupancy vehicle</p>	<p>Section 3.5.1</p> <p>Section 5.4.5.1.1</p> <p>N/A – outside the scope of the ESR; falls within detailed design phase</p>
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	trips and to encourage sustainable modes of travel to the site. Compared to how visitors currently arrive at Ontario Place, it is anticipated that more visitors will use sustainable modes of travel once Ontario Place is redevelopment given that key transit and active transportation improvements are planned for the area.	
Construction Related Activities Lighting – reduce light pollution. There should be a clean up protocol in place, in order to clean up after the wash, refuel, and servicing of equipment is conducted in order to prevent the substances from leaching into the soil and deeper into the ground. While implementing a buffer is good practice, clean up protocol should be for more than a leak or emergency. Leaving a trail of suds and debris on the ground is not good practice. Waste material stabilization. Soils should not be stockpiled long term, and protection/prevention methods should be used. As stockpiling sediments can lead to sediment runoff and potential contamination of the lake.	The various comments associated with construction related mitigation measures are acknowledged and have been forwarded to the design team for further consideration during detailed design. A Soil and Erosion Control Plan (Section 5.6.1) will be developed to reduce the potential for erosion, as well as to mitigate issues that may occur during construction.	Section 5.6.1 N/A – outside the scope of the ESR; falls within detailed design phase
Monitoring Plans 5+ years of monitoring would be the preference, as there are many factors to consider for this redevelopment. Tree/vegetation mortality after planting, the return of wildlife (ie. birds), the water quality, soil nutrients, the success of shoreline and stormwater infrastructure etc.	Project and design teams are committed to ongoing engagement with Indigenous communities, including communities’ involvement in developing monitoring programs and participating in monitoring activities. This is included in the draft ESR. As noted in the draft ESR the monitoring program will continue to be developed throughout detailed design and through construction. Additional studies undertaken (e.g., Natural Heritage Impact Assessment) will be taking into consideration to determine timelines for monitoring. Specifically, there are commitments to developing monitoring plans related to a Tree Protection Plan, Naturalization Plan and Vegetation Plan (which includes reducing the spread of invasive species). The timelines associated with monitoring will be included in these plans, where applicable, as they are developed during detailed design.	Section 5.6.1

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<p>I submitted this comment through the ERO portal on the Ontario Place EA but I am adding it here for your reference.</p> <p>As Co-Chair, I am submitting this comment on behalf of Ontario Place for All (cc-ing Norm Di Pasquale, co-chair), a non-partisan grassroots group with over 20,000 supporters (who have sent at least this many letters to their MPPs to share their concerns.)</p> <p>Ontario Place for All is reiterating concerns that it and its supporters have previously raised related to the incomplete EA process:</p> <p>1. The proponent (Ministry of Infrastructure/Infrastructure Ontario) has improperly and illegally excluded the lands intended for the Therme Spa development from this Environmental Assessment;</p> <p>2. The impact of the underground parking lot has not been properly assessed in accordance with the procedures required by the Environmental Assessment Act;</p> <p>3. The impact of the proposal to move the Ontario Science Centre has not been properly assessed in accordance with the procedures required by the Environmental Assessment Act;</p> <p>4. The ESR should not be finalized and the EA approved until the above omissions have been rectified, properly assessed and reported in a proper Draft ESR.</p> <p>Thank you, Ann Elisabeth Samson co-chair, Ontario Place for All</p>	1-Sep-23	<p>Thank you for taking the time to comment on the Environmental Study Report for the Category C Environmental Assessment (EA) for the public realm of Ontario Place.</p> <p>1. Since the establishment of the Environmental Assessment Act in 1975, private sector activity has not been subject to the Act unless made subject, in specific instances, by way of a designating regulation or agreement, such as with waste projects like landfills and certain mining projects. Tenants are required to work with relevant authorities to secure all required environmental approvals and permits in advance of any construction works. As such, tenants are responsible for obtaining all relevant provincial and federal approvals required.</p> <p>2. As required by the Public Works (PW) Class EA and the Environmental Assessment Act we have comparatively evaluated alternative methods for providing parking. We have identified a level of design in terms of presenting that it will be an underground parking lot and taken this into approximately 30% design which is typical for a "planning" process, such as the Class EA process. We took into consideration the fact that construction would be ongoing in the area for the Ontario Science Centre (OSC), Ontario Plaza and the transit hub entrance which reduces some of the level of impact. We considered all aspects of the environment as required by the Environmental Assessment Act in the evaluation of alternatives. We did this for both onsite versus offsite and then aboveground, surface parking and belowground. During detailed design, the underground parking will be further developed including how to minimize potential impacts to Lake Ontario, potential for flooding and incorporating the design into the OSC and transit hub. The evaluation of parking alternatives is provided in Section 4.3.5 of the draft ESR, with additional context provided in Section 4.1.5.</p> <p>3. The decision to relocate the Ontario Science Centre (OSC) to Ontario Place is an evaluation of "Alternatives to the Undertaking" or just "Alternatives To" in the PW Class EA (MOI 2012). "Alternatives to" refers to the different solutions that may be considered to address an identified problem or opportunity. Solutions, for example, could range from "do nothing" (maintaining the current situation), to building a new facility. The PW Class EA framework recognizes that for most Public Work projects, this step occurs as part of another planning or policy decision-making process and thus permits this step to occur outside the EA process. For the OSC, this is the case, and the decision to relocate to Ontario Place was made outside the EA process as part of another Government decision-making process.</p> <p>As per the PW Class EA, any future use of the current OSC is not considered part of the Class EA process for the public realm lands. This would be taken into consideration depending on the future decision for the current OSC.</p>	15-Sep-23

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<p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Ontario Place plans and EA. I've participated in past Ontario Place community consultations and found them quite informative and a number of the concepts well thought out.</p> <p>With long executive experience as regards public facility infrastructure corporations operating in a business environment, and also extensive research done for Ontario Place (OP) in the past, I've provided below a few of the key strategic takeaways from that experience:</p> <p>1.) When considering the long term design parameters and related occupancy contracts for major service providers on the site, keep in mind that the site design and amenities will most certainly change dramatically over time. What was considered unique and quite innovative when OP started in the early 70s was becoming quite dated 20-25 years later and largely out of date by the time the site closed to the public around 40 years after opening. The result was the continued deterioration in the audience numbers attending OP and the associated income that was needed to not only keep the site current but to continue its focus on innovative ideas of interest to it's customers and the public. That deterioration was largely due to the changing demographics, culture, user interests, technology, attractions, etc. that is part of the fabric of the population that will use any such site. And many of those changes are occurring more rapidly now and likely into the future than they did in the site's first several decades.</p> <p>Look at almost any major similar site in the world that has operated over the long term, and those same major challenges are constantly present.</p> <p>Consider the OP site like a living organism that evolves over time to meet whatever environment it finds itself in. Design it with the flexibility to adjust to that changing environment. That applies to building and architecture, land use, parking, programs, site tenants, etc.</p> <p>That is also why contracts with long term attractions on the site should be limited to a maximum of 25-35 years which gives them sufficient time to amortize their capital investments but does not lock OP into contracts with organizations that may not have the public or corporate interest, innovative ideas or capital to update their on-site attraction. And if their performance is superior throughout their time on the site, then the contracts can provide options for extension.</p> <p>2.) Sites such as OP require constant re-investment to keep them active and on the leading edge of their markets. There is a lot of market competition for audiences of similar types of activities in Canada, Ontario and particularly in Toronto. OP's future is being designed as a site with integrated services from a variety of service providers. Because of the synergistic effects on one another of all the activities on the site, the site can only be successful if all the key service providers, whether they be private, not-for-profit or public sector, commit to the necessary regular reinvestments and quality performance parameters. When one or more of those providers reduces that reinvestment, and/or the kids commitment to high quality performance, to below their necessary share, the site and its ability to draw a robust audience starts the deterioration that can lead to the site aging out as a viable entertainment, arts, culture and learning site.</p> <p>3.) When OP was originally developed, the Cinesphere and Pods were its iconic features. Toronto had few such person-made features like that at the time, and even now the CN Tower and Stadium are probably the only other ones that come quickly to mind when one thinks of Toronto or Ontario for that matter (other than perhaps the Parliament Buildings). OP is the place for an iconic feature, and the City and Province need such features as significant promotional mechanisms.</p> <p>Toronto is already a mature city when it comes to the major iconic features common to such cities. But two key ones that remain available for significant enhancement include a.) Development of an exceptional science centre (whether the existing one is moved to OP and enhanced or a second leading edge one is built) and b.) Something that builds massively on OP's proximity to Lake Ontario (with all the history, beauty, economy, recreation, opportunities and future the Lake represents.</p> <p>4.) In that same sense, the Cinesphere and Pods should be greatly improved to take them back to the spirit of uniqueness and innovation that they represented when OP originally opened. The Pods in particular could largely retain their exterior appearance yet could be expanded creating considerable extra space by connecting their walls. In addition glassing in and using the rooftops for some high-focus features (e.g. lighted garden solarium, aviary, etc.) would greatly add to the softness and visibility of the site and particularly at night.</p> <p>5.) The spa concept does not really fit for a variety of reasons. It is difficult to see the public finding such a feature of far more interest than improved opportunities for learning, entertainment, arts, culture, children's play and/or wonder. The spa and it's exceptionally long contract term (was nothing learned from the Hwy. 407 experience?) just simply do not fit what OP was originally designed to achieve nor what it can best be for the people of Ontario going forward.</p> <p>6.) I find it odd that the OP plan is not far more integrated with the Exhibition Place plans. The two organizations</p>	1-Sep-23	<p>Thank you for taking the time to comment on the Environmental Study Report (ESR) for the Category C Environmental Assessment for the public realm of Ontario Place.</p> <p>Regarding the Pods and Cinesphere at Ontario Place, they are being protected and restored to confirm the facilities are safe for ongoing use and will maintain their existing exterior appearance. Repairs works are currently underway. As noted in Sections 4.1.6 and 5.1 of the draft ESR, the Ontario Science Centre will make use of the restored pods and Cinesphere as part of their new Ontario Science Centre facility.</p> <p>As noted in Section 4.1.5 of the draft ESR, Exhibition Place is in the process of preparing a sitewide Master Plan that would result in the removal of parking spaces in favour of a focus on pedestrians and cyclists. As such, it was determined that a permanent parking supply would not be available for Ontario Place visitors.</p> <p>Furthermore, as described in Section 4.3.4 of the draft ESR, work is continuing with Metrolinx to rework the existing pedestrian crossings to link the Mainland with the transit opportunities at Exhibition Place. This will be part of another EA process, but the current preferred design of the Mainland will be considered to rework the crossings. These will be reworked to adequately address the needs of both Ontario Place and the Exhibition Place Master Plan.</p> <p>Your comments will be considered as we finalize the ESR.</p>	15-Sep-23

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<p>My name is _____ and I am the Head Coach of Men's and Women's Varsity Rowing at the University of Toronto. I am entering my sixth year in this role. I have coached the sport of rowing at the university and international levels in both Canada and the United States.</p> <p>The University of Toronto Rowing program has a long history with the Argonaut Rowing Club and the Western Beaches, dating back to 1897. Over that span of time, thousands of young students have represented the University and the City in intercollegiate and international competition.</p> <p>The U of T program has produced 25 Olympians and many more national team members (three in the last year alone). Many of our Ontario and Canadian university champions have never had the opportunity to row before coming to U of T. They are introduced to rowing thanks to our novice walk-on program which teaches the sport to students from communities that lack access to rowable water and develops them into varsity athletes.</p> <p>The breakwall has enabled our program to enjoy relatively sheltered, calm water in the windy fall months of our main competitive season. The area of water near Ontario Place has been very important to our team as a teaching and training ground because it is wide and straight, just like the race courses on which we compete.</p> <p>I have spoken with my supervisors in the athletic department at the University of Toronto and overall, we enthusiastically welcome improvements to the waterfront that we call home. That said, we have some concerns about the impact to our program operations that an element of the proposed plans for west island would have, namely the location of the proposed canoe and kayak launch site. As currently rendered, the canoe and kayak site would have community users launching directly and perpendicularly across a well-established traffic pattern for rowing shells and dragon boats. This would significantly increase the chance of collisions and injuries between user groups, because rowers have to pivot their heads to look behind them every few strokes since they sit facing backwards relative to the direction of travel of their rowing shell. We are therefore concerned about the safety impact to our student-athletes and other waterway users by placing a canoe/kayak launch site directly in the path of oncoming rowing and paddling traffic. The docks are also a concern because they are likely to be low profile. Due to our early morning practice times in the fall, when there is minimal daylight, we are concerned that the docks themselves may present a further safety hazard to our athletes and equipment, since they would be difficult to spot with the naked eye at such times of day.</p> <p>We would like to propose a change to the site plan that would easily remedy this potentially hazardous situation. We suggest that the canoe/kayak facility and docks be moved back into the current Ontario Place lagoon behind the footbridge to the West Island. That way, community users could launch away from oncoming rowing and paddling traffic and then paddle out into the Ontario Place West Channel, easily and safely entering into the flow pattern used by the various boating clubs on this waterway.</p> <p>Secondly and lastly, we would like the assurance of those responsible for the construction of the spa facility on the west island that access to the full length of the Ontario Place West Channel will remain open to rowing shells from March to November of each year for the duration of the project. This particular area of waterway is the most optimal stretch of water for us to conduct our teaching and training because it is shaped like a race course. If access were reduced or eliminated during construction due to silt causeways being built across the channel for heavy machinery, this would have a significant and negative impact on our program's operations. Continued and uninterrupted access to this stretch of water in its current configuration will therefore be paramount to our ability to safely and effectively expand opportunities in the sport while developing future talent for U of T and Canada.</p>	2-Sep-23	<p>Thank you for taking the time to comment on the Environmental Study Report (ESR) for Category C Environmental Assessment for public realm of Ontario Place.</p> <p>Your suggestions are outside the scope of this Category C Environmental Assessment. We have forwarded your comments to the Project Team for consideration as design progresses.</p>	15-Sep-23

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<p>Please make Ontario Place a sanctuary for wildlife. Please reduce waste and put up animal proof bear bins, which keep out all animals. Please remove anthropogenic attractants. Please cancel contracts with pest control companies or exterminators, as the poisons and other methods used against rodents and birds are cruel and affect all life. If obtaining a Wildlife Collectors Authorization or a Scientific Fish Collector permit, please do so for animal rescue, not destruction. Please instead work with Toronto Wildlife Centre and other animal protection organizations to learn to live with wildlife. Please only use cruelty free methods of wildlife management. Please do not use lethal methods of animal or fish research when studying the effects of this project. Please protect the mature trees from development. Please do not move the Ontario Science Centre to here, instead refurbish the original building.</p> <p>https://www.change.org/p/stop-testing-sewer-water-on-laboratory-fish</p> <p>Non Lethal Beaver management</p> <p>https://thefurbearers.com/downloads/PDFs/Beaver%20Book%20-%202019-10-08%20The%20Fur-Bearers.pdf?fbclid=IwAR1wp4qVXhAiDt3OzeAmlNe5bo35m0opAuPKZ9oLgWYmVk6JNcohAMtlrpl</p> <p>https://www.beaverinstitute.org/?fbclid=IwAR2nZ0zjx5P4EeU5lq3uUjtnNs7oV3RY3dTrfc6aydZ-pe2Op0DEU3wd4Yw</p> <p>https://beaverdeceivers.com/?fbclid=IwAR0FuQ_fWRsCgG4Tgy4zmdmG8gCX37xdfPjxiknY980UnSk9kfrW97PwgWQ</p> <p>https://www.animalalliance.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Beaver-Manual_May-2016.pdf?fbclid=IwAR2tIWjDkRgu-vBW9t3SSg9pfOqKN2ESUO3ezIndu9dLjijNa8lnlZt7qdE</p>	30-Aug-23	<p>The province is carrying out the redevelopment of Ontario Place in consultation with Indigenous communities and stakeholder agencies, including the TRCA and Aquatic Habitat, and in accordance with applicable legislation, such as the Endangered Species Act. The existing natural environment conditions were considered and documented in the draft Environmental Study Report (ESR) (refer to Section 3.1). In addition, potential impacts on the natural environment were considered specifically during the evaluation of alternative designs. The potential environmental impacts, mitigation measures and net environmental effects for the proposed public realm redevelopment took into consideration features such as wildlife and wildlife habitat, species at risk, migratory birds and aquatic habitats (refer to Section 5.4.1 of the draft ESR). Disturbance to natural heritage features will be minimized as much as possible and opportunities to improve existing features or provide net-new wildlife habitat are being explored as part of the ongoing design work. Improvements are being explored for Brigantine Cove that would improve water quality and habitat conditions in this area. Improvements to the shoreline across the island will offer opportunities to ‘soften’ these edges and improve fish habitat conditions. Redevelopment activities will ultimately improve wildlife habitat across the Project footprint by increasing the amount and type of vegetation (that is, native vegetation) from existing conditions and including trees and shrubs of varying heights to create diverse vegetative cover used by a diverse range of wildlife species (refer to Section 5.4.1.3 and Section 5.4.1.5 of the draft ESR).</p> <p>We recognize the importance of trees and vegetation across the site. The planting strategy takes into consideration many factors such as the caliper of different trees, nativity of species, and diversity of canopy height, intended to ensure the long-term sustainability of vegetation at Ontario Place.</p> <p>There are several proposed features incorporated into the proposed design plans, including pavilions, will help provide the needed shade areas. For every tree removed as a result of construction, one or more trees will later be planted to increase the long-term tree canopy on site. This means we plan to plant approximately 3,000 trees at Ontario Place post-construction, or roughly a 2:1 replacement ratio.</p> <p>The Ontario Science Centre will find its new home in a custom-built, state-of-the-art facility at Ontario Place. Moving the Ontario Science Centre also creates a generational housing opportunity at the future site of a new Ontario Line terminus station with additional planned community infrastructure. The province will work with the City of Toronto on realizing this new opportunity and hopes to bring more affordable and attainable housing to the neighbourhood.</p> <p>Your comments will be considered as we finalize the ESR.</p>	5-Sep-23

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<p>Enclosed are copies of the articles listed below. Let's heed the advice of the architect of Ontario Science Centre, Mr. Raymond Moriyama.</p> <p>Secondly, there are urgent needs for housing the thousands of homeless people in Toronto alone. So why spend the money destroying / moving something that's to last 250 years when it's only 53 years old!</p> <p>It's mind boggling how the government waste taxpayers' money.</p> <p>Please discuss with the TRCA, Mr. Moriyama, and other knowledgeable people before you destroy an iconic building; before you waste more money.</p> <p>1. Below is an article (dated today, July 4/23) in the Toronto Star (and Sudbury Star).</p> <p>2. And the article written by TRCA (Toronto Region and Conservation Authority article published in the Toronto Star in April 24, 2023.</p> <p>3. Raymond Moriyama's letter to the Toronto Star, May 3, 2023--"Science Centre was built to last 250 years. It's only 53 years old!"</p> <p>https://shopping.thesudburystar.com/places/view/3869/ontario_place.html</p> <p>https://trca.ca/news/ontario-science-centre/</p> <p>https://www.thestar.com/opinion/letters_to_the_editors/2023/05/03/a-word-about-the-science-centre-from-its-architect-moriyama.html#:~:text=It%20became%20a%20grand%20global,last%20far%20beyond%2050%20years.</p>	4-Jul-23	<p>Thank you for taking the time to comment on the Category C Environmental Study Report for the public realm of Ontario Place.</p> <p>The Ontario Science Centre will find its new home in a custom-built, state-of-the-art facility at Ontario Place. The centrally located, modern site will bring exciting science-based educational programming to the heart of the city. The amount of exhibition space at the current Ontario Science Centre uses 100,000 square feet, which is only about 20 percent of the building. The planned new facility at Ontario Place, including its extension into the Cinesphere and pods, will be 275,700 square feet. Moving the Ontario Science Centre also creates a generational housing opportunity at the future site of a new Ontario Line terminus station with additional planned community infrastructure. The province will work with the City of Toronto on realizing this new opportunity and hopes to bring more affordable and attainable housing to the neighbourhood. We appreciate your input. Sincerely,</p>	9/1/2023
<p>I understand the environmental assessment does not include the west island spa/casino. Are you in any way serious people?</p>	5-Jul-23	<p>Thank you for taking the time to comment on the Category C Environmental Study Report for the public realm of Ontario Place.</p> <p>Since the establishment of the Environmental Assessment Act in 1975, private sector activity has not been subject to the act unless made subject, in specific instances, by way of a designating regulation or agreement, such as with waste projects like landfills and certain mining projects. Tenants are required to work with relevant authorities to secure all required environmental approvals/permits in advance of any construction works. As such, tenants are responsible for obtaining all relevant provincial and federal approvals required.</p> <p>We appreciate your input.</p>	9/1/2023
<p>Would you also be able to forward the EA for the private realm? As I understand it, part of the private realm will be paid for with my tax dollars, so I should also be able to comment on that. Any info you can send regarding the EA on the majority of the land being redeveloped (the private realm), will be greatly appreciated.</p>	5-Jul-23	<p>Thank you for taking the time to comment on the Category C Environmental Study Report for the public realm of Ontario Place.</p> <p>Since the establishment of the Environmental Assessment Act in 1975, private sector activity has not been subject to the act unless made subject, in specific instances, by way of a designating regulation or agreement, such as with waste projects like landfills and certain mining projects. Tenants are required to work with relevant authorities to secure all required environmental approvals/permits in advance of any construction works. As such, tenants are responsible for obtaining all relevant provincial and federal approvals required.</p> <p>We appreciate your input.</p>	9/1/2023
<p>The environmental assessment is worthless if it does not include the proposed Mega Spa. What an insult to Ontarians to present this as due diligence. This environmental assessment is just one more reflection of a government agency and leadership that will stop at nothing to pursue its short term goals. It is clear that the underhanded manner in which this project has been handled does not first and foremost benefit the greater public good. Ontarians deserve a proper environmental assessment that includes every aspect of the proposed development. We demand that this environmental assessment is withdrawn and that a professional transparent environment assessment is presented to the public.</p>	6-Jul-23	<p>Thank you for taking the time to comment on the Category C Environmental Study Report for the public realm of Ontario Place.</p> <p>Since the establishment of the Environmental Assessment Act in 1975, private sector activity has not been subject to the act unless made subject, in specific instances, by way of a designating regulation or agreement, such as with waste projects like landfills and certain mining projects. Tenants are required to work with relevant authorities to secure all required environmental approvals/permits in advance of any construction works. As such, tenants are responsible for obtaining all relevant provincial and federal approvals required.</p> <p>We appreciate your input.</p>	9/1/2023

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<p>The plan to destroy Ontario Place should be reversed. Please a top deceiving the public about the true environmental impacts of this project. Omitting the Therme Spa and Live Nation grounds from this EA is completely irresponsible.</p> <p>Jacobs is just another profiteer on the backs of Ontario taxpayers.</p>	6-Jul-23	<p>Thank you for taking the time to comment on the Category C Environmental Study Report for the public realm of Ontario Place.</p> <p>Since the establishment of the Environmental Assessment Act in 1975, private sector activity has not been subject to the act unless made subject, in specific instances, by way of a designating regulation or agreement, such as with waste projects like landfills and certain mining projects. Tenants are required to work with relevant authorities to secure all required environmental approvals/permits in advance of any construction works. As such, tenants are responsible for obtaining all relevant provincial and federal approvals required.</p> <p>We appreciate your input.</p>	9/1/2023
<p>I am a citizen of Toronto, and I object to this development. Please don't ruin a culturally important site for something that no one wants. Thank you</p>	6-Jul-23	<p>Thank you for taking the time to comment on the Category C Environmental Study Report for the public realm of Ontario Place.</p> <p>We appreciate your input.</p>	9/1/2023
<p>I am writing with EXTREME CONCERN about the proposed Ontario Place plan.</p> <p>This precious space must be dedicated and preserved as public parkland .</p> <p>A spa has NO PLACE here. Imagine this in New York`s Central Park or London`s Kew Gardens.</p> <p>A related theme is the significant downsizing of the Science Centre. This is a world class attraction for all family members and should be enhanced not reduced.</p> <p>I do not understand the motivation for the current approach. It appears to be extremely myopic and foolhardy. The closest analogy is the Hwy 407 debacle.</p> <p>PLEASE REVISE THE PLAN.</p>	6-Jul-23	<p>Thank you for taking the time to comment on the Category C Environmental Study Report for the public realm of Ontario Place.</p> <p>The government's vision for Ontario Place will provide people of all ages with something to enjoy, including enhanced public spaces, parkland, increased access to the waterfront, beach, pools, health and wellness services, an indoor-outdoor live music and performance venue.</p> <p>Across the site, over 43 acres of enhanced parkland and open public space is proposed. Of this, 12 acres of public space is planned on the West Island and will be free and open year-round, including a new public beach, wetlands, picnic facilities, multi-purpose trails, and look out points.</p>	9/1/2023
<p>It was good to see that an assessment was performed, and made public, for a small portion of the redevelopment of Ontario Place. When will an assessment be conducted for the other 80% to 90% of the new development? It may or may not be required by law, but surely the immense Therme and Live Nation proposals provide the vast majority of the impact that will be felt in that park. Therefore, I assume that a full assessment will be carried out to inform the government, and more importantly, the citizens of Toronto and the province of the impact of such a massive undertaking.</p>	6-Jul-23	<p>Thank you for taking the time to comment on the Category C Environmental Study Report for the public realm of Ontario Place.</p> <p>Since the establishment of the Environmental Assessment Act in 1975, private sector activity has not been subject to the act unless made subject, in specific instances, by way of a designating regulation or agreement, such as with waste projects like landfills and certain mining projects. Tenants are required to work with relevant authorities to secure all required environmental approvals/permits in advance of any construction works. As such, tenants are responsible for obtaining all relevant provincial and federal approvals required. We appreciate your input.</p>	9/1/2023
<p>I am writing as a concerned resident of Toronto because I noticed that the Environmental Assessment for the Infrastructure Plans at Ontario Place do no include the proposed LiveNation and Therme MegaSpa. In order to properly understand the impacts of this plan, I believe it would be essentially to understand how these two giant projects will impact the environment.</p> <p>Can you please advise how the impacts of the Spa will be taken into consideration and when the public can expect to be made informed?</p> <p>Thank you for your time.</p>	8-Jul-23	<p>Thank you for taking the time to comment on the Category C Environmental Study Report for the public realm of Ontario Place.</p> <p>Since the establishment of the Environmental Assessment Act in 1975, private sector activity has not been subject to the act unless made subject, in specific instances, by way of a designating regulation or agreement, such as with waste projects like landfills and certain mining projects</p> <p>Tenants are required to work with relevant authorities to secure all required environmental approvals/permits in advance of any construction works. As such, tenants are responsible for obtaining all relevant provincial and federal approvals required. We appreciate your input.</p>	9/1/2023

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<p>To omit the areas of Of Ontario Place occupied by the tenants from the EA makes a mockery of the whole process.</p> <p>To expect the taxpayers of Ontario to pay over \$400,000,000 to provide underground parking for the tenants is questionable. I can think of much stronger derogatory descriptions of this proposal.</p> <p>To expect patronage of the proposed spa to be anything like it is being envisioned is also questionable. Many Torontonians simply can't afford to use it. Will tourists seeking a spa-like experience choose Toronto over thousands of alternatives in warmer climates during our long cold winters?</p> <p>Ford's Folly will be the description for this scheme over the next 95 years of occupancy. It's as wasteful for the people of Ontario as was the sale of the 407.</p>	9-Jul-23	<p>Thank you for taking the time to comment on the Category C Environmental Study Report for the public realm of Ontario Place.</p> <p>Since the establishment of the Environmental Assessment Act in 1975, private sector activity has not been subject to the act unless made subject, in specific instances, by way of a designating regulation or agreement, such as with waste projects like landfills and certain mining projects</p> <p>Tenants are required to work with relevant authorities to secure all required environmental approvals/permits in advance of any construction works. As such, tenants are responsible for obtaining all relevant provincial and federal approvals required. Across the site, over 43 acres of enhanced parkland and open public space is proposed. Of this, 12 acres of public space is planned on the West Island and will be free and open year-round, including a new public beach, wetlands, picnic facilities, multi-purpose trails, and look out points.</p> <p>As with any major attraction, parking is essential to ensure accessibility to the venue by visitors from across the province.</p> <p>As part of the development application submitted to the City, up to 2,700 spaces are proposed for the whole site. This includes a proposed underground parking garage, as well as surface parking.</p> <p>The final parking solution for the whole site is subject to change pending further review of the development application submitted to the city, ongoing design work and the outcome of the current EA process. We will continue to be transparent with the public as contracts are signed.</p>	9/1/2023

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<p>What are you doing? Not including Therme spa and Live Nation concert areas in the environmental assessment for Ontario Place is disgusting, naive, and callous.</p> <p>Does nobody involved in these decisions understand what a climate crisis is, or is everyone out to make the most possible money while destroying the future of our city in the process?</p> <p>We stand to lose valuable public space for everyone who pays already insanely high costs of living to be in Toronto, and according to current assessments, "850 trees, as well as beaver, mink, foxes, endangered species like American eels, and 113 bird species, 25% of which nest on the island."</p> <p>Please do everything you can to preserve this space as it was intended, for the public and the ecosystems that flourish on our waterfront.</p>	14-Jul-23	<p>Thank you for taking the time to comment on the Category C Environmental Study Report for the public realm of Ontario Place.</p> <p>Since the establishment of the Environmental Assessment Act in 1975, private sector activity has not been subject to the act unless made subject, in specific instances, by way of a designating regulation or agreement, such as with waste projects like landfills and certain mining projects. Tenants are required to work with relevant authorities to secure all required environmental approvals/permits in advance of any construction works. As such, tenants are responsible for obtaining all relevant provincial and federal approvals required. Across the site, over 43 acres of enhanced parkland and open public space is proposed. Of this, 12 acres of public space is planned on the West Island and will be free and open year-round, including a new public beach, wetlands, picnic facilities, multi-purpose trails, and look out points.</p> <p>The redevelopment is informed by extensive wildlife survey work completed over the past four years by certified ecologists and environmental professionals. The findings of this survey are summarized in a Natural Heritage Impact Study (NHIS) completed as part of the ongoing development review process and available publicly on the City's development application website. The province is also carrying out the redevelopment of Ontario Place in consultation with Indigenous communities as well as stakeholder agencies, including the TRCA and Aquatic Habitat Toronto (AHT), the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO), and Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, and in accordance with applicable legislation, such as the Endangered Species Act. This engagement is helping to minimize disturbance to natural heritage features and ensure opportunities to improve existing features or provide net-new wildlife habitat are being explored as part of the ongoing design work.</p> <p>Additionally, during construction, preventative measures will be put in place to minimize impacts to wildlife. A natural heritage consultant has been engaged to ensure that wildlife in these areas is protected and any impacts are mitigated.</p> <p>We recognize the importance of trees and vegetation across the site. The planting strategy takes into consideration many factors such as the caliper of different trees, nativity of species, and diversity of canopy height, intended to ensure the long-term sustainability of vegetation at Ontario Place.</p> <p>There are several proposed features incorporated into the proposed design plans, including pavilions, will help provide the needed shade areas. For every tree removed as a result of construction, one or more trees will later be planted to increase the long-term tree canopy on site. This means we plan to plant approximately 3,000 trees at Ontario Place post-construction, or roughly a 2:1 replacement ratio.</p>	9/1/2023

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<p>I attended the City's virtual consultation on the proposed development of Ontario Place this spring. Since the City of Toronto maintains some power over planning approvals for the Ontario Place development, it facilitated a public discussion about the future of this iconic site. Sadly, the provincial government has been widely accused of running roughshod over the city's elected officials and the citizens they represent and has demonstrated it has no intention of allowing Ontarians to know about or debate the merits of its current plan for the site.</p> <p>Ontarians have no idea what "commercial" agreements have been entered into by the provincial government with the corporate consortium that includes Therme and Live Nation. Without this information, taxpayers do not know what amounts of money they will be on the hook for, now and in the future. If this project fails, the public will be left with an expensive white elephant. Urban Strategies and Infrastructure Ontario bristle at the term "sell-off" but without any information about the funding arrangements this arrangement may, like Highway 407, leave taxpayers paying the bill long into the future. What we do already know is that Ontarians will pay for major reconstruction for the Therme and Live Nation facilities and this reconstruction will not be subject to an environmental assessment despite its impact on the site and the rest of the city's waterfront.</p> <p>Many Torontonians, familiar with the geography of the site, have voiced their concerns about traffic congestion, degradation of natural green space, and sustainability. The development promoters argue the 800+ trees they will remove from the site will be transplanted and that they will plant 3,000 more. Mature trees are rarely successfully transplanted and Infrastructure Ontario's site drawings make clear that most of the new trees planted will line parking lots and paved pedestrian pathways. Hard surfaces will replace most of the mature tree ecosystems that exist now. The developers' claim that the majority of the Ontario Place acreage will be accessible to the public, largely includes spaces that are paved over as roadways, parking lots, pedestrian walkways and armour stone embankments. Virtually none of the natural treed green space will survive.</p> <p>What people in the GTA, where most Ontarians live, need for wellness, is not more crowded indoor spaces with palm trees—Therme's proposed Roman-style bath concept—but opportunities to free themselves from the built structure of urban spaces and to access Ontario's incomparable natural environment. My recommendation would be to build the Therme spa in the Exhibition parking lot next to Hotel X where underground parking is easily accommodated and public transit access already exists.</p> <p>We need to preserve Ontario Place's precious lakefront green space, as well as its remarkable cultural and historical legacy, ensuring it remains a provincial park worthy of its name.</p>	14-Jul-23	<p>Ontario Place is in close proximity to public transit as it is located along the Ontario Line at Exhibition Place station, which provides easy access to the site. Metrolinx is also actively exploring options for a last-mile connections between Ontario Place and the new Ontario Line station, including options for new shuttle bus service, improvements to pedestrian links and rehabilitation/upgrade of Lakeshore Blvd. pedestrian bridges.</p> <p>Ontario is making significant investments to create the public realm of Ontario Place, which will provide parkland, green space, additional access to the waterfront, event space and public spaces for rest, relaxation, and recreational activities.</p> <p>The redevelopment is informed by extensive wildlife survey work completed over the past four years by certified ecologists and environmental professionals. The findings of this survey are summarized in a Natural Heritage Impact Study (NHIS) completed as part of the ongoing development review process and available publicly on the City's development application website. We recognize the importance of trees and vegetation across the site. 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This means we plan to plant approximately 3,000 trees at Ontario Place post-construction, or roughly a 2:1 replacement ratio.</p> <p>As we move forward, input from Indigenous communities, the public and stakeholders will be critical to supporting site planning and development as we make our vision a reality.</p> <p>Engagements to date include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A province-wide survey (open from Aug 30 – Oct 28, 2021) that received over 7,200 responses.• Two virtual public information sessions (Oct 13 & 27 2021) that had approx. 450 attendees.• One technical information session (Dec 14, 2021) with approx. 140 attendees.• Three virtual public consultation events (April 12, 2022, October 27, 2022, and April 2023) on the proposed public realm design concepts and the EA process (over 600 attendees).• Three Virtual Public Engagement Rooms (April 2022, October 2022 and April 2023) where the public was able to learn more about the EA process and share feedback on the design concepts.• Consultation on the Strategic Conservation Plan with Indigenous communities and stakeholders completed (Fall 2021-Summer 2022).• Consultation on the Heritage Impact Assessment with Indigenous communities, public, and stakeholders launched and to be completed on January 20, 2023.• Participating in public open houses with the City both in-person (April 15 – 300 attendees) and virtually (April 18 – 450 attendees)	9/1/2023

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<p>I am appalled at what you are planning for Ontario Place and the Science Centre.</p> <p>For years, my children and now my grandchildren have been loving the Science Centre. To tear it down would be extremely foolish. Where is your science? Do you not know about the embedded energy in such a huge building? Do you not care about the release of more climate-destroying gasses and energy during destruction of a building? Have you never played and learned at that wonderful place? Did your parents not take you to the Science Centre? Did you not take your own kids there?</p> <p>As for Ontario Place, when my children were small, I used to take the TTC all the way from Don Mills and spend the day at Ontario Place. They especially loved the water play area. Did your parents not take you there? Surely they must have! Did you not love it? Did you watch the North of Superior movie on the huge wrap-around screen? Did you ride the swans on the pond? Have you recently wandered along the path at the water's edge? (Even though I am now in my 80's, I have walked there.)</p> <p>Don't be such "spoil sports". Don't destroy our fun and our opportunities to learn. And don't destroy the environment.</p> <p>Let's save Toronto and the planet.</p> <p>--</p> <p>"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." Margaret Mead</p>	14-Jul-23	<p>The Ontario Science Centre will find its new home in a custom-built, state-of-the-art facility at Ontario Place. The centrally located, modern site will bring exciting science-based educational programming to the heart of the city. The amount of exhibition space at the current Ontario Science Centre uses 100,000 square feet, which is only about 20 percent of the building. The planned new facility at Ontario Place, including its extension into the Cinesphere and pods, will be 275,700 square feet. Moving the Ontario Science Centre also creates a generational housing opportunity at the future site of a new Ontario Line terminus station with additional planned community infrastructure. The province will work with the City of Toronto on realizing this new opportunity and hopes to bring more affordable and attainable housing to the neighbourhood. Ontario Place is in close proximity to public transit as it is located along the Ontario Line at Exhibition Place station, which provides easy access to the site. Metrolinx is also actively exploring options for a last-mile connections between Ontario Place and the new Ontario Line station, including options for new shuttle bus service, improvements to pedestrian links and rehabilitation/upgrade of Lakeshore Blvd. pedestrian bridges.</p> <p>Ontario is making significant investments to create the public realm of Ontario Place, which will provide parkland, green space, additional access to the waterfront, event space and public spaces for rest, relaxation, and recreational activities.</p>	9/1/2023
<p>I would like to express my extreme disappointment and anger about this Environmental Study Report.</p> <p>It does not include the proposed mega-spa and waterpark and so it should be considered incomplete and be re-done. Furthermore, there is insufficient (i.e. no) proposed mitigation measures for the impact on thousands of migratory birds, including species at risk.</p> <p>If you do not conclude that this report is null and void, then shame on you.</p>	16-Jul-23	<p>Since the establishment of the Environmental Assessment Act in 1975, private sector activity has not been subject to the act unless made subject, in specific instances, by way of a designating regulation or agreement, such as with waste projects like landfills and certain mining projects. Tenants are required to work with relevant authorities to secure all required environmental approvals/permits in advance of any construction works. As such, tenants are responsible for obtaining all relevant provincial and federal approvals required.</p> <p>The redevelopment is informed by extensive wildlife survey work completed over the past four years by certified ecologists and environmental professionals. The findings of this survey are summarized in a Natural Heritage Impact Study (NHIS) completed as part of the ongoing development review process and available publicly on the City's development application website. The province is also carrying out the redevelopment of Ontario Place in consultation with Indigenous communities as well as stakeholder agencies, including the TRCA and Aquatic Habitat Toronto (AHT), the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO), and Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, and in accordance with applicable legislation, such as the Endangered Species Act. This engagement is helping to minimize disturbance to natural heritage features and ensure opportunities to improve existing features or provide net-new wildlife habitat are being explored as part of the ongoing design work.</p> <p>Additionally, during construction, preventative measures will be put in place to minimize impacts to wildlife. A natural heritage consultant has been engaged to ensure that wildlife in these areas is protected and any impacts are mitigated.</p> <p>We appreciate your input.</p>	9/1/2023

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<p>Please find my comments in response to the Draft Environment Study Report.</p> <p>I've CCed my local Councillor Bhutla Karpoche, Premier Doug Ford's office, as well as the Minister of Infrastructure.</p> <p>My major issue with this report is the Therme Spa project as well as the Ontario Science Centre. Its not clear to me why the Ontario Science Centre is even being moved? Additionally I feel the proposed land space for the new OSC on Ontario Place is too small. Moving the OSC there will reduce the available space for improvements to the facility in the future, and limit what the attraction is able to offer to tourists or local patrons. Overall I think that there are equally viable economic options for the space than the OSC. Moving an existing building is a waste and poor management of tax payers' dollars (@ Doug Ford's office).</p> <p>Therme Spa--I don't understand why Canadian investments and business is not being prioritized for valuable piece of Canadian land? This is not a Canadian business and so should not even be considered for this project. If this isn't clear I recommend everyone on this email to review the situation with Highway 407--foreign investment benefiting off of Canadians and making the everyday lives of Canadians more difficult. That's exactly what the Therme project will do. Additionally, a spa is inherently not a public space. It is a space for the wealthy and those with the means to access it. This goes against the initial intention behind Ontario Place's creation--a space for all.</p> <p>Hoping you consider this.</p>	29-Jul-23	<p>The Ontario Science Centre will find its new home in a custom-built, state-of-the-art facility at Ontario Place. The centrally located, modern site will bring exciting science-based educational programming to the heart of the city. The amount of exhibition space at the current Ontario Science Centre uses 100,000 square feet, which is only about 20 percent of the building. The planned new facility at Ontario Place, including its extension into the Cinesphere and pods, will be 275,700 square feet. Moving the Ontario Science Centre also creates a generational housing opportunity at the future site of a new Ontario Line terminus station with additional planned community infrastructure. The province will work with the City of Toronto on realizing this new opportunity and hopes to bring more affordable and attainable housing to the neighbourhood.</p> <p>Ontario Place is in close proximity to public transit as it is located along the Ontario Line at Exhibition Place station, which provides easy access to the site. Metrolinx is also actively exploring options for a last-mile connections between Ontario Place and the new Ontario Line station, including options for new shuttle bus service, improvements to pedestrian links and rehabilitation/upgrade of Lakeshore Blvd. pedestrian bridges.</p> <p>The government's vision for Ontario Place will provide people of all ages with something to enjoy, including enhanced public spaces, parkland, increased access to the waterfront, beach, pools, health and wellness services, an indoor-outdoor live music and performance venue.</p> <p>Across the site, over 43 acres of enhanced parkland and open public space is proposed. Of this, 12 acres of public space is planned on the West Island and will be free and open year-round, including a new public beach, wetlands, picnic facilities, multi-purpose trails, and look out points.</p>	9/1/2023

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<p>Ontario PlaceOntario Place is a landfill site, made up of the spoils of white man’s building activities. Shaped and manicured by the design team of architect E. H. Zeidler, it contains both man-made hi-tech built elements and natural elements arranged to provide recreational activities in a safe environment. The spherical white clad pavilions are easily recognizable from the expressway. Popular as a place for a family outing in the seventies, attendance figures have declined so that operational costs can not be covered by admission fees.While plastic paddleboats, miniature trains, and log jam rides may appeal to the young at heart, traffic congestion and Toronto’s population demographics have made it inaccessible for most young families. Toronto’s mature citizens long for unspoiled nature and a halt to construction activities on our crowded waterfront. In the 29/07/23 issue of L’Express,there is an article on the protection of the Great Lakes. Included in the article is a satellite photograph which clearly reveals the sad state of Lake Ontario. Quoting from Edward J. Kormondy’s Concepts of Ecology, “An aquatic ecosystem proceeds inexorably, predictably, and ultimately to a semiterrestrial or fully terrestrial state.” This process is called eutrophication, and is a natural process, but the activities of man along the north shore of Lake Ontario have led to its rapid aging.The suggestion of making Ontario Place into an exclusive spa for the rich which everyone can enjoy is simply a contradiction of terms. While recreational trails and increased vegetation are always welcome improvements, our federal open door policy must be based on workable densities. Government policies should not be driven by developers. Certainly, the words of Jane Jacobs still apply and making neighbourhoods should win out over ambition, greed, and the ubiquitous condominium solution. Finally, the government should relocate thriving communities and stick to their 2-year maximum cap for new immigrants to Toronto.Housing and available land for subsistence farmingAn article in The Toronto Star revealed the plight of the Ward’s Island residents who, decades ago, opted to remain in their island homes with the agreement that they could not build any new structures or add to their existing structures there. That suited them just fine – then, but as many of them have reached their eighties or even nineties, they are struggling, economically and physically. There is no hospital located there and not even one near the island on the mainland. It has become difficult for them to maintain their homes and they may require health care practitioners to be nearby in the future.Another prominent news item is the homeless. Tents have sprung up in the Allan Gardens park, housing those without the means to secure traditional housing. Groups of people who share a common interest or background may be more successful in establishing a new renovated or recycled housing location. We need to try different approaches to settlement and learn from the successes or failures of those experiments.There are waiting lists for garden plots for people willing and able to grow food for themselves and their family. Toronto citizens have seen food prices double and even triple. The reason for this is often that the price of transporting goods has risen. We must produce locally. Our temperate climate is perfect for root vegetables, tomatoes, mushrooms,lettuce, cucumbers, cauliflower, broccoli, and bok choy. Fruit trees, watered and pruned regularly, bush berries, rhubarb, and watermelon can all thrive here. Beans, fish, and poultry can all be grown locally.Our population is proud and diverse. Isn’t it time we provide them with the challenge of sustaining themselves?Paving, paths, and parkingThe suggestion of underground parking raised some eyebrows around the table. Clearly, the water table would not make that an affordable solution. More bicycle parking and affordable transit connections may be a better solution. Motorized vehicle traffic should be restricted to service vehicles and surface parking restricted to the existing lots at the entrance. These could include planting areas to reduce heat gain, run-off, and visual monotony. Whenever possible, water permeable paving should be used, such as turf-stone, gravel, or boardwalks. These are more recyclable and do not cause heat build up.LightingLighting levels should be high enough to prevent tripping hazards, but should not blast the landscape with such an intense white light that the natural bio-rhythms are altered. When parking lots are closed for the evening hours, the lighting should be minimal or even extinguished.Environmental protectionMake the new Ontario Place a plastic free zone. Provide shaded areas with picnic tables or other types of outdoor seating such as Muskoka style chairs. Minimize and eventually remove trash receptacles. Post signage reminding people not to litter and to take their trash with them where it can be recycled in the main stream recycling. This is particularly important in an aquatic environment where fish and other aquatic life forms have been found to ingest plastic. Legislate large fines for littering and enforce them.On a micro level, testing of land, air, and water must continue to protect human health. The results must be made public and appropriate warnings put in place. Legislative action should be implemented to reduce and remove sources of pollution. That includes natural bacterial pollutants as well as radioactive and chemical pollutants.Festivals, events, and marchesEncourage gatherings of small groups who celebrate the anniversaries of historical events, especially those pertinent to Toronto’s history. We cannot learn from history if we choose to forget it.Organize film programs of natural and cultural significance. When possible, hold these outdoors to reduce wear and tear on buildings and maintenance budgets. The films funded by the Canadian National Film Board include some of the finest in the world. They are often low budget with an emphasis on nature.Encourage people to voice their concerns. That is the basis for</p>	25-Aug-23	<p>Thank you for your input.</p> <p>By legislation, private sector developments are not automatically subject to the Environmental Assessment (EA). The Ontario Environmental Assessment Act governs public sector (government-led) developments and provides requirements for the EA process. Tenants, as a private sector party, are thus not subject to the Environmental Assessment Act or the EA process. The leasing of property (which is considered to be disposition) is also exempt under the Environmental Assessment Act and Ontario Regulation 334. The decision to redevelop Ontario Place and the selection of tenants is an evaluation of “Alternatives to the Undertaking” or just “Alternatives To” in the Public Work (PW) Class Environmental Assessment (EA) (MOI 2012). “Alternatives to” refers to the different solutions that may be considered to address an identified problem or opportunity. Solutions, for example, could range from “do nothing” (maintaining the current situation), to building a new facility (refer to Section 2.1.3 of the draft Environmental Study Report (ESR) for discussion on "Alternatives to"). The PW Class EA framework recognizes that for most Public Work projects, this step occurs as part of another planning or policy decision-making process and thus permits this step to occur outside the EA process. Similarly, the decision to relocate the Ontario Science Centre (OSC) to Ontario Place is also an evaluation of “Alternatives To”. So, for the OSC, the decision to relocate to Ontario Place was made outside the EA process as part of another Government decision-making process, as permitted by the PW Class EA process. The decision to relocate the OSC being outside the EA is also noted at the end of Section 6.3.7 of the draft ESR.Parking is required to accommodate all modes of travel to the site and to accommodate a range of site visitors from across the province and of all ages and abilities. Within the Ontario Place lands, 1,301 parking spaces are currently provided to serve the existing uses. While the parking supply is proposed to double from existing conditions, the proposed parking structure is designed to only accommodate up to 10% of visitors arriving to the site by personal automobile during the peak periods. Most remaining visitors are expected to arrive using sustainable modes of travel, including transit, cycling, and walking. As such, the increase in parking supply is considered modest compared to the expected visitors to the site year-round for the proposed uses.The proposed parking solution is only one part of a multi-modal transportation approach. The proposed redevelopment also identifies potential for significant improvements in active transportation facilities—such as planned expansion and upgrade of pedestrian and cycling facilities along the Martin Goodman Trail, extension of the William G. Davis trail and a new waterfront multi-use pathway—and supports greater integration with the broader transit network, protecting for a mobility hub and last-mile connection to the future Ontario Line station. A number of incentive-based and educational-based transportation demand management measures are also being proposed to reduce dependency on single-occupancy vehicle trips and to encourage sustainable modes of travel to the site. A significant shift to more sustainable modes from existing conditions is anticipated for the Ontario Place redevelopment given that key transit and active transportation improvements are planned for the area. This shift to more sustainable travel modes is also supported by the decision to locate intensification at Ontario Place because development within a suburban or exurban location outside downtown Toronto would have resulted in different travel behaviours.Specific materiality of surfaces will be determined during detailed design however the preferred conceptual design (see Section 5.1 of the draft ESR) already increases the amount of permeable surfaces from existing conditions. The preferred design also proposes to increase vegetation from existing conditions. Lighting, seating, park operations and programming (i.e., festivals and events) will be determine during detailed design and your comments will be considered at that time.Based on best practices used at Trillium Park, a thoughtful planting strategy will be proposed during detailed design to ensure that trees of a variety of size, age, and species are planted given the unique site conditions. The planting strategy for the site will be supported by engagement with First Nations to identify native species, that will thrive naturally on site for future generations. Your comments will be considered as we finalize the ESR.</p>	5-Sep-23

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<p>My request is in response to the underwhelming environmental study done for the Ontario Place in Toronto. It lacks any results on how the private establishments will affect the current eco system including the affects on the wildlife and people.</p> <p>This is a formal request for a comprehensive Environmental Assessment that includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Impacts of turning the public land to private• Removal of the current ecosystem to accommodate private area's• Mental health impacts for underprivileged individuals by reducing affordable green spaces in accessible areas• Displacement of current species of all types	18-Jul-23	<p>By legislation, private sector developments are not automatically subject to the Environmental Assessment (EA). The Ontario Environmental Assessment Act governs public sector (government-led) developments and provides requirements for the EA process. Tenants, as a private sector party, are thus not subject to the Environmental Assessment Act or the EA process, unless they are undertaking a project that is specifically captured by one of the Streamlined/Class EAs or the Minister of the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks designates the project as subject to the Environmental Assessment Act. The leasing of property (which is considered to be disposition) is also exempt under the Environmental Assessment Act and Ontario Regulation 334. The planning framework that applies to private sector developments is the Planning Act and the municipal planning process. In addition, tenants must still obtain all applicable environmental permits (including municipal, provincial and federal). The Planning Act application for approval of these Ontario Place private sector developments is submitted to the City of Toronto and includes consideration of potential impacts to heritage, natural environment, traffic, etc. The studies undertaken and level of detail in the submission is similar to work completed by the public sector under the Environmental Assessment Act process. Further assessment (under the Planning Act or Environmental Assessment Act) is typically required to obtain any necessary project specific environmental permits. Similar to the EA process, the Planning Act application process is public with posting of the relevant documents on the City of Toronto's website and opportunities provided for input through various project specific public consultation activities.</p> <p>The potential environmental impacts, mitigation measures and net environmental effects described in the Section 5.4 of the draft Environmental Study Report (ESR) for the proposed public realm redevelopment took into consideration features such as wildlife and wildlife habitat, Species at Risk, migratory birds and aquatic habitat. Disturbance to natural heritage features and species will be minimized as much as possible and opportunities to improve existing features or provide net-new wildlife habitat are being explored as part of the ongoing design work. Improvements are being explored for Brigantine Cove that would improve water quality and habitat conditions in this area. Improvements to the shoreline across the East Island will offer opportunities to stabilize and green these edges and improve aquatic habitat conditions. Redevelopment activities will ultimately improve wildlife habitat across the Project footprint by increasing the amount and type of vegetation (that is, native vegetation) from existing conditions and including trees and shrubs of varying heights to create diverse vegetative cover used by a diverse range of wildlife species (refer to Section 5.4.1.3 and Section 5.4.1.5 of the draft ESR).</p> <p>The preferred design for the public realm (refer to Section 5 of the draft ESR) will increase the amount of green space within the public realm lands from current conditions and will remain fully publicly accessible at no cost. Recommendations and mitigation measures from the Arborist Report (MH 2023) will improve the overall physical landscape across the Project footprint by increasing vegetation and greenspace for visitors. A lesser quality of outdoor recreational experience is an avoidable consequence during construction in an existing park. However, construction is temporary, and the result will be an overall improvement that will ultimately improve the recreational experience in the long term.</p>	5-Sep-23

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<p>Thank you for your reply and for the attachment containing responses to my concerns. I did not expect them.</p> <p>I understand English but I do not understand these phrases: "protecting for a mobility hub and last-mile connection to the future Ontario Line station." and "incentive-based and educational-based transportation demand management measures". Kindly explain.</p> <p>The attachment says that "private sector developments are not automatically subject to the Environmental Assessment" but in this case, should the Therme spa not be subject to an exceptional EA? Given the multitude of concerns that Ontarians have expressed about the proposed development, you would be doing due diligence to protect the plants, creatures and unique geographical aspects of Ontario Place.</p> <p>Why move the Science Centre when no one wants it moved? when the land it currently occupies is, I hear, unfit for other purposes? when leaving a good thing alone is usually the best course of action?</p> <p>What is proposed for Ontario Place will impact the current million visitors next year and the million next year and the million after that. Is sober second thought not a prudent course of action? Proceeding with the proposed plans could well be a mistake that is not reversible.</p>	9-Aug-23	<p>In the preferred design provided in the draft Environmental Study Report (ESR) there is a mobility hub identified along Lake Shore Boulevard West that is proposed to allow for vehicular pickup and drop off, as well as a public bus loop (refer to Section 5.1 and Section 5.4.5.1 of the draft ESR). The last-mile connection refers to the connection between Exhibition Place and Ontario Place, which will be a multi-modal solution that recognizes the importance of the pedestrian connections across to Exhibition Place, as well as the need for a direct transit connection to the future Ontario Line station. As the design in the draft ESR is conceptual (30% to 40% design), work will be continuing with Metrolinx to establish the details for this solution (refer to Section 5.4.5.1 of the draft ESR). Transportation Demand Management (TDM) strategies strive toward a more efficient transportation network by influencing travel behaviour. Incentive strategies influence travel choices by making a particular mode or travel choice more attractive. Educational strategies use information and events to improve understanding, raise awareness, and raise positive sentiment towards sustainable travel. TDM strategies are proposed in the Transportation Impact Assessment prepared for the entire Ontario Place Redevelopment project, which is available online on the City of Toronto's Application Information Centre.</p> <p>"Private sector developments are not automatically subject to the Environmental Assessment (EA) Act" means that private sector developments are not subject to the Ontario EA Act unless they are undertaking a project that is specifically captured by one of the Streamlined/Class EAs or the Minister of the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks designates the project as subject to the EA Act. The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks administers the EA Act and thus for projects such as Ontario Place the Ministry of Infrastructure is not be part of the decision-making process on the applicability of this legislation.</p> <p>The planning framework that applies to private sector developments is the Planning Act and the municipal planning process (which is also a public process that includes public consultation). In addition, tenants must still obtain all applicable environmental permits (including municipal, provincial and federal). The Planning Act application for approval of these Ontario Place private sector developments is submitted to the City of Toronto and includes consideration of potential impacts to heritage, natural environment, traffic, etc.</p> <p>The studies undertaken and level of detail in the submission is similar to work completed by the public sector under the EA Act process. Further assessment (under the Planning or EA Acts) is typically required to obtain any necessary project specific environmental permits. Additionally, similar to the EA process the, Planning Act application process is public with posting of the relevant documents on the City of Toronto's website and opportunities provided for input through various project specific public consultation activities.</p>	23-Aug-23

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<p>I am responding to your welcome invitation posted in the Toronto Star to comment on the completed Category C Public Work Class EA related to the Ontario Place Redevelopment Project.</p> <p>I understand that Trillium Park will not be touched in the proposed redevelopment. I am very pleased about that because it is a jewel that needs no amending.</p> <p>Having read through the Undertaking, I don't see reference to the Therme Spa. Why has it not been included in the Assessment? I would strongly urge that a study be undertaken into the impact of the proposed spa on the surrounding environment before the Final Environmental Study Report is produced.</p> <p>My next concern is the downgrading of the Ontario Science Centre. Its proposed diminished size would result in a loss of several key components including the planetarium. Moreover, uprooting it from its current location creates no benefits since the hazardous land and steep-sloped ravine it occupies is not suitable for housing. How comprehensive was the assessment of the proposed relocation? I ask this because I believe the Science Centre was a late entry to the environmental study.</p> <p>I hope this is an appropriate place to express my deep concern that increased parking is planned. I would urge instead that the planners create a direct public transit route to Ontario Place. It's not easy to get to without a car and this has made it hard for more than the one million current annual users to enjoy the premises.</p> <p>May I have confidence that the Ministry of Infrastructure is keeping the interests of all Ontarians in mind as free, public spaces are upgraded at Ontario Place and not diminished by a small Science Centre and a spa that only a few will use?</p>	13-Jul-23	<p>By legislation, private sector developments are not automatically subject to the Environmental Assessment (EA). 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"Alternatives to" refers to the different solutions that may be considered to address an identified problem or opportunity. Solutions, for example, could range from "do nothing" (maintaining the current situation), to building a new facility. The PW Class EA framework recognizes that for most Public Work projects, this step occurs as part of another planning or policy decision-making process and thus permits this step to occur outside the EA process. For the OSC, this is the case, and the decision to relocate to Ontario Place was made outside the EA process as part of another Government decision-making process. The decision to relocate the OSC being outside the EA is also noted at the end of Section 6.3.7 of the draft ESR.</p> <p>Regarding the size of the new OSC at Ontario Place, it will be a smaller more modern facility - leading to efficiencies for maintenance and operations. The current Ontario Science Centre is about 560,000 sq ft.; however, the permanent exhibition space occupies only 20% of the net floor space. The new OSC at Ontario Place will be approximately 275,000 sq. ft. and is broken down as follows: approximately 200,000 sq. ft. new mainland building and 75,000 sq. ft. pods and Cinesphere. The planned new facility will have 10,000 sq. ft more of permanent exhibition space than the current facility.</p> <p>As per the PW Class EA, any future use of the current OSC is not considered part of the Class EA process for the Public Realm lands. This would be taken into consideration depending on the future decision for the current OSC.</p> <p>Exhibition Place is in the process of preparing a sitewide Master Plan that would result in the removal of parking spaces in favour of a focus on pedestrians and cyclists. As such, it was determined that a permanent parking supply would not be available for Ontario Place visitors. Parking is required to accommodate all modes of travel to the site and to accommodate a range of site visitors from across the province and of all ages and abilities. Within the Ontario Place lands, 1,301 parking spaces are currently provided to serve the existing uses. While the parking supply is proposed to double from existing conditions, the proposed parking structure is designed to only accommodate up to 10% of visitors arriving to the site by personal automobile during the peak periods. Most remaining visitors are expected to arrive using sustainable modes of travel, including transit, cycling, and walking. As such, the increase in parking supply is considered modest compared to the expected visitors to the site year-round for the proposed uses.</p> <p>The proposed parking solution is only one part of a multi-modal transportation approach. 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Input on redevelopment plans: No to the Therme Spa. Can't imagine a worse idea. Ontario Place fell out of favor when Wonderland was built and most families lived outside of the city. The demographics have dramatically changed. Downtown residents, including many young families need something equivalent to Toronto's version of Central Park. A large green space with playgrounds for all ages from babies and toddlers to work out zones. Bike and hiking trails. Lots of possibilities for the pods and Imax, but not to use the new location for the Ontario Science Centre. Its current location is ideal for a mid-town attraction (far away from Lake Shore congestion) with a big parking lot for out of town families and school buses. Refurbish it, don't tear it down and reduce in size. My kids loved the summer camp and the special programming.Plenty of room for housing all over the city. So many malls are redeveloping into 15 minute city communities. Leave the Science Center where it is, where it can accommodate huge crowds for the Imax, exhibits and outdoor paths (that need to be repaired)Cafes and brew pubs might be nice to include on the periphery for day/night appeal.More comments at a later date!	9-Jul-23	<p>Based on comments received to date, we have developed responses to common inquiries on the draft Environmental Study Report (ESR). Please see attached for the common inquiries and responses that address some of your comments. The preferred design for the Ontario Place public realm includes increased green space within Brigantine Cove, the Forum, and on the Mainland, replacing much of the currently paved services with pervious material. The preferred design also includes flexible space within the Forum and on the Mainland that provides for a range of activities, including for play or working out. A children's play zone is proposed in Brigantine Cove to provide play opportunities for a range of children's age groups. Food and beverage opportunities are proposed within the Marina and the Forum, as well as on the Mainland. The preferred design includes continuous multi-use trails throughout the site for walking, running, bicycling, and roller-skating with improved connections to Exhibition Place and the existing Martin Goodman Trail. A transit hub is also proposed for bus drop-off, including busses arriving for the Ontario Science Centre. Refer to Section 5.1 of the draft ESR for the full preferred design for the public realm.Your comments will be considered as we finalize the ESR.</p> <p>Attached:</p> <p>By legislation, private sector developments are not automatically subject to the Environmental Assessment (EA). The Ontario Environmental Assessment Act governs public sector (government-led) developments and provides requirements for the EA process. Tenants, as a private sector party, are thus not subject to the Environmental Assessment Act or the EA process. 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The planned new facility will have 10,000 sq. ft more of permanent exhibition space than the current facility.As per the PW Class EA, any future use of the current OSC is not considered part of the Class EA process for the Public Realm lands. This would be taken into consideration depending on the future decision for the current OSC.</p>	9-Aug-23

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<p>I am writing to comment on the recent draft ESR for Ontario Place. The assessment was a great disappointment.</p> <p>First of all, all reference to the Ontario Science Centre is not fair as discussion of this only appeared at the very last second as you well know, preventing any meaningful consultation from Ontario residents.</p> <p>I was also very disappointed that there was no outlined mitigation plan for the expected negative impacts on existing habitats at Ontario Place for thousands of migratory birds, including listed species at risk.</p> <p>Most importantly, the ESR left off a HUGE portion of the islands, particularly where Therme and Live Nation are planned to be. This makes the document almost useless in terms of ensuring the environment is protected.</p> <p>I do not accept the findings of this ESR.</p>	6-Jul-23	<p>Thank you for your input. Based on comments received to date, we have developed responses to common inquiries on the draft Environmental Study Report (ESR). Please see attached for the common inquiries and responses that address your comments.</p> <p>Further to the attached regarding the inclusion of the Ontario Science Centre, it was announced in July 2021 that discussions were underway with the Ontario Science Centre to explore potential opportunities to have science-related tourism and educational programming on-site. Opportunity was then provided in April 2023 to provide feedback on the height and massing, as well as the location within Ontario Place of the new OSC building.</p> <p>Please refer to Section 5.4 of the draft Environmental Study Report, and specifically Table 5.6 for the potential environmental impacts, mitigation measures and net environmental effects for the proposed public realm redevelopment regarding wildlife and wildlife habitat, including Species at Risk, and breeding and migratory birds.</p> <p>Your comments will be considered as we finalize the draft ESR.</p> <p>*Attached:</p> <p>By legislation, private sector developments are not automatically subject to the Environmental Assessment (EA). The Ontario Environmental Assessment Act governs public sector (government-led) developments and provides requirements for the EA process. Tenants, as a private sector party, are thus not subject to the Environmental Assessment Act or the EA process. The leasing of property (which is considered to be disposition) is also exempt under the Environmental Assessment Act and Ontario Regulation 334.</p> <p>The planning framework that applies to private sector developments is the Planning Act and the municipal planning process ((which is also a public process that includes public consultation). In addition, tenants must still obtain all applicable environmental permits (including municipal, provincial and federal).</p> <p>The decision to relocate the Ontario Science Centre (OSC) to Ontario Place is an evaluation of “Alternatives to the Undertaking” or just “Alternatives To” in the Public Work (PW) Class Environmental Assessment (EA) (MOI 2012). “Alternatives to” refers to the different solutions that may be considered to address an identified problem or opportunity. Solutions, for example, could range from “do nothing” (maintaining the current situation), to building a new facility. The PW Class EA framework recognizes that for most Public Work projects, this step occurs as part of another planning or policy decision-making process and thus permits this step to occur outside the EA process. For the OSC, this is the case, and the decision to relocate to Ontario Place was made outside the EA process as part of another Government decision-making process. The decision to relocate the OSC being outside the EA is also noted at the end of Section 6.3.7 of the draft ESR.</p> <p>Regarding the size of the new OSC at Ontario Place, it will be a smaller more modern facility - leading to efficiencies for maintenance and operations. The current Ontario Science Centre is about 560,000 sq ft.; however, the permanent exhibition space occupies only 20% of the net floor space. The new OSC at Ontario Place will be approximately 275,000 sq. ft. and is broken down as follows: approximately 200,000 sq. ft. new mainland building and 75,000 sq. ft. pods and Cinesphere. The planned new facility will have 10,000 sq. ft more of permanent exhibition space than the current facility.</p> <p>As per the PW Class EA, any future use of the current OSC is not considered part of the Class EA process for the Public Realm lands. This would be taken into consideration depending on the future decision for the current OSC.</p>	9-Aug-23

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<p>I do not see any mention of Therme Spa in your attachment.</p> <p>And your Environmental Report does not cover the site taken up by Therme Spa and Live Nation.</p> <p>If the report does not cover the impact of the activities that will bring the most destruction and disruption of waterfront, biodiversity, and tree density in Ontario Pak, then what exactly are you measuring?</p> <p>The executive summary of your environmental report does not even mention trees, birds or biodiversity or even refer to the negative externalities that will be brought by massive destruction that would happen in continuous land.</p> <p>Why has the environmental impact of Therme Spa glass spa construction and the destruction of 860+ mature trees not been included in the assessment? So what exactly are the comments being asked for? In every open public consultation, the public has vociferously opposed the destruction of this open, public-access place.</p>	6-Jul-23	<p>Thank you for your input. Based on comments received to date, we have developed responses to common inquiries on the draft Environmental Study Report (ESR). Please see attached for the common inquiries and responses that address some of your comments.</p> <p>Regarding trees, the proposed conceptual landscape plans for the site anticipate that over 3,000 new trees will be planted within Ontario Place post-construction (refer to Appendix G of the draft ESR), exceeding the City's standard tree replacement ratio. Please also see Section 5.6.1 of the draft ESR: a Tree Protection Plan will be developed to protect trees in a manner consistent with the current standard practices within the City of Toronto. Based on best practices used at Trillium Park, a thoughtful planting strategy will be proposed during detailed design to ensure that trees of a variety of size, age, and species are planted given the unique site conditions. The planting strategy for the site will be supported by engagement with First Nations to identify native species, which will thrive naturally on site for future generations. The design approach for Ontario Place looks at the site comprehensively, ensuring that any tree being removed is replaced within Ontario Place. Trees that cannot be replaced on the West Island, will be replaced on-site at Ontario Place, ensuring that the redevelopment increases the overall, long-term tree canopy of the islands.</p> <p>Regarding biodiversity, redevelopment activities will ultimately improve biodiversity across the Project footprint by increasing the amount and type of vegetation (that is, native vegetation) from existing conditions and including trees and shrubs of varying heights to create diverse vegetative cover used by a diverse range of wildlife species (refer to Section 5.4.1.3 and Section 5.4.1.5 of the draft ESR).</p> <p>The proposed public realm redevelopment will not significantly disrupt the waterfront. The proposed shoreline works includes rehabilitating shoreline areas to ensure they are stable and will continue to function (refer to Section 5.4.1.7 of the draft ESR).</p> <p>Please also note that the executive summary is a small snapshot of the entire draft ESR and does not include all the details. Please refer to Section 5.4 of the draft ESR for the fulsome description of the potential environmental impacts, mitigation measures and net environmental effects for the preferred undertaking. Your comments will be considered as we finalize the draft ESR.</p> <p>*Attached:</p> <p>By legislation, private sector developments are not automatically subject to the Environmental Assessment (EA). The Ontario Environmental Assessment Act governs public sector (government-led) developments and provides requirements for the EA process. Tenants, as a private sector party, are thus not subject to the Environmental Assessment Act or the EA process. The leasing of property (which is considered to be disposition) is also exempt under the Environmental Assessment Act and Ontario Regulation 334.</p> <p>The planning framework that applies to private sector developments is the Planning Act and the municipal planning process ((which is also a public process that includes public consultation). In addition, tenants must still obtain all applicable environmental permits (including municipal, provincial and federal).</p>	9-Aug-23

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<p>I am writing to express my concern with the recently posted Environmental Assessment for Ontario Place.</p> <p>Considering the importance of the site and the magnitude of the development proposed, the EA doesn't appear to be the fulsome assessment I would have expected.</p> <p>The exclusion of the Therme Spa and the LiveNation site is, frankly, shocking, given the impact that both of these would have on the site. How can this be considered a complete and reliable assessment if two of the biggest pieces are left out?</p> <p>I would also like to understand the rationale that makes the creation of a new, 2,400 space underground parking lot a preferred option to using the existing Exhibition Place parking.</p> <p>These are just two of my many concerns, but as a citizen of Toronto and Ontario, I wish to register my deep dismay that this is considered an adequate assessment for a proposal that will have such a profound impact on our waterfront and public space.</p> <p>I think it would be absolutely indefensible to move ahead without performing additional assessments that consider these and other issues.</p>	6-Jul-23	<p>By legislation, private sector developments are not automatically subject to the Environmental Assessment (EA). The Ontario Environmental Assessment Act governs public sector (government-led) developments and provides requirements for the EA process. Tenants, as a private sector party, are thus not subject to the Environmental Assessment Act or the EA process. The leasing of property (which is considered to be disposition) is also exempt under the Environmental Assessment Act and Ontario Regulation 334.</p> <p>The planning framework that applies to private sector developments is the Planning Act and the municipal planning process (which is also a public process that includes public consultation). In addition, tenants must still obtain all applicable environmental permits (including municipal, provincial and federal).</p> <p>Exhibition Place is in the process of preparing a sitewide Master Plan that would result in the removal of parking spaces in favour of a focus on pedestrians and cyclists. As such, it was determined that a permanent parking supply would not be available for Ontario Place visitors. Parking is required to accommodate all modes of travel to the site and to accommodate a range of site visitors from across the province and of all ages and abilities. Within the Ontario Place lands, 1,301 parking spaces are currently provided to serve the existing uses. While the parking supply is proposed to double from existing conditions, the proposed parking structure is designed to only accommodate up to 10% of visitors arriving to the site by personal automobile during the peak periods. Most remaining visitors are expected to arrive using sustainable modes of travel, including transit, cycling, and walking. As such, the increase in parking supply is considered modest compared to the expected visitors to the site year-round for the proposed uses.</p> <p>The proposed parking solution is only one part of a multi-modal transportation approach. The proposed redevelopment also identifies potential for significant improvements in active transportation facilities—such as planned expansion and upgrade of pedestrian and cycling facilities along the Martin Goodman Trail, extension of the William G. Davis trail and a new waterfront multi-use pathway—and supports greater integration with the broader transit network, protecting for a mobility hub and last-mile connection to the future Ontario Line station. A number of incentive-based and educational-based transportation demand management measures are also being proposed to reduce dependency on single-occupancy vehicle trips and to encourage sustainable modes of travel to the site. A significant shift to more sustainable modes from existing conditions is anticipated for the Ontario Place redevelopment given that key transit and active transportation improvements are planned for the area. This shift to more sustainable travel modes is also supported by the decision to locate intensification at Ontario Place because development within a suburban or exurban location outside downtown Toronto would have resulted in different travel behaviours.</p>	3-Aug-23

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<p>Regarding table 4-8: the rationale for onsite parking is mind-boggling and infuriating. The terminology seems straight out of 1984.</p> <p>Do you not see what is happening to the environment?</p> <p>When was the business model you are using as a benchmark developed? In the 1970's?</p> <p>It's embarrassing.</p> <p>Regarding table 4-10:</p> <p>I do not believe the Ontario Science Centre should be moved AT ALL. A much more interesting option would be to have a space for satellite exhibits.</p> <p>Regarding table 4-11:</p> <p>Having a 7+ storey building be a preferred alternative is utterly ridiculous.</p> <p>This whole assessment comes across as a sham, a box-ticking exercise. Excluding private businesses, such as the ludicrous spa Therme is supposed to build, and Live Nation, is a glaring skewed loophole</p> <p>Throwing in the Science Centre at the 11th hour is an insult to the neighbourhood where it currently it resides and to the architect who designed it. Why should all attractions be "downtown"?</p> <p>How does this further the amalgamation Toronto has been struggling to fully realize after Mike Harris's government imposed it?</p> <p>Every time I think this government cannot be more awful, it stoops to new lows.</p>	5-Jul-23	<p>The decision to relocate the Ontario Science Centre (OSC) to Ontario Place is an evaluation of "Alternatives to the Undertaking" or just "Alternatives To" in the Public Work (PW) Class Environmental Assessment (EA) (MOI 2012). "Alternatives to" refers to the different solutions that may be considered to address an identified problem or opportunity. Solutions, for example, could range from "do nothing" (maintaining the current situation), to building a new facility. The PW Class EA framework recognizes that for most Public Work projects, this step occurs as part of another planning or policy decision-making process and thus permits this step to occur outside the EA process. For the OSC, this is the case, and the decision to relocate to Ontario Place was made outside the EA process as part of another Government decision-making process.</p> <p>As per the PW Class EA, any future use of the current OSC is not considered part of the Class EA process for the Public Realm lands.</p> <p>Exhibition Place is in the process of preparing a sitewide Master Plan that would result in the removal of parking spaces in favour of a focus on pedestrians and cyclists. As such, it was determined that a permanent parking supply would not be available for Ontario Place visitors. Parking is required to accommodate all modes of travel to the site and to accommodate a range of site visitors from across the province and of all ages and abilities. Within the Ontario Place lands, 1,301 parking spaces are currently provided to serve the existing uses. While the parking supply is proposed to double from existing conditions, the proposed parking structure is designed to only accommodate up to 10% of visitors arriving to the site by personal automobile during the peak periods. Most remaining visitors are expected to arrive using sustainable modes of travel, including transit, cycling, and walking. As such, the increase in parking supply is considered modest compared to the expected visitors to the site year-round for the proposed uses.</p> <p>The proposed parking solution is only one part of a multi-modal transportation approach. The proposed redevelopment also identifies potential for significant improvements in active transportation facilities—such as planned expansion and upgrade of pedestrian and cycling facilities along the Martin Goodman Trail, extension of the William G. Davis trail and a new waterfront multi-use pathway—and supports greater integration with the broader transit network, protecting for a mobility hub and last-mile connection to the future Ontario Line station. A number of incentive-based and educational-based transportation demand management measures are also being proposed to reduce dependency on single-occupancy vehicle trips and to encourage sustainable modes of travel to the site. A significant shift to more sustainable modes from existing conditions is anticipated for the Ontario Place redevelopment given that key transit and active transportation improvements are planned for the area. This shift to more sustainable travel modes is also supported by the decision to locate intensification at Ontario Place because development within a suburban or exurban location outside downtown Toronto would have resulted in different travel behaviours.</p>	3-Aug-23

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<p>This environmental assessment is a farce. Why is the tenant land not a part of this assessment???? No one wants a private spa on public land, and trying to appease people with a strip of shoreline is a slap in the face. How can this be published without half of the land being considered??? And 800 trees being removed? For real? Why does it need new parking??? What madness and corruption is going on with this deal. So many questions</p>	5-Jul-23	<p>By legislation, private sector developments are not automatically subject to the Environmental Assessment (EA). The Ontario Environmental Assessment Act governs public sector (government-led) developments and provides requirements for the EA process. Tenants, as a private sector party, are thus not subject to the Environmental Assessment Act or the EA process. The leasing of property (which is considered to be disposition) is also exempt under the Environmental Assessment Act and Ontario Regulation 334.</p> <p>The planning framework that applies to private sector developments is the Planning Act and the municipal planning process ((which is also a public process that includes public consultation). In addition, tenants must still obtain all applicable environmental permits (including municipal, provincial and federal).</p> <p>Exhibition Place is in the process of preparing a sitewide Master Plan that would result in the removal of parking spaces in favour of a focus on pedestrians and cyclists. As such, it was determined that a permanent parking supply would not be available for Ontario Place visitors. Parking is required to accommodate all modes of travel to the site and to accommodate a range of site visitors from across the province and of all ages and abilities. Within the Ontario Place lands, 1,301 parking spaces are currently provided to serve the existing uses. While the parking supply is proposed to double from existing conditions, the proposed parking structure is designed to only accommodate up to 10% of visitors arriving to the site by personal automobile during the peak periods. Most remaining visitors are expected to arrive using sustainable modes of travel, including transit, cycling, and walking. As such, the increase in parking supply is considered modest compared to the expected visitors to the site year-round for the proposed uses.</p> <p>The proposed parking solution is only one part of a multi-modal transportation approach. The proposed redevelopment also identifies potential for significant improvements in active transportation facilities—such as planned expansion and upgrade of pedestrian and cycling facilities along the Martin Goodman Trail, extension of the William G. Davis trail and a new waterfront multi-use pathway—and supports greater integration with the broader transit network, protecting for a mobility hub and last-mile connection to the future Ontario Line station. A number of incentive-based and educational-based transportation demand management measures are also being proposed to reduce dependency on single-occupancy vehicle trips and to encourage sustainable modes of travel to the site. A significant shift to more sustainable modes from existing conditions is anticipated for the Ontario Place redevelopment given that key transit and active transportation improvements are planned for the area. This shift to more sustainable travel modes is also supported by the decision to locate intensification at Ontario Place because development within a suburban or exurban location outside downtown Toronto would have resulted in different travel behaviours.</p>	3-Aug-23
<p>Thank you for including us in this very important initiative.</p> <p>We here at SDNR Community Engagement fully approve this project and would like to submit a positive reference from an Indigenous perspective.</p> <p>SDNR Community Engagement was founded at York University and the Schulich School of Business in 2013 and fully incorporated in 2015. Much of our work is thus geared toward building positive working relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples, communities, and organizations.</p>	17-Jul-23	<p>Thank you for taking the time to comment on the draft Environmental Study Report for the Ontario Place Public Realm redevelopment. Your comments will be considered as we finalize the Environmental Study Report. We will continue to work closely with the Indigenous communities during subsequent phases of the project (e.g., detailed design, construction).</p>	31-Jul-23

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Hello & thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed redevelopment of public lands at Ontario Place. As someone who visits the grounds multiple times per week, I feel like I have a fairly good understanding of the land's potential.I'll try to keep this short & concise:• When you “enhance” public land, please take note of the success of Trillium Park. The integration of nature with multi-use trails is fantastic.• While I see a lot of trees in the plan (excellent!) I also suggest planting important pollinator plants crucial to local wildlife as well as migratory animals & insects• Building of a new and (already confirmed) smaller science centre is an abysmal mistake. This is NOT the location for a science centre• Surface & underground parking is another massive mistake and does not acknowledge both Ontario and Caanda’s commitment to a sustainable future. It’s outdated thinking to build infrastructure for cars when a true, forward-thinking planner would know that a location like this should be accessible only through sustainable methods (walking, cycling, public transport – streetcars, etc.) but not cars. Ax soon as I read this I knew the planners had made a horrible mistakeYou have the opportunity to build a truly amazing public space. Your plans aren’t quite there yet. At present, they’re mediocre at best and not nearly as innovative as is needed for Ontario’s future. But the potential is there.The public has been SO clear on many of these points. We’re waiting.	5-Jul-23	Based on best practices used at Trillium Park, a planting strategy will be developed during detailed design and will ensure that trees of a variety of size, age, and species are planted given the unique site conditions. The planting strategy for the site will be supported by engagement with First Nations to identify native species, which will thrive naturally on site for future generations. These commitments are documented in Section 5.6.1, Construction and Operations Monitoring Plans, in the draft Environmental Study Report (ESR) and will be used to guide the detailed design stage which follows the Environmental Assessment (EA) process. The decision to relocate the Ontario Science Centre (OSC) to Ontario Place is an evaluation of “Alternatives to the Undertaking” or just “Alternatives To” in the Public Work (PW) Class Environmental Assessment (EA) (MOI 2012). “Alternatives to” refers to the different solutions that may be considered to address an identified problem or opportunity. Solutions, for example, could range from “do nothing” (maintaining the current situation), to building a new facility (refer to Section 2.1.3 of the draft Environmental Study Report (ESR) for discussion on "Alternatives to"). The PW Class EA framework recognizes that for most Public Work projects, this step occurs as part of another planning or policy decision-making process and thus permits this step to occur outside the EA process. For the OSC, this is the case, and the decision to relocate to Ontario Place was made outside the EA process as part of another Government decision-making process. The decision to relocate the OSC being outside the EA is also noted at the end of Section 6.3.7 of the draft ESR.The Ontario Science Centre will be a smaller more modern facility - leading to efficiencies for maintenance and operations. The current Ontario Science Centre is about 560,000 sq ft.; however, the permanent exhibition space occupies only 20% of the net floor space. As described in Section 4.1.6 and 4.3.6 of the draft Environmental Study Report, the new Ontario Science Centre at Ontario Place will be approximately 275,000 sq. ft. and is broken down as follows: approximately 200,000 sq. ft. new mainland building and 75,000 sq. ft. pods and Cinesphere. The planned new facility will have 10,000 sq. ft. more of permanent exhibition space than the current facility. Regarding parking and transportation, please refer to Section 5.4.5.1 of the draft Environmental Study Report. Parking is required to accommodate all modes of travel to the site and to accommodate a range of site visitors from across the province and of all ages and abilities. While the parking supply is proposed to double from existing conditions, the proposed parking structure is designed to only accommodate up to 10% of visitors arriving to the site by personal automobile during the peak periods. 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Davis trail and a new waterfront multi-use pathway—and supports greater integration with the broader transit network, protecting for a mobility hub and last-mile connection to the future Ontario Line station.Thank you for your interest in the Environmental Study Report for the Ontario Place Public Realm Redevelopment Category C Class Environmental Assessment.	25-Jul-23
I call bull crap, nobody wants this spa project except ford. Hopefully Olivia Chow can put a stop to this fascism. This gov't must be brought to accountability. Furthermore, Ford is fighting so valiantly for this project, makes me wonder. He doesn't fight half as hard for the people of Ontario. Why is this project so important to our non-illustrious premier??\$%\$%	5-Jul-23		

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<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>The Ontario Place EA is an absolute embarrassment. Individual points of analysis are logically flawed, there are conclusions that do not flow from the individual points of analysis, and the EA ignores wide swaths of the actual plan.</p> <p>Anyone involved with this should be ashamed.</p>	6-Jul-23		
<p>I remember the good ol' days of Ontario Place past, enjoying outdoor concerts in the round, roaming the grounds and soaking up the spirited goings on, watching kids play and interact and to this day, still come by for other reasons now, as a respite from the city, yet still being within the city. I went swimming for the first time on the west beach and have returned several times. I like biking around the island, watching planes come and go from the island airport, take in some nature and relax to my hearts content. Yet Ford and his merry bunch of cronies want to quasi legally take it away from those in the majority who are opposed to his lying, corrupt ways. The essential purpose of Ontario Place is under threat, along with other environmental habitats that foster sentient natural life. I am a fierce enemy of those who are in the literal business of replacing essential happiness for profit. Please do not contribute anything to this public scam unless it is to deny these criminals from winning.</p>	14-Jul-23		
<p>Chi miigwech for the draft Environmental Report. We have no questions or concerns at this moment, we will review and if any should arise we will contact your office or add comments.</p> <p>Gichi manaadendamowin</p>	5-Jul-23		
<p>I saw the article published in the Toronto Star on July 4th about the Ontario Place Redevelopment Project on 955 Lake Shore Blvd West. And It made me think first: why am I still reading newspapers and second what a great contribution your job represents. I really wish you the best success on this project hoping it could benefit all the community.</p> <p>God bless you</p>	7-Jul-23		
<p>Please redesign Ontario Place for non human animals. Please reduce the number of trees cut, and design everything to have minimal impact. Please preserve the wetlands and forests on the site. Please only build when birds and other animals are not nesting. Please make all the buildings wildlife friendly. Please work with Toronto Wildlife Centre to protect animals. Please ban the use of rodenticide, cruel methods of bird management, and other lethal wildlife management at Ontario Place. Switch to humane non lethal methods of coexistence and education only. Put in bear proof bins and signs educating about wildlife.</p> <p>https://www.torontowildlifecentre.com A licensed wildlife rehabilitation centre in Toronto.</p>	4-Jul-23	<i>Comment submitted through the Environmental Registry of Ontario with no contact information.</i>	
<p>I could go on an on here, but the summary is that that most people who live here hate this idea (except the ones that will profit from it). I live in Parkdale and i love that little space of land on the waterfront. It's cute as hell and it's a piece of history, not to mention the trees. People use it. They bring their dogs and kids there. They have picnics and they go swimming. Monetizing it and making it accessible only to people who can afford luxury is rude and unfair.</p>	6-Jul-23	<i>Comment submitted through the Environmental Registry of Ontario with no contact information.</i> The public realm and pathways throughout the site, including along the entire shoreline, will be fully publicly accessible at no cost.	

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<p>The environmental assessment has very material omissions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Exclusion of the indoor waterpark which will require large amounts of energy to heat in the winter and cool in the summer.- The impact that adding thousands of parking spots will have on auto usage, congestion, and air quality- The impact a waterpark will have on water treatment and wastewater.- The impact the impervious Therme structure will have on birds, fish, and surrounding aquatic habitat.- The impact the private development will have on the "highly vulnerable aquifer"- The impact the Therme structure and parking lots will have on local flood risk, compared to a permeable park <p>The operating and maintenance costs of the underground parking garage do not seem to consider the ongoing costs of preventing water seepage from the lake.</p> <p>This redevelopment is a horrible desecration of public realm. To build an indoor waterpark and underwater parking garage, instead of enhancing and showcasing the beautiful lakefront that we have, as we march towards climate catastrophe, is a monstrous misuse of public funds, and a squandering of a once in a generation opportunity.</p>	8-Jul-23	<p><i>Comment submitted through the Environmental Registry of Ontario with no contact information.</i></p> <p>Since the establishment of the Environmental Assessment Act in 1975, private sector activity has not been subject to the act unless made subject, in specific instances, by way of a designating regulation or agreement, such as with waste projects like landfills and certain mining projects. Tenants are required to work with relevant authorities to secure all required environmental approvals/permits in advance of any construction works. As such, tenants are responsible for obtaining all relevant provincial and federal approvals required. Across the site, over 43 acres of enhanced parkland and open public space is proposed. Of this, 12 acres of public space is planned on the West Island and will be free and open year-round, including a new public beach, wetlands, picnic facilities, multi-purpose trails, and look out points.</p> <p>As with any major attraction, parking is essential to ensure accessibility to the venue by visitors from across the province.</p> <p>As part of the redevelopment, up to 2,700 spaces are proposed for the whole site. This includes a proposed underground parking garage, as well as surface parking. The final parking solution for the whole site is subject to change pending further review of the development application submitted to the City of Toronto, ongoing design work and the outcome of the current EA process.</p>	
<p>Ontario Place is a special, public asset and the proposed redevelopment is in direct conflict with the principles that Ontario Place was founded on. The proposed redevelopment plan will remove the open, accessible and natural park attributes and convert a disproportionate amount of the land to buildings and hardscaping. This plan is entirely the opposite of what needs to be done with Ontario Place. Trillium Park is the perfect example of how the Ontario Place land can be redeveloped with a focus on nature and people/culture. There was no need to remove the majority of the existing mature trees or create excessively large structures. Trillium Park was integrated into the existing Ontario Place landscape and was true to the original vision.</p> <p>I am completely against the proposed development plan as presented in the ESR. It has completely missed the mark. The built structures have to be dramatically scaled down and the existing mature trees maintained.</p> <p>Thank-you.</p>	24-Jul-23	<p><i>Comment submitted through the Environmental Registry of Ontario with no contact information.</i></p> <p>Ontario Place will always be free to enter. Historically, Ontario Place has included both ticketed, paid attractions nestled within a broader, freely accessible public park. This public-private hybrid model will continue to support the long-term economic sustainability of Ontario Place after its revitalization.</p> <p>These partnerships also unlock significant investments in the public realm. These investments translate into approximately 43 acres of enhanced parkland and open space across Ontario Place, inclusive of 12 acres on the West Island, that will be free and open year-round. Design for these spaces continues to evolve but will include a new public beach, wetlands, picnic facilities, multi-purpose trails, and look out points.</p> <p>Investment from private sector partners is helping the Province to fulfill this promise- investing in Ontario Place's restoration, shoreline improvement, and critical repairs that will not only restore Ontario Place but protect it against flooding, erosion, and deteriorating water quality into the future.</p>	

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<p>This EA process has been flawed from day 1. The entire exploration process of redevelopment possibilities at Ontario Place seems fishy. There were supposedly 30+ different proposals, but the Province refuses to publicize the other proposals. On the surface, that's not a big deal, but when the proposal selected requires a \$500 million parking garage, paid for by the tax base, the tax base should be allowed to see the other options (which presumably required more than \$0.5 billion in subsidies).</p> <p>Additionally, a waterpark and spa is not a financially viable option for long-term prosperity on this site. The lease is 95 years... Ontario Place opened 50 years ago. So this spa is supposed to remain competitive and in high-demand for twice as long, while the original Ontario Place hasn't lasted nearly that long at the same level of popularity. Great Wolf Lodge is entirely privately funded, built on private land, and they're building another location near Cornwall. Therme should buy their own land and pay for their own facility (and necessary parking). That way, taxpayers aren't on the hook at all if the venture doesn't do as well as Therme Group and the Province is anticipating.</p> <p>Ontario Place sits on prime land and is publicly owned. That's rare. So instead of spending hundreds of millions on a garage, why not keep the land in public hands and spend one tenth of that money on revamping Ontario Place as a truly world-class park (akin to NYCs Central Park) with revitalized attractions and amenities for the people of Toronto, the people of Ontario, and everyone who passes through.</p> <p>We have the opportunity to create a legacy-creating public space on our biggest city's waterfront. A tacky waterpark is not going to do that. At best, it will become outdated and underutilized as the decades roll on. At worst, it will fail spectacularly and become a massive, glass scar on the lakeshore.</p> <p>Please, for the sake of us as Ontario residents and taxpayers, consider or at least release the other options.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>	25-Jul-23	<p><i>Comment submitted through the Environmental Registry of Ontario with no contact information.</i></p> <p>The selection of tenants was made outside the Class EA process as part of the "Alternatives To" assessment. Refer to Section 2.1.3 of the ESR.</p> <p>The development partners were selected after extensive consultation and careful consideration, in keeping with the government's goal of revitalizing Ontario Place and restoring it as a family-friendly destination for people from across the province.</p> <p>In 2012, the provincial government convened the Ontario Place Revitalization Panel, led by former mayor John Tory. The panel ultimately identified 18 priorities that should help guide the future of Ontario Place. The panel's work included extensive public consultation with thousands of Ontarians and other key stakeholders.</p> <p>In January 2019, the Government announced its vision for the Ontario Place site: a world-class, year-round destination that will provide people of all ages with something to enjoy.</p> <p>The objective of the Call for Development process was to seek bold development concepts would be able to meet the vision for the site while also being commercially viable and economically sustainable. Any submissions that required subsidies to operating costs were automatically disqualified. Proposals for condos or a casino were expressly not permitted to bid for this opportunity.</p> <p>The Ontario Place Call for Development ran from May to September 2019 and was supported by KPMG and Colliers International as the leads for an international multi-channel marketing campaign. 34 submissions were received from around the world, which were assessed against specific criteria that aligned with the project objectives.</p>	
<p>I would like to see an Environmental Assessment conducted and made public for the lands that are going to be developed for the Therme Spa, the parking garage and the new concert venue. I feel this information needs to be public so all citizens are aware of how their tax dollars are being spent.</p> <p>New beaches should not be created as there are currently beaches that have existed for over 40 years. New wetlands will not be viable for many years at the expense of destroying the former wetlands. This is not efficient and bad for the environment.</p> <p>The creation of a new parking garage for thousands of cars is not in the public interest nor does it adhere to current climate goals for the city or province. The site needs to be fully accessible by efficient public transportation.</p> <p>Taking public land and turning it into private land is not in the public interest. Because this is being carried out with a private developer the process is not transparent. I do not feel a 99 year lease is appropriate and again, not in the public interest. What happens should the company go bankrupt 50 years down the line. The public pays for it.</p> <p>Ontario Place needs to be redeveloped as a public space and be accessible to all.</p>	29-Jul-23	<p><i>Comment submitted through the Environmental Registry of Ontario with no contact information.</i></p> <p>Since the establishment of the Environmental Assessment Act in 1975, private sector activity has not been subject to the act unless made subject, in specific instances, by way of a designating regulation or agreement, such as with waste projects like landfills and certain mining projects</p> <p>Tenants are required to work with relevant authorities to secure all required environmental approvals/permits in advance of any construction works. As such, tenants are responsible for obtaining all relevant provincial and federal approvals required. Across the site, over 43 acres of enhanced parkland and open public space is proposed. Of this, 12 acres of public space is planned on the West Island and will be free and open year-round, including a new public beach, wetlands, picnic facilities, multi-purpose trails, and look out points.</p> <p>As with any major attraction, Parking is required to accommodate all modes of travel to the site and to accommodate a range of site visitors from across the province and of all ages and abilities. While the parking supply is proposed to double from existing conditions, the proposed parking structure is designed to only accommodate up to 10% of visitors arriving to the site by personal automobile during the peak periods. Most remaining visitors are expected to arrive using sustainable modes of travel, including transit, cycling, and walking. As such, the increase in parking supply is considered modest compared to the expected visitors to the site year-round for the proposed uses.</p> <p>The proposed parking solution is only one part of a multi-modal transportation approach. The proposed redevelopment also identifies potential for significant improvements in active transportation facilities and supports greater integration with the broader transit network, protecting for a mobility hub and last-mile connection to the future Ontario Line station.</p>	
<p>Please protect the swans at Ontario Place.</p> <p>https://muteswansociety.org/issues/legal-protection-at-risk/</p>	1-Sep-23	<p><i>Comment submitted through the Environmental Registry of Ontario with no contact information.</i></p>	

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Proponent: Jacobs Consultancy Canada Inc.
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Environmental Assessment
Project : Ontario Place
Location : 955 Lakeshore Blvd. West, Toronto ON

Dear Tom :

Thank you for providing the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM) with the draft Environmental Study Report for the above-referenced project.

MCM's interest in this Environmental Assessment (EA) project relates to its mandate of conserving Ontario's cultural heritage, which includes:

- archaeological resources, including land and marine.
- built heritage resources, including bridges and monuments; and
- cultural heritage landscapes.

Under the EA process, the proponent is required to determine a project's potential impact on known (previously recognized) and potential cultural heritage resources.

As you know, [Standards and Guidelines for Conservation of Provincial Heritage Properties](#) (S&Gs), prepared pursuant to Section 25.2 of the *Ontario Heritage Act* (OHA), came into effect on July 1, 2010. All Ontario government ministries and public bodies that are prescribed under Ontario Regulation 157/10 must comply with the S&Gs. They apply to property that is owned or controlled by the Crown in right of Ontario or by a prescribed public body.

In 2013, MTCS identified Ontario Place as a provincial heritage property of provincial significance.

Project Summary

Infrastructure Ontario is undertaking the Public Works Class Environmental Assessment -Category C (PW Class EA) process to support government led activities of site preparations and site development on the property.

Environmental Study Report

We have reviewed the draft Environmental Study Report (dated June 2023, prepared by Jacobs Consultancy Canada Inc.) and have the following overall comments and recommendations:

- The document should include reference to formal recognition of the property as a provincial heritage property of provincial significance.
- The Statement of Cultural Heritage Value should be included in the Appendices
- Clearly indicate how the Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) was used to support the Environmental assessment.
- Clarify how the EA and sequencing and timing of the of the completion of the HIA and Minister's Consent requests are to be coordinated, noting that the EA can not be concluded prior to the decision by the MCM Minister with regard to the forthcoming request for Minister's Consent for demolition or removal.
- Include the HIA in the Appendices.
- additional revisions are described in the more detailed comments, as attached.

Thank you for consulting MCM on this project and please continue to do so throughout the EA process. If you have any questions or require clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Should previously undocumented archaeological resources be discovered, they may be a new archaeological site and therefore subject to Section 48(1) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*. The proponent or person discovering the archaeological resources must cease alteration of the site immediately and engage a licensed consultant archaeologist to carry out an archaeological assessment, in compliance with Section 48(1) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

The *Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002, S.O. 2002, c.33* requires that any person discovering human remains must

cease all activities immediately and notify the police or coroner. If the coroner does not suspect foul play in the disposition of the remains, in accordance with *Ontario Regulation 30/11* the coroner shall notify the Registrar, Ontario Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery, which administers provisions of that Act related to burial sites. In situations where human remains are associated with archaeological resources, the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism should also be notified (at archaeology@ontario.ca) to ensure that the archaeological site is not subject to unlicensed alterations which would be a contravention of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

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1	Executive Summary Pg. i, par. 1	Ontario Place was originally constructed in the late 1960s using urban fill from other construction projects in Toronto. The site includes three artificially made islands and covers an approximate 155-acre area of land and water. Ontario Place opened in 1971 as a theme park with the Cinesphere and pods, a forum, and three ‘village’ clusters set within a naturalized landscape of canals, lagoons, and a marina. The Children’s Village was added in 1972. Ontario Place was decommissioned in 2012 due to declining attendance and annual financial losses. The Government of Ontario is redeveloping Ontario Place to create a remarkable world-class, year-round destination that will include family-friendly entertainment, public and event spaces, parkland, and waterfront access.	Add a sentence to indicate the heritage recognition of the property under the <i>Ontario Heritage Act</i> : In 2013 the property was recognized by the then Ministry of Tourism, Culture, and Sport (MTCS) as a Provincial Heritage Property of Provincial Significance (PHPPS) under the <i>Ontario Heritage Act (OHA)</i> Part III.1 and the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value for Ontario Place was approved by the Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport.
2	Executive Summary Potential Impacts, Mitigation Measures and Monitoring Plan Pg. viii, par. 1	<p>A qualitative assessment was completed to identify potential environmental, socio-economic, technical, and cultural impacts of the preferred design (that is, preferred undertaking) within the spatial boundaries defined for the Project. The assessment also evaluated Project activities required to carry out the preferred undertaking, and the associated potential impacts. Potential impacts were identified through the results of the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project-specific desktop studies and field investigations • Applicable regulatory requirements • Consultation with Indigenous communities, key stakeholders, review agencies, and the public • Review of the impacts and mitigation measures described in the Category B Site Servicing C&D Report • Professional experience of the assessment team 	<p>Revise the term in the first sentence as follows: A qualitative assessment was completed to identify potential environmental, socio-economic, technical, and the impacts to the cultural <u>heritage</u> resources...</p> <p>Add a bullet to the last section of this paragraph:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>review of the (MCM DM approved Nov. 24th 2022) Strategic Conservation Plan for the Ontario Place property (dated xx, prepared by xx)”</u>.

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3	1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND Pg. 1-1, par. 2	Ontario Place was originally constructed in the late 1960s, using urban fill from other construction projects in Toronto. The site (Figure 1-1) consists of three artificially made islands, linked to the waterfront via a network of plazas, bridges, and pathways. The entire property covers an approximate 155-acre area of land and water. In 1971, Ontario Place opened as a theme park with the Cinesphere and pods, a forum, and three 'village' clusters set within a naturalized landscape of canals, lagoons, and a marina. The Children's Village was added in 1972. Ontario Place was decommissioned in 2012 due to declining attendance and annual financial losses.	See comments #1. Please include the statement reflecting the status of the heritage recognition.
4	2. Approach and Methodology 2.2 Approach to the Design Pg. 2-6	The redeveloped Ontario Place will offer (...) and approached this redevelopment with the following goals: (...) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respect heritage features, including the pods and Cinesphere. • Respect and enhance the cultural heritage landscape of public open spaces. 	The current goals related to cultural heritage should be revised to align with the current cultural heritage framework, including terminology, and the approved Strategic Conservation Plan, as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Conserve the property's cultural heritage value or interest while managing changes in accordance with the approved Strategic Conservation Plan.</u>
5	2.3 Project Team Table 2.3 Project Team Pg. 2-7	Consultants and Subconsultants	Please include the subconsultant responsible for (land and marine) archaeology and cultural heritage.
6	2.5 Consultation Overview		Where appropriate, and to avoid duplication, common process elements, such as preparation of

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	Pg. 2-8 to 2.9		<p>a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) and the requirement for public or community engagement, may be coordinated, while ensuring that the requirements of the S&Gs are met.</p> <p>Please clarify whether one of the objectives was also to avoid duplication of engagement requirements while preparing a Heritage Impact Assessment.</p>
7	3. EXISTING CONDITIONS 3.4 Cultural Environment Pg. 3-21	Cultural heritage resources can include archaeological, built, and cultural landscapes.	<p>The cultural environment includes more than cultural heritage resources, as reflected in the ESR, e.g., Indigenous culture, arts etc.</p> <p>Text should also be revised to align with the current cultural heritage framework, including terminology.</p> <p>The subsections should be revised as follows:</p> <p>3.4.1 <u>Cultural heritage resources</u></p> <p>Cultural heritage resources can include archaeological <u>resources</u> <u>(both marine and terrestrial)</u>, built <u>heritage resources</u>, and cultural <u>heritage</u> landscapes.</p>

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			<p>In 2013 the property was recognized by the then Ministry of Tourism, Culture, and Sport (MTCS) as a Provincial Heritage Property of Provincial Significance (PHPPS) under the Ontario Heritage Act (OHA) Part III.1 and the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value for Ontario Place was approved by the Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Tourism Culture and Sport (see Appendix X).</p> <p>[the following text was moved from current section 3.4.3 but should be included here.] Ontario Place is listed on the City of Toronto's Municipal Heritage Register and remains a rare and intact expression of integrated architecture and engineering within a natural setting.</p> <p>Ontario Place is not designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, part of a conservation district under Part V of the Ontario Heritage Act, or subject to a municipal heritage</p>

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			<p>easement of subject to an Ontario Heritage Trust easement.</p> <p><u>3.4.1.1 Archaeological Resources</u> <u>3.4.1.2 Built Heritage Resources and Cultural Heritage Landscapes</u></p> <p><u>3.4.2 Indigenous Culture</u></p> <p><u>3.4.3 Arts and Culture</u></p>
8	<p>3.4.1 Archaeology Pg. 3-21 to 3-22 Par. 1-5</p>		<p>This section will now become 3.4.1.1. – See comment 7 above.</p> <p>Please revise this section to include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A brief overview of all the stages of archaeological assessment undertaken (e.g., Stage 1, 2, 3, 4) - The objective of that stage of assessment (e.g., A Stage 1 AA is a background study to determine area(s) of archaeological potential, a Stage 2 AA is a property assessment to determine whether archaeological resources might be present etc.)

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The outcomes (conclusions and recommendations) of the AA are to be articulated in the ESR. If archaeological potential or resources are present, the AA would recommend further archaeological assessment to be undertaken (up to a Stage 4). If there is no archaeological potential or resources present the AA would clearly state that the area specified (and mapped) has no further archaeological concerns. NOTE: The conclusions/recommendations are typically included in the Executive Summary of the AA and should be reiterated (cut and paste) in the ESR. - If the Stage 1 AA determined that the study area includes areas of archaeological potential, the ESR will include the map(s) from the AA report showing those areas. - The AA report(s) and MCM letter(s) indicating that the report(s) has been entered into the Ontario Public Register of Archaeological

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			<p>Reports should be appended to the EPR.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If through a Stage 2 or 3 AA an archaeological site(s) has been identified the site location is considered sensitive information and is not to be made public. To this end, the licensed archaeologist is required to record sensitive data, such as site location, in a separate Supplementary Documentation report. A Supplementary Documentation Report should not be appended to the ESR. - Project Information Form (PIF) numbers <p>We recommend that the first paragraph be deleted and the following text be included:</p> <p><u>A Stage 1 archaeological assessment (under Project Information Form number P349-044-2012 was completed for Ontario Place (Timmins Martelle Heritage Consultants Inc. 2012; Appendix D) and has been entered into the Ontario Public Register of Archaeological</u></p>

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			<p><u>Reports maintained by MCM.</u> A Stage 1 AA consists of a review of geographic, land use and historical information for the property and the relevant surrounding area, a property visit to inspect its current condition and contacting MCM to find out whether, or not, there are any known archaeological sites on or near the property. Its purpose is to identify areas of archaeological potential and further archaeological assessment (e.g., Stage 2-4) as necessary.</p> <p><i>Include the outcomes and recommendations of the report, as in Executive Summary. Please do not summarize.</i></p> <p>A Stage 2 archaeological <u>assessment</u> (under Project Information Form number P349-103-2013 <u>was completed based on the recommendations outlined in the Stage 1 Assessment</u> (Timmins Martelle Heritage Consultants Inc. 2014); Appendix D) and has been entered into the <u>Ontario Public Register of Archaeological Reports</u></p>

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			<p><u>maintained by MCM.</u> A Stage 2 AA consists of the consultant archaeologist conducting a general survey of the whole property to identify all archaeological resources that may be present. If archaeological sites are identified, Stage 3 assessment is required.</p> <p><i>Include the outcomes and recommendations of the report, as in Executive Summary. Please do not summarize.</i></p> <p>A Stage 1 Marine Archaeological Assessment (<u>under License number 2022-25</u>) has been completed for the water lots associated with Ontario Place (LHC Heritage Planning and Archaeology Inc 2022; Appendix D) and has been entered into the Ontario Public Register of Archaeological Reports maintained by MCM. A marine archaeological assessment consists of the identification, evaluation and protection of marine archaeological resources and is undertaken for project</p>

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			<p>areas that include fully or partially submerged areas of the property.</p> <p><i>Include the outcomes and recommendations of the report, as in Executive Summary. Please do not summarize.</i></p>
9	3.4.3 Cultural Heritage Pg. 3-22. Par.1	<p>: The Statement of Cultural Heritage Value was approved by the Deputy Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport (Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport 2013), as noted in the following statement: “the cultural heritage landscape at Ontario Place remains a modernist expression of integrated architecture, engineering and landscape that honours and incorporates the natural setting of Lake Ontario.” The Statement of Cultural Heritage Value identifies heritage attributes that contribute to the cultural heritage value or interest of Ontario Place. The heritage attributes include built features, landscapes, and views as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Pavilion (which includes the pods complex, main entrance, and Cinesphere) • Village clusters surrounding public plazas • Water features, including the Marina, Pavilion Bay, and the inner channel • Marina buildings and the lighthouse • Physical and experiential relationships between land and water as represented by different shoreline treatments • Pathways, trails, and bridges and the views from these • Water circulation routes, including canals and lagoons • The multiple microclimates associated with the water ways and landforms 	<p>This section will now become 3.4.1.2. Built Heritage Resources and Cultural Heritage Landscapes – See comment 7 above.</p> <p>See comment # 7 – Reference to the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value should be included earlier and the full Statement be included either in this Section or in an Appendix.</p> <p>Please delete the first paragraph.</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Views of the lake and to the Pavilion 	
10	3.4.3 Cultural Heritage Pg. 3-22. Par.2	As of March 2023, the identified heritage attributes were still present on Ontario Place but varied in physical condition. For example, the village clusters and many of the pathways throughout Ontario Place had been impacted by recent flooding.	<p>This section will now become 3.4.1.2. Built Heritage Resources and Cultural Heritage Landscapes – See comment 7 above.</p> <p>Please include the following text to this paragraph:</p> <p>Further assessment of the existing conditions of the property and its identified heritage attributes is discussed in the Heritage Impact Assessment (dated xx, prepared by xx, Appendix x) which was prepared to support the present undertaking (Category C EA) as well the Category B undertaking and the Planning Act application.</p> <p>Cite the Section of the HIA that discusses the conditions of the heritage attributes on the property.</p>
11	3.4.3 Cultural Heritage Pg. 3-23. Par.3	According to the Provincial Standards and Guidelines for Provincial Heritage Properties, a Strategic Conservation Plan has been developed (Stevens Burgess Architects Ltd. 2022) and was approved by the Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism in November 2022. The purpose of the Strategic Conservation Plan is to provide guidance and strategies on the ongoing management of the cultural heritage value and heritage attributes of the site. The Strategic	<p>Please revise the text to align with the current cultural heritage framework, including terminology, as follows:</p> <p>According to the Provincial Standards and Guidelines for</p>

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		Conservation Plan identifies built heritage features requiring conservation strategies (Table 3-2).	<p><u>Conservation of</u> Provincial Heritage Properties, a Strategic Conservation Plan has been developed (Stevens Burgess Architects Ltd. 2022) and was approved by the Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism in November 2022. The purpose of the Strategic Conservation Plan is to provide guidance <u>on conserving, maintaining, using and disposing of a provincial heritage property.</u></p> <p><u>A Strategic Conservation Plan documents how the requirements found in the S&Gs will be addressed and implemented in the management of a specific property, it is a framework for decision-making. It articulates the overall objectives and goals for a provincial heritage property, explains how the property's cultural heritage value or interest will be conserved, and sets out strategies to guide decision-making to achieve those goals. (Reference: Information Bulletin 2: Strategic Conservation Plans for Provincial Heritage Properties, MCM January 2017).</u> and strategies on the ongoing</p>

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			<p>management of the cultural heritage value and heritage attributes of the site. The Strategic Conservation Plan identifies built heritage features requiring conservation strategies (Table 3-2).</p> <p>Please delete Table 3-3 as the Statement should be included earlier – See comment 7 above.</p>
12	3.4.3 Cultural Heritage Pg. 3-24. Par.4	Consistent with guidance in the Strategic Conservation Plan for Ontario Place and with the Provincial Standards and Guidelines for Provincial Heritage Properties, a Heritage Impact Assessment has also been prepared (ERA Architects Inc. 2022). That assessment evaluated the potential impact of redevelopment activities on cultural heritage attributes, and provided mitigation measures to reduce impacts to the cultural heritage value of Ontario Place.	<p>Please revise the text to align with the current cultural heritage framework, including terminology, as follows:</p> <p>Consistent with <u>the requirements</u> guidance in the Strategic Conservation Plan for Ontario Place and with the Provincial Standards and Guidelines for <u>Conservation of</u> Provincial Heritage Properties, a Heritage Impact Assessment has also been prepared (ERA Architects Inc. 2022, <u>Appendix X</u>). <u>The purpose of the HIA is to determine the impacts of proposed activities on a provincial heritage property. It will recommend options and mitigation measures, consistent</u></p>

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			<u>with the property's Strategic Conservation Plan, in order</u> That assessment evaluated the potential impact of redevelopment activities on cultural heritage attributes, and provided mitigation measures to reduce impacts, and conserve a property's to the cultural heritage value or interest of Ontario Place. (Information Bulletin 3: Heritage Impact Assessments for Provincial Heritage Properties, MCM January 2017)
13	3.4.3 Cultural Heritage Pg. 3-24. Par.5, 6	From a municipal perspective, Ontario Place is listed on the City of Toronto's Municipal Heritage Register and remains a rare and intact expression of integrated architecture and engineering within a natural setting. Ontario Place is not designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, part of a conservation district under Part V of the Ontario Heritage Act, or subject to a municipal heritage easement of subject to an Ontario Heritage Trust easement.	Please delete these paragraphs and move into section 3.4.1 – see comment 7 above.
14	3.5 Built and Visual Environment Pg. 3-25 .	There are 94 buildings located at Ontario Place, most of which date back to the 1970s. The Project footprint includes some aging buildings, including washroom facilities, administration and maintenance buildings, and entrance huts. It provides vehicular, pedestrian, and cycling pathways. Existing infrastructure (for example, the Cinesphere and pod complex) is currently being updated to protect infrastructure that will remain onsite throughout and after redevelopment activities. Maintenance	Please include a paragraph to link to Section 3.4.1 Cultural Heritage Resources: Some of the existing buildings and structures are identified heritage attributes under the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value. Please refer to Section 3.4.1 – Cultural

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		and repair work will be ongoing to stabilize and prevent further deterioration while redevelopment activities progress.	Heritage Resources and the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value. Please clarify what is meant by “visual environment”.
	4.1 Alternative Methods of Carrying Out the Undertaking Pages 4-1 to 4-2	For most of the Ontario Place public realm redevelopment, the “alternative methods” that were under consideration relate to design. The Project footprint covers a large area, so to help identify and navigate design concepts (alternatives), the public realm area was divided into five different zones. Two design concepts were created for each zone to show how the Government of Ontario’s vision, and feedback from the public, Indigenous communities, and stakeholders, could be realized onsite. The design concept also aimed to resolve key issues impacting the site (these are listed for each zone in Sections 4.1.1 to 4.1.4 and 4.1.7 of this ESR). The design concepts were initially presented to the public, Indigenous communities, and stakeholders for comment in October 2022 at Engagement Event 2, as well as other meetings held with Indigenous communities and technical agencies. The development of the two design concepts also took into consideration feedback received as part of the virtual public visioning exercise (Engagement Event 1, held in April 2022) along with early consultation with Indigenous communities, the City of Toronto and other stakeholders (as detailed in Section 6) on the redevelopment of the public realm lands.	Heading of chart should read Design Options not Concepts. Explain how the design options took into the account the results of the HIA and requirements of the SCP and how these requirements were communicated to the public, Indigenous communities, and stakeholders for comment to finalize the design options.
15	4.2 Evaluation of the Design Concepts Pg. 4-16	Each design concept was evaluated using the objectives listed for the following categories (environments) to identify and manage potential effects of the design concepts: (...) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cultural environment 	Please review the bullet on Cultural environment to align with section 3.4.1 and the current cultural heritage framework – see comment above:

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Built Heritage: Conserve and promote the cultural heritage value and attributes of the property, including built heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes per the Ontario Place Strategic Conservation Plan - Built Heritage: Conserve and promote the cultural heritage value and attributes of the property, including built heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes - Indigenous Cultural: Reflect Indigenous perspectives - Indigenous Cultural: Respect and reflect treaty history and current cultural landscapes.... <p>Each objective also consists of supporting criteria. Appendix F provides the full evaluation criteria table. Using a qualitative, rationale-based assessment, the indicators for each criterion were used to measure how well design elements met the Project objectives and vision, which was reflected in the evaluation objectives.</p> <p>Table F-1.3. Evaluation Criteria for the Cultural Environment.</p> <table> <tr> <th>Objective:</th><th>Criteria</th><th>Indicator</th><th>Measure/Parameter</th></tr> <tr> <td><u>Built Heritage:</u> Conserve and promote the cultural heritage value and attributes of the property, including built heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes</td><td>Compatible with identified built heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes</td><td>Ability to conserve and promote identified built heritage features and cultural heritage landscapes</td><td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meets conservation strategies to reduce negative impacts of the proposed concept on cultural heritage resources and landscapes. </td></tr> </table>	Objective:	Criteria	Indicator	Measure/Parameter	<u>Built Heritage:</u> Conserve and promote the cultural heritage value and attributes of the property, including built heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes	Compatible with identified built heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes	Ability to conserve and promote identified built heritage features and cultural heritage landscapes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meets conservation strategies to reduce negative impacts of the proposed concept on cultural heritage resources and landscapes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural environment - <u>Cultural heritage resources – Provincial heritage property:</u> Conserve and promote the cultural heritage value and heritage attributes of the property as identified in the SCHV (see page xx) in alignment with the approved Strategic Conservation Plan (dated xxxx).
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		as per Ontario Place Strategic Conservation Plan				
		<u>Built Heritage</u> : Conserve and promote the cultural heritage value and attributes of the property, including built heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes	Compatibility with the original vision for Ontario Place (Hough design)	Preservation and/or restoration of existing shoreline and shoreline amenities, landforms and ecological habitat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Implement Hough topography principles ▪ Enhance public access to waterfront ▪ Reintroduction of a destination marina environment 	
16	4.2 Evaluation of the Design Concepts Pg. 4-18	Table 4-2: Evaluation Criteria for Parking 3 rd row: Cultural Environment Compatibility with existing cultural heritage attributes. and Table 4-3: Evaluation Criteria for the OSC Cultural Environment Compatibility with existing cultural heritage attributes. Table 4-4. Water's Edge Evaluation Summary Cultural Environment Preferred Less Preferred Does not retain heritage attributes in situ but has Does not retain heritage attributes in situ and				The criteria for the Cultural Environment should read as follows: Compatibility with <u>the cultural heritage value or interest of the property and identified existing</u> cultural heritage attributes. Include criteria to address the other aspects of the cultural environment, i.e., indigenous culture, arts.

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		<p>greater potential to integrate the Hough principles while maximizing the opportunity for the public to be near the water.</p> <p>Preferred</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greater flood protection <i>Conservation Strategies for climate Change from the strategic Conservation Plan</i>) with the entire shoreline a hard shoreline. Existing art on site could be relocated to this zone. <p>Cultural Environment</p> <p>Less Preferred</p> <p>Hard shoreline reduces ability to protect or enhance habitat as requested by Indigenous feedback. Modification to design provides some opportunity for vegetation and to plant</p>	<p>limits proximity to the lake and does not integrate Hough principles.</p> <p>Less Preferred</p> <p>Shoreline is mix of hard and soft shoreline, which reduces flood protection opportunity.</p> <p>Preferred</p> <p>Slightly greater opportunity to integrate feedback from Indigenous communities because there is a combination of hard and soft shoreline to protect or enhance habitat and</p>	

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		culturally significant plant species.	provides more area to plant cultural	
18	4.3.1 Water's Edge Evaluation Table 4-4. Water's Edge Evaluation Summary Pg. 4-21	<p>Cultural Environment</p> <p>Preferred Does not retain heritage attributes in situ but has greater potential to integrate the Hough principles while maximizing the opportunity for the public to be near the water.</p> <p>Preferred ▪ Greater flood protection (<i>Conservation Strategies for Climate Change from the Strategic Conservation Plan</i>) with the entire shoreline a hard shoreline. Existing art on site should be relocated to this zone.</p>	<p>Less Preferred Does not retain heritage attributes in situ and limits proximity to the lake and does not integrate Hough principles.</p> <p>Less Preferred Shoreline is mix of hard and soft shoreline, which reduces flood protection opportunity.</p>	<p>See comment 7 above. Please include subsections to address all aspects of the cultural environment discussed in Section 3.4.1.</p> <p>For Cultural Heritage Resources, include the SCP Conservation Strategy referenced in this section. Explain how this conservation strategy is being integrated here.</p>
19	4.3.2 Marina Evaluation Table 4-5. Marina Evaluation Summary Pg. 4-25	<p>Cultural Environment</p> <p>Less Preferred Provides some opportunity to integrate input from Indigenous communities (for</p>	<p>Preferred Provides greater opportunity to integrate feedback and design concepts from Indigenous communities into the overall design concept (for example,</p>	<p>See comment 7 above. Please include subsections to address all aspects of the cultural environment discussed in Section 3.4.1.</p> <p>For Cultural Heritage Resources, include the SCP Conservation</p>

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		example, Welcome Bridge, art).		Pavilion, Welcome Bridge, art).	Strategy referenced in this section. Explain how that conservation strategy is being integrated here.
		Preferred Meets the same amount of conservation strategies as Concept B.		Preferred Meets the same amount of conservation strategies as Concept A.	
		<i>Cultural Environment Preference</i>	Less Preferred	Preferred Provides greater opportunity to integrate feedback from Indigenous communities and to integrate principles from the	
20	4.3.3 Brigantine Cove Evaluation Table 4-6. Brigantine Cove Evaluation Summary Pg. 4-31	Cultural Environment	Preferred Does not retain heritage attributes in situ, however proposed mitigation measures in the design meet a number of conservation strategies as outlined in the <i>Strategic Conservation Plan</i> . Existing artwork on site could be relocated to this zone.	Preferred Does not retain heritage attributes in situ, however proposed mitigation measures in the design meet a number of conservation strategies as outlined in the <i>Strategic Conservation Plan</i> . Existing artwork on site could be relocated to this zone.	See comment 7 above. Please include subsections to address all aspects of the cultural environment discussed in Section 3.4.1. For Cultural Heritage Resources, expand and explain with which conservation Strategies as outlined in the SCP – Section 4 the proposed mitigation aligns. Explain if these preferred measure are consistent with the HIA.

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		<p>Preferred reinstates the original Hough edge.</p> <p>Less Preferred Less vegetation and more open space limits integration of Indigenous communities' feedback, design principles and programming.</p> <p><i>Cultural Environment Preference</i></p> <p>Less Preferred</p>	<p>Preferred Greater opportunity to provide restoration of Hough lookouts.</p> <p>Preferred Greater integration of feedback from Indigenous communities and integration of Indigenous design principles and programming.</p> <p>Preferred Greater vegetation, greenspace and integration with Indigenous communities' design principles and programming.</p>	
21	4.3.4 Mainland Evaluation Table 4-7. Mainland Evaluation Summary Pg. 4-35	<p>Cultural Environment</p> <p>Preferred Both concepts do not require the removal of existing heritage attributes and meet conservation strategies equally. Artwork could be relocated east of the Central Entrance.</p>	<p>Preferred Both concepts do not require the removal of existing heritage attributes and meet conservation strategies equally. Artwork could be relocated east of the Central Entrance.</p>	<p>See comment 7 above. Please include subsections to address all aspects of the cultural environment discussed in Section 3.4.1.</p> <p>For Cultural Heritage Resources, expand and explain with which conservation Strategies as outlined in the SCP – Section 4</p>

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		<p>Cultural Environment</p> <p>Preferred Includes more tree canopy areas around public amenity space, supporting Hough’s vision of having tree canopy on site. Includes a “Cloud Gateway” that is an interpretation of the original park features.</p> <p>Less Preferred Will increase trees and vegetation compared to existing conditions.</p> <p><i>Cultural Environment Preference</i></p>	<p>Preferred Includes integration of more trees and vegetation that support Hough’s vision of having tree canopy on site.</p> <p>Preferred Provides the most area for increasing greenspace which is preferred by Indigenous communities.</p> <p>Preferred Provides more opportunity to incorporate feedback from</p>		<p>the proposed mitigation is aligned. Explain if these preferred measures are consistent with the HIA.</p>
22	4.3.5 Parking Evaluation Table 4-8. Parking	<p>Cultural Environment</p>	<p>Less Preferred Depending on type of parking structure potential to restrict or</p>	<p>Preferred No impact on heritage views.</p>	<p>See comment 7 above. Please include subsections to address all aspects of the cultural</p>

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	Pg. 4-47	<p><i>Cultural Environment Preference</i></p> <p>Preferred Preferred</p> <p>OVERALL PREFERENCE Preferred</p> <p>Locating the OSC building on the Mainland at P1 provides the best access to public transit and parking and allows for the direct integration of the OSC with the pods and Cinesphere (where additional OSC programming is planned). This location is highly visible and creates an opportunity to incorporate the OSC as a gateway to Ontario Place. Visual impacts on the cultural heritage landscape and impacts to birds can be mitigated through appropriate height/massing and design of the building.</p>	expand and explain with which conservation Strategies as outlined in the SCP – Section 4 the proposed mitigation steps align. Explain if these preferred measures are consistent with the HIA.
25	4.3.6 Ontario Science Centre Evaluation Table 4-11. OSC Evaluation Step Two: Height and Massing Alternatives Pg. 4-49	<div> <div>Cultural Environment</div> <div> <p>Least Preferred</p> <p>This alternative has the largest footprint, which in turn presents the greatest potential obstruction to views of Ontario Place and Lake Ontario beyond.</p> </div> <div> <p>Preferred</p> <p>While taller than the low alternative, this alternative has a smaller footprint which could reduce the impact on views to the pods and Cinesphere.</p> </div> <div> <p>Preferred</p> <p>While this is the tallest alternative, it also has the smallest footprint, which could reduce the impact on views to the pods and Cinesphere.</p> </div> </div> <div> <p><i>Preference</i></p> <p>Least Preferred Preferred Preferred</p> <p>Reduces impact on views to the</p> </div>	<p>See comment 7 above. Please include subsections to address all aspects of the cultural environment discussed in Section 3.4.1.</p> <p>For Cultural Heritage Resources, expand and explain with which conservation Strategies as outlined in the SCP – Section 4 the proposed mitigation steps align. Explain if these preferred measures are consistent with the HIA.</p>

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		<p style="text-align: right;">pods and Cinesphere. pods and Cinesphere.</p> <p>As Tables 4-10 and 4-11 show, the preferred alternative for the OSC main building is to have a medium (3 to 6 storeys; up to 55% P1 site coverage) building within P1 (existing parking lot to the west of the central gateway) on the Mainland. The main building includes connections to the underground parking lot for easy access and a connection to the existing pods and Cinesphere, which are repurposed to form part of the OSC. Based on the preferred alternative, a conceptual building footprint for a four-storey building is shown on Figure 418.</p>			
26	4.3.7 Forum Evaluation Table 4-12. Forum Evaluation Summary Pg. 4-54	Cultural Environment	<p>Preferred Does not require the removal of existing heritage attributes, meets conservation strategies and provides a large, flexible area that will accommodate activities such as Indigenous festivals. Has the potential to include educational and ecological artwork.</p> <p>Preferred Provides an opportunity for increasing native vegetation and biodiversity around the zone.</p>	<p>Preferred Does not require the removal of existing heritage attributes, meets conservation strategies and provides a large, flexible area that will accommodate activities such as Indigenous festivals. Has the potential to include educational and ecological artwork.</p> <p>Preferred Provides an opportunity for increasing native vegetation and biodiversity around the zone.</p>	<p>See comment 7 above. Please include subsections to address all aspects of the cultural environment discussed in Section 3.4.1.</p> <p>For Cultural Heritage Resources, expand and explain with which conservation Strategies as outlined in the SCP – Section 4 the proposed mitigation steps are aligned. Explain if these preferred measures are consistent with the HIA.</p>

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		<p><i>Cultural Environment Preference</i> Preferred Preferred</p> <p>Both concepts provide the same cultural environment benefits. Both concepts provide the same cultural environment benefits.</p>	
27	4.4 Review of Identified Concerns Pg. 4-58	<p>4.4 Review of Identified Concerns</p> <p>Issues and concerns raised by the public, Indigenous communities, and stakeholders were considered in the selection of the preferred undertaking. Section 6.3 provides details on raised issues and concerns and how they were addressed or incorporated, which are summarized here.</p> <p>Issues and concerns raised during the visioning phase of the Project (during Engagement Event 1 in spring 2022) were considered in the development of design concepts for the public realm. Some of these concerns include:</p> <p>(...)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain site history and heritage conservation. <p>(...)</p> <p>The design team incorporated elements into the design concepts that addressed these concerns, as applicable or where feasible.</p>	Please revise text to explain how maintaining site history and heritage conservation was addressed when the 'design team incorporated elements into the design concepts that addressed these concerns.
28	5.1 Description of the Preferred Undertaking Pg. 5-1	<p>5.1 Description of the Preferred Undertaking</p> <p>(...) The overall preferred public realm design also seeks to create a centrepiece for Ontario's heritage, tourism, recreation, and culture. Apart from the retained and restored pods and Cinesphere, the design does not retain any existing heritage attributes in situ. However, mitigation measures are included to reduce the impacts and conserve the site's cultural heritage. This includes representing features from the original Michael Hough and Eb Zeidler design in the preferred public realm design, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Stone waterfront lookouts ☐ Landforms to shield the wind ('microclimates') ☐ A range of shoreline typologies 	Please be clear and precise about what will be demolished and/or removed, what will be retained and/or rehabilitated, etc.

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		<p> <input type="checkbox"/> A hierarchy of public pathways <input type="checkbox"/> The balance of large open spaces with intimate wooded spaces <input type="checkbox"/> The Zeidler pavilions (these are being reimagined within the Marina) <input type="checkbox"/> The Zeidler-designed pods and Cinesphere (these are being protected and restored as part of the Early Works Repairs project) <input type="checkbox"/> The Eric McMillian Children's Play Village (being reimaged) Appendix G provides images of the original Zeidler and Hough-designed Ontario Place that were used as inspiration in developing the public realm design.of the ESR), the MOI has approved the proposed design and methods for achieving the undertaking including plans, site requirements, system components, and staging as the preferred undertaking for the Project. To implement this Project, the MOI has approved the following activities as part of the preferred undertaking: <input type="checkbox"/> Property Management and Development - Provision of design services: for the overall public realm lands - Construction of the overall design of the public realm, including items such as: new trails, small beach areas, boardwalks, gateway monuments, and play areas, as outlined in the preferred design - Construction activities on the land related to the public realm design (construction laydown or staging areas) - Construction of new facilities, including washrooms, a new OSC building and a permanent Cultural Pavilion structure that provides an indoor space for, but not limited to, workshops and events that could be put on by Indigenous communities - Construction of permanent restaurant(s) and supporting infrastructure, likely to be located within the Marina or Mainland zones - Construction of a permanent structure to accommodate parking of a large number of bicycles, likely to be located on the Mainland zone - Design of the public realm to accommodate updating of the pedestrian bridges used to link Exhibition Place with Ontario Place - Construction of new sculptural structures at the Central Gateway and East Gateway - Reconstruction of the eastern surface parking lot (P2) and construction of a new </p>	

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		<p>underground parking structure to the west (under the existing P1) on the Mainland - Relocation of artwork and a monument</p> <p>- Removal or demolition of all physical heritage attributes within the public realm area, including demolition of the following structures (done in phases over time): - Demolition of landscape features, such as lighting poles, benches and furnishing, fencing, paving and hardscaping, signs and wayfinding elements, and temporary buildings and structures - In-water works for shoreline rehabilitation and enhancement along the southern shoreline of the east island and the Mainland - Floating wetland creation within Brigantine Cove - Excavation of the eastern causeway and construction of a new bridge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ P1 and P2 entrance kiosks and Haida P2A Kiosk ▪ East Marina Village building ▪ Marina West Village building ▪ Marina West washroom ▪ Marina North washrooms ▪ Marina Northeast building ▪ Marina East washroom ▪ Marina East tuck shop ▪ Marina East lighthouse ▪ East Island south building ▪ East Island south washroom ▪ Echo Beach Bar ▪ Entrance Plaza Hut ▪ Entrance Retail ▪ Centre Entrance Offices ▪ Entrance Gate Structure ▪ Eastern Causeway ▪ Centre Entrance Guest Services ▪ River Walk Washroom ▪ Live Nation structures 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Maintenance building ▪ Administration building ▪ Water slide tower -Demolition of landscape features, such as lighting poles, benches and furnishing, fencing, paving and hardscaping, signs and wayfinding elements, and temporary buildings and structures - In-water works for shoreline rehabilitation and enhancement along the southern shoreline of the east island and the Mainland - Floating wetland creation within Brigantine Cove - Excavation of the eastern causeway and construction of a new bridge - Creation of a break in the hill on the south end of the Forum to increase views of Lake Ontario - Maintenance and landscaping of grounds: once the public realm design has been implemented	
29	5.4.4 Cultural Environment Table 5-12. Potential Impacts, Mitigation Measures, and Net Effects of the Project on the Cultural Environment Pg. 5-52		See comment 7 above. Please include subsections to address all aspects of the cultural environment discussed in Section 3.4.1. Please revise the rows as follows: Environment or Element: Archaeology <i>Potential Impacts:</i> Disturbance <u>or destruction</u> of previously unidentified archaeological resources. <i>Spatial Boundary:</i> Not applicable — the potential to discover archaeological resources is low

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			<p>based on studies conducted at the Project footprint- <i>Mitigation/Monitoring Measures:</i> Not applicable.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Include provisions in contract to stop construction in areas where previously unidentified archaeological resources are discovered during construction.</u> • <u>Should previously undocumented archaeological resources be discovered, they may be a new archaeological site and therefore subject to Section 48(1) of the Ontario Heritage Act. The proponent or person discovering the archaeological resources must cease alteration of the site immediately and engage a licensed consultant archaeologist to carry out an archaeological assessment, in compliance with Section 48(1) of the Ontario Heritage Act.</u> • <u>The Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002, S.O. 2002, c.33 requires that any person discovering human remains must cease</u>

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			<p><u>all activities immediately and notify the police or coroner. If the coroner does not suspect foul play in the disposition of the remains, in accordance with Ontario Regulation 30/11 the coroner shall notify the Registrar, Ontario Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery, which administers provisions of that Act related to burial sites. In situations where human remains are associated with archaeological resources, the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism should also be notified (at archaeology@ontario.ca) to ensure that the archaeological site is not subject to unlicensed alterations which would be a contravention of the <i>Ontario Heritage Act</i>.</u></p> <p><i>Net Effects:</i> Not applicable.</p>
30	5.4.4 Cultural Environment	Table 5-12. Environment or Element: Built and Cultural Landscapes	<p>Environment or Element: Built <u>Heritage Resources</u> and Cultural Heritage <u>Landscapes</u></p>

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	Table 5-12. Potential Impacts, Mitigation Measures, and Net Effects of the Project on the Cultural Environment Pg. 5-53		<p><i>Potential Impacts:</i> <u>Displacement</u> Disruption of cultural <u>built</u> heritage resources <u>and/or cultural heritage landscapes by</u> including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal and alteration of waterbodies and landscape features (including mature trees) • Demolition and removal of <u>heritage attributes</u> contributing built features (including the Village, Clusters, Bridge 6, Marina East Light House) • Alteration of views to the Pavilion • Obstructions within the Approach Vistas, • Replacement of sequential views on West Island with new views on new landscapes and look-outs, • Alteration to sequential views in the East Island from updates to structures and realignment of paths, and • New views created at various new landscapes proposed on the West Island and East Island public realm.


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			<p>(Reference: View Study undertaken by ERA to support the HIA)</p> <p>Confirm following bullet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential reduction of the prominence of the pods and Cinesphere due to the disruption of resources by the introduction of physical, visual, audible or atmospheric elements that are not in keeping with the character and setting of the cultural heritage resource. <p><i>Spatial Boundary:</i> Local study area.</p> <p><i>Mitigation/Monitoring Measures:</i> These bullets will need to be revised to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clarify the sequence of activities: HIA and Minister's consent. Please note that the EA should not be deemed approved until the MCM Minister has made its decision related to the consent of demolition and removal, it would be in contempt of ministerial decision.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Under the Net Effects column, clearly state that there will be negative impacts to the cultural heritage value or interest of the property and its heritage attributes. - The mitigation measures shall be aligned with the final HIA.
31	5.4.4 Cultural Environment Table 5-12. Potential Impacts, Mitigation Measures, and Net Effects of the Project on the Cultural Environment Pg. 5-53		See comment 30 above and revise the rows as follows: Environment or Element: Built and Cultural Heritage <i>Potential Impacts:</i> Design will change the existing character of the area (architecture). Describe the disruption of resources by the introduction of physical, visual, audible or atmospheric elements that are not in keeping with the character and setting of the cultural heritage resource. Clarify how this is different from the above <i>Spatial Boundary:</i> Project footprint- Provide the impacts on the visual setting and other physical relationships that contribute to

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			<p>the cultural heritage value of the property.</p> <p><i>Mitigation/Monitoring Measures:</i></p> <p>Design</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and follow guidance outlines in the approved Strategic Conservation Plan • Follow advice regarding potential heritage impacts, alternative options, appropriate mitigation measures, and implementing the use of acceptable heritage designs, materials and methodologies to minimize impacts. <p>Once the HIA is complete</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement mitigation measures as outlined in the forthcoming final “Ontario Place: Heritage Impact Assessment” by ERA <u>Architects Inc. (not to be confused with the acronym include in the Notes)</u> and any future HIA for the OSC. • Implement conditions outlines in the Minister’s Consent for the removal or demolition of any buildings or structures on site. <p><i>Net Effects:</i> Not applicable.</p>

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32	5.4.4.1 Built and Cultural Heritage 5.4.4.1.1 Change in Cultural Heritage Resources Pg. 5-57	<p>A change in vegetation and water resources is described in Sections 5.2.1.3 and 5.3.1.6 of this ESR.</p> <p>The removal of built features that contribute to the cultural heritage value of the Project footprint, as well as the removal of natural and landscape features are direct negative impacts of redevelopment activities. Indirect negative impacts include the obstruction of approach views to the pods and Cinesphere. Redevelopment activities will implement mitigation measures in response to the alteration of the cultural heritage attributes of Ontario Place. These mitigation measures align with the original vision for Ontario Place as a Province-wide destination and showcase for innovation. The proposed mitigation measures will have a positive impact on the intangible cultural heritage value of Ontario Place while achieving the goals of the public realm redevelopment. Positive impacts are anticipated to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Activation of the site with new users ☐ Ongoing collaboration with Indigenous communities to identify opportunities to make and hold spaces for Indigenous peoples at Ontario Place ☐ Shoreline remediation in line with contemporary best practices in landscape design, which have made considerable advancements since the original construction of the Project footprint ☐ Improved pedestrian access and recreational opportunities ☐ Introduction of new large-scale gathering areas (Forum) ☐ 	See comments above: item #30, #31.

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		Remediation through replacement of paved areas with naturalized landscape which will also reduce the heat island effect ☐ Restoration of deteriorated landscape features	
33	5.4.4.1 Built and Cultural Heritage 5.4.4.1.2 Improve Existing Character Pg. 5-57 -5-58	5.4.4.1.2 Improve Existing Character Redevelopment activities will remove the existing architectural character across the Project footprint and replace it with a new design that incorporates the original Michael Hough and Eb Zeidler principles. These principles, which were included in the original construction of the site, have deteriorated over decades of use or have been removed or replaced. The preferred design across the Project footprint will recreate the existing character, ultimately creating a net benefit for site users. Improvements include: ☐ Soft shoreline along Brigantine Cove ☐ Remediated shoreline with stones and riprap to improve performance, protect against storms surge, and reinforce original design ☐ Restored and expanded lookout to protect from rising water levels and mitigate flood risks ☐ Retained and restored sculpted landscape features to enhance and support the localized microclimates envisioned by Hough Ontario Place Redevelopment Project Draft Environmental Study Report FES0111230920TOR 5-58 ☐ Vegetation to create more immersive landscaped areas and support Hough’s original design intent ☐	See comment 30 above and revise this section to align best practice conservation principles – conserve the CHVI while managing change. These bullets will need to be revised to: - Clarify the sequence of activities: HIA and Minister’s consent. Please note that the EA should not be deemed approved until the MCM Minister has made a decision related to the consent for demolition and removal, to avoid fettering the Minister’s decision and/or the appearance of contempt of ministerial decision. - Clearly state that there will be negative impacts to the cultural heritage value or interest of the property and its heritage attributes under Net Effects column.

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		Gathering and programming spaces along the southern edge of the public realm and an additional gathering and programming space  Lawn or vegetated areas to replace asphalt	- The mitigation measures shall be aligned with the final HIA.
34	5.4.5 Built and Visual Environment Pg. 5-58	The potential impacts, mitigation measures, and net effects of the Project on the built and visual environment are listed in Table 5-13 and further described in Sections 5.4.5.1 of this report.	Please include a row for cultural heritage resources (heritage attributes vs. non-contributing heritage attributes) or refer to previous table(s). Reference to the Viewshed study undertaken by ERA Architects shall be included.
35	5.6 Monitoring Program 5.6.1 Construction and Operations Monitoring Plans Pg. 5-70 – 5-71	Net effects monitoring will occur throughout construction, and equally importantly, after construction, to confirm compliance with mitigation measures and commitments specific to the undertaking. (...) The monitoring program will continue to be developed throughout detailed design, and construction contractors or qualified professionals will develop specific monitoring plans, as follows:(...) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Strategic Conservation Plan has been developed for Ontario Place to provide high-level conservation strategies and forward-looking guidance for anticipated changes to the property. As the redevelopment will affect the cultural heritage attributes of cultural heritage value of Ontario Place, a Heritage Impact Assessment will be completed for all proposed impacting activities (the Heritage Impact Assessment is currently underway by ERA Architects Inc.). The purpose of this report is to provide mitigation measures to minimize the negative impact the redevelopment has on the site's cultural heritage value. 	This contradicts information provided above. Remove cultural heritage mitigation from the ESR if the HIA has yet to be completed and indicate that the approved IO HIA mitigation measures will prevail.
36	5.7 Future Commitments	Provincial Approvals	Include Minister's Consent for removals or demolitions under the

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	5.7.1 Permitting and Approvals Table 5-16: Required Environmental Approvals and Permits Pg. 5-74		<p>OHA Section 25.2, S&Gs as follows:</p> <p>Permits and Approvals: <u>MCM Minister's Consent for removal and/or demolition of any buildings or structures.</u> Authority: <u>Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism</u> Applicable Legislation: <u>Ontario Heritage Act</u> Requirement: <u>Under provision F.5 of the Standards and Guidelines for Conservation of Provincial Heritage Properties, ministries and public bodies prescribed under Ontario Regulation 157/10 are required to obtain the consent of the Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism before removing or demolishing buildings or structures on the provincial heritage property. The Minister may grant consent, with or without conditions.</u></p>
37	6.2.3.1 Technical Groups Pg. 6-3	Members from the parties who participated in the Technical Group provided feedback on the draft evaluation criteria that was used to evaluate the conceptual designs, facilitating the identified recommended solution. The City of Toronto, Ontario Place Corporation and Toronto Transit Commission provided comments via email that were then considered in revising the evaluation criteria table where applicable. During the April 2023 meeting, feedback was also provided	This section needs to be revised to clarify the roles of regulators vs. stakeholders within the Technical Group. Please note that MCM is a regulator.

Comment #	ESR Document Section	Draft ESR text	MCM Comments				
		on the recommended design for the public realm, contributing to the confirmation of a preferred design and for further consideration during detailed design. Ontario Place Corporation, as well as Waterfront Toronto provided additional comments via email. Ontario Place Corporation provided comments regarding operations and maintenance of the site. Waterfront Toronto provided feedback on the design for each zone and asked for clarification on various elements of the design. The comments that were received and corresponding Project team responses are provided in Appendix A-4.					
38	6. Consultation Pg.6-1 to 6-47 Table 6-5. Engagement Event 1 Comment Summary Pg. 6-27	<div>Table 6-5. Engagement Event 1 Comment Summary</div> <table><thead><tr><th>Public Comment</th><th>Summary How it Was Incorporated</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Row 10: Maintain site history and heritage conservation</td><td>Considered in the development of the public realm design concepts</td></tr></tbody></table>	Public Comment	Summary How it Was Incorporated	Row 10: Maintain site history and heritage conservation	Considered in the development of the public realm design concepts	<div>Please revise the “Summary How it Was Incorporated” to explain what was meant by ‘maintain site history and heritage conservation’ by the respondents.</div> <div>Explain how the concerns regarding development of the public realm were, or shall be, addressed through design concepts.</div> <div>Please clarify how the feedback received via engagement under the HIA feeds into this analysis.</div>
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Row 10: Maintain site history and heritage conservation	Considered in the development of the public realm design concepts						

MCM Comment #	Project Team Response
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sentence added
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sentence revised ▪ Bullet not added as it is too specific and other specific documents are not listed.
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Added
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Not revised – these were specific goals established by the design team.
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ERA Architects added as subconsultant for HIA ▪ Archaeology subconsultants were not added as the AAs were completed in the past and the authors were not part of the active project team working on the Class EA. AA's were used as background review.
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Added: "To meet the S&G requirements for community engagement, the HIA was coordinated with the EA public engagement process to avoid duplication of community engagement efforts."
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Revised with text provided by MCM
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Text revised. ▪ Conclusions/recommendations included in the Executive Summary of the AAs, were cut and pasted into the ESR. ▪ AAs have not been appended – pertinent information has been provided through the inclusion of the AA conclusions/ recommendations in the ESR text and the clearance letters in the appendices (as is typical for an Environmental Study Report). The clearance letters (with the maps from the AA's that are referenced in the clearance letters) are in Appendix D. The AA's are also site-wide (beyond the limits of the public realm) and given that the site is man-made, the AA's are not critical for selection of alternatives and developing mitigation measures for this Category C EA project.
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Revised
10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Not revised – please note that the Category C EA process began prior to the commencement of the HIA and conclusion from the EA process (documented in the ESR) predate those from the HIA.
11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Revised
12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Revised
13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Revised
14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reference to Section 3.4.1 added ▪ Visual environment refers to buildings and structures that are visible to the human eye regardless of heritage designation (e.g., pods, Cinesphere, bridges, washrooms).

MCM Comment #	Project Team Response
Not numbered – Comment referring to Section 4.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not revised - as part of the EA process, the design alternatives were developed and specifically referred to as “design concepts”. Not revised - please note that the Category C EA process began prior to the commencement of the HIA and conclusion from the EA process (documented in the ESR) predate those from the HIA.
15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Change not made as it would have a large impact on numerous other portions of the ESR, including the extensive evaluation tables in Appendix F that have all been reviewed by the public, stakeholders, agencies and Indigenous communities. The evaluation criteria were provided for comment in October 2022 and this change was not requested at that time.
16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revised to “Compatibility with the cultural heritage value or interest of the property and identified...” Additional criteria not added as this was a high-level evaluation of key considerations of all aspects of the environment and not specific to cultural heritage.
18 - 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not revised as these are high-level summaries of the evaluations undertaken and not meant to include all details of the evaluations. The full, comprehensive evaluation tables are included in Appendix F.
27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional context added
28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cinesphere and pods will be retained, the remaining structures (as listed in Section 5.1 of the ESR) will be removed or demolished.
29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mitigation measures added

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30 - 32	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Potential impacts</i> text revised. ▪ <i>Mitigation/monitoring measures</i> bullets not revised. The MC application for demolition will be formally submitted after the Category C EA is completed. The HIA needs the Category C EA to be complete as the HIA needs to comment on the most up-to-date plans for the proposed redevelopment as that forms the basis for the request for MC for demolition/removal. ▪ The following text was added in Section 5.4.4.1.1: "While the demolition of buildings is an exempt activity under the <i>Environmental Assessment Act</i>, under provision F.5 of the Standards and Guidelines for Conservation of Provincial Heritage Properties, ministries and public bodies prescribed under Ontario Regulation 157/10 are required to obtain the consent of the Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism before removing or demolishing buildings or structures on the provincial heritage property. The Minister may grant consent, with or without conditions." ▪ Added "Displacement of built heritage resources and/or cultural heritage landscapes will have negative impacts to the cultural heritage value or interest of the property and its heritage attributes" under net effects in Table 5-12.
33	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Not revised – the MC application for demolition will be formally submitted after the Category C EA is completed. The HIA needs the Category C EA to be complete as the HIA needs to comment on the most up-to-date plans for the proposed redevelopment as that forms the basis for the request for MC for demolition/removal.
34	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Row added
35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Updated to indicate the HIA is now complete (as of September 2023). Added "approved HIA mitigation measures will direct redevelopment as it pertains to cultural heritage attributes"
36	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Added to permits and approvals table
37	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Attendees list revised to be grouped by regulator vs agency; however, distinction is not made as this distinction did not have an impact on how members of the Technical Group were consulted – regulatory matters were not specifically consulted on through the Technical Group.
38	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The HIA describes how feedback received through the EA was considered in the assessment of cultural heritage impacts (feedback helped shape recommendations in the HIA). ▪ See Section 4.4 for how the designs incorporated feedback regarding "maintain site history and heritage conservation"

MECP Comment	Project Team Response
<p>Air emissions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In addition to the air emissions mitigation measures discussed in Table 5-9 of the draft ESR, it is suggested that the Best Practices for the Reduction of Air Emissions from Construction and Demolition Activities (Cheminfo, 2005) be followed during construction to minimize offsite particulate impacts. 	<p>We will add a reference to this Best Practices to Table 5-9 in the final ESR.</p>
<p>Surface water</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed redevelopment may require a Permit to Take Water (PTTW) for construction dewatering purposes. If the construction includes the discharge of any collected water from the dewatering activities into surface water features, or a stormwater sewer that directly discharges into surface water features, appropriate treatment and control/ mitigation measures need to be provided to ensure that the proposed discharge will not result in any undesirable impacts on the receiving waters. Dewatering and discharge plans will be reviewed further during the PTTW application process when all the detailed information, including the dewatering and discharge plan, as well as the monitoring, contingency and erosion and sediment control plans for the proposed construction dewatering activities, becomes available. 	<p>Table 5-16 currently includes a reference to the Permit to Take Water. The Permit to Take Water row of the Table will be updated by including this additional information provided by MECP for clarification.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 5.6.1 of the draft ESR has proposed some further work to be completed, including a soil and erosion plan and a stormwater management (SWM) plan. - It is recommended that the SWM plan be developed in accordance with MECP's SWM guideline documents including the MECP "Stormwater Management Planning and Design Manual (2003)" and the MECP "Low Impact Development (LID) Stormwater Management Guidance Manual (Draft)" and should include a monitoring and maintenance plan to ensure that the proposed SWM facility will work efficiently as per the design. - It is recommended that the Erosion and Sediment Control (ESC) Plan consider the site-specific conditions and identify the required ESC BMPs for the proposed construction activities. 	<p>Section 5.6.1 will be updated in the final ESR to include a reference to the MECP's applicable documents for the Stormwater Management Plan and the Erosion Control Plan reference will add the statement related to considering site-specific conditions and identifying the required ESP Best Management Practices for the proposed construction activities.</p>

<p>Groundwater</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The draft ESR and supporting reports indicate that Ontario Place is an artificially created waterfront property in Toronto, where fill materials were used to create the site. Fill materials used for redevelopment of the downtown/Ontario Lakeshore in Toronto is known to include partially contaminated soils from industrial sites. Water quality results provided in section 4.4 of the Terraprobe report (appendix to the draft ESR) indicate man-made induced contamination is likely present at the site. Therefore, consideration should be given to O. Reg. 406/19 in relation to on-site and excess soil management regulation. Furthermore, the site is identified as being in a Highly Vulnerable Aquifer Source Protection zone and near a number of designated Intake Protection Zones. The mobilization of contamination/contaminants during construction and dewatering activities should be evaluated and considered prior to these activities. 	<p>Table 5-16 in the draft ESR currently includes reference to Reg. 406 and the requirements that may be applicable for soil removal. This will be considered further during detailed design and pre-construction activities.</p>
<p>Source protection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Ontario Place site is located in The Credit Valley – Toronto and Region – Central Lake Ontario (CTC) Source Protection Region and is therefore subject to the approved CTC Source Protection Plan. The proponent should consult with the Source Protection Region, if they have not already done so, to understand how the plan might apply to the proposed project. CTC Source Protection Region can be contacted through email at ctcswp@cvc.ca. 	<p>Review of the CTC Source Protection Plan and discussions with TRCA and CTC were held during the Category B Site Servicing Class EA. During detailed design we will review whether there are any prescribed threats and review the CTC Source Protection Plan and consult further with CTC at that time, if required.</p>

Appendix A - TRCA Comments on the Draft ESR

ITEM	ESR SECTION	TRCA COMMENTS (August 30, 2023)	PROPONENT RESPONSE (Sept. 27, 2023)
	Page viii	The report notes that mitigation and monitoring plans will be refined based on the detailed design plans. TRCA staff are available to discuss our assistance with any environmental mitigation or monitoring requirements, if needed.	Acknowledged.
2	Section 3.1.9 – Floodplains and Shoreline	The report notes that, “The Project footprint is not within TRCA-regulated floodplain limits.” For clarification, the shoreline around the islands and along the mainland fall within TRCA’s regulated area due to the Lake Ontario Shoreline hazard. The area also falls within the “Toronto Waterfront Screening Area”, which is exempt from our regulation at this location. While there is no riverine floodplain at this site, the shoreline is subject to coastal flooding and erosion. To ensure these hazards are appropriately addressed through the proposed redevelopment, it is recommended that the Province continue working with TRCA through the EA and future design/VPR processes. TRCA is available to discuss this as needed.	Text revised. The Government of Ontario will continue to work with the TRCA throughout the redevelopment project.
3	Section 4.1.6 – Ontario Science Centre	The future location for the Ontario Science Centre is shown in this ESR. It is unclear what the setbacks are from the Lake Ontario shoreline hazard for this building, as well as other buildings and structures proposed throughout the ESR. It is recommended that the Province work with TRCA through the EA and VPR processes.	Appropriate setbacks from the shoreline hazard will be implemented. The exact setback will be determined during detail design. The Government of Ontario will continue to work with the TRCA throughout the redevelopment project.
4	Section 4.3.5 – Parking Evaluation	On-site surface parking and below ground parking are identified as the preferred parking alternatives. It is unclear at this time how far entrances to underground parking areas will be located from the Lake Ontario shoreline hazard. Designs will need to ensure entrances (and buildings/structures) are appropriately set back from the shoreline hazard.	Appropriate setbacks from the shoreline hazard will be implemented. The exact setbacks will be determined during detail design. Entrances to the parking garage are anticipated to be located closer to Lake Shore W Blvd for easier access and ensuring setbacks from Lake Ontario are met.
5	Section 5.4.1.2 - Soil	This section indicates that soil erosion is reversible. Soil erosion is not easily reversible and could require significant additional quantities of imported clean topsoil to reverse soil loss due to erosion. Effective soil management and erosion and sediment control (ESC) strategies should be implemented during construction. Please refer to TRCA’s Erosion and Sediment Control Guide for Urban Construction (2019) when developing ESC strategies. Please also refer to TRCA’s Preserving and	Acknowledged, text revised.

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		Restoring Healthy Soil: Best Practices for Urban Construction for direction around appropriate post construction soil requirements that will ensure effective growth and survival of planted species providing long term soil stabilization.	
6	Section 5.4.1.7.1 – Floodplain Conditions and Alteration of Shoreline	The first paragraph notes that redevelopment activities “will enhance shoreline protection and rehabilitate structures to above the required 74-m elevation.” TRCA suggests revising this to read, “... <i>Ontario Place Existing Shoreline Conditions Report</i> (Shoreplan 2022) will enhance shoreline protection and rehabilitate structures to above the 100-year Lake Ontario Flood Level (of 76.2 m IGLD85 plus minimum 0.3 m freeboard) and protect against all shoreline hazards including the flooding hazard, erosion hazard and dynamic beach hazard as determined by a professional coastal engineer.” Also refer to previous comments regarding lake elevations submitted in the TRCA letter dated February 13, 2023 located in the ESR, Appendix A – Consultation Record (e.g., comments 8, 10). Please also see our comments and recommendations on the Lake Ontario Shoreline Hazard in the letter above.	Text revised.
7	Table 5.8 – Change in floodplain	It is noted in the ESR that geotechnical studies are required by TRCA to confirm hazards and that this work should be completed to satisfy TRCA permit requirements. For clarification, this work is not a requirement of TRCA given that work at this site is exempt from our permitting process. However, it is recommended that these studies be completed to ensure shoreline stability and to inform setback requirements for new infrastructure and buildings. It is recommended that the Province work with TRCA through the EA and VPR processes as mentioned above. Please also see our comments and recommendations on the Lake Ontario Shoreline Hazard in the letter above.	Text revised. The Government of Ontario will continue to work with the TRCA throughout the redevelopment project.
8	Section 6.2.3.2 – Toronto and Region Conservation Authority	This section indicates that TRCA implements “Natural Systems Programs and Policies” and that TRCA staff have been consulted and will continue to be consulted related to Natural Systems. Changes to CA roles under prescribed Acts, including the <i>Planning Act</i> and <i>Environmental Assessment Act</i> warrant revisions to this section. Refer to the “TRCA Commenting and Regulatory Roles” section in the body of this letter and update Section 6.2.3.2 of the ESR accordingly.	Text revised.
9	Section 6.3.3 – TRCA Feedback	As noted above, while our initial response to the Notice of Commencement sent April 2022 did note these items, our roles and responsibilities at the EA stage have since changed. It is our recommendation that the text in this section be revised, with the exception of the last sentence starting with, “Throughout the EA process, the TRCA...” which can remain. Refer to the “TRCA Commenting and Regulatory Roles” section of this letter and updated Section 6.3.3 of the ESR accordingly.	Text revised.

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10	Table 6-4 – TRCA Meetings Summary	This section notes that the parking entrances should be above the 100-year flood hazard level. As per Section 7.4.3.4 of TRCA's LCP document, any proposed development should be located outside of the Lake Ontario shoreline hazard which is determined by delineating the farthest combined landward extent of the three key shoreline hazards: 1) flooding hazard; 2) erosion hazard; and 3) dynamic beach hazard. It is therefore recommended that this section be revised to read, "Parking entrances should be floodproofed to a combination of the Lake Ontario flood level (plus minimum 0.3 m freeboard), Lake Ontario shoreline erosion hazard and Lake Ontario shoreline dynamic beach hazard, where applicable." Also refer to the TRCA comment letter dated February 13, 2023 for Lake Ontario shoreline and coastal hazard information, located in the ESR, Appendix A – Consultation Record. Finally, please also refer to TRCA comments and recommendations on coastal reports required to assess shoreline hazards in the general comments section above under "Lake Ontario Shoreline Hazard".	Text revised.
11	Various sections	The preferred design for the water's edge includes planted trees. Given that the surrounding landscape will be hardened significantly, the proposed trees may not survive or may be unlikely to thrive. While the habitat, biodiversity and shade value of trees (due to limited growth potential) in these circumstances may be limited, consideration should be given to the impacts this approach may have on long term maintenance of the extensively hardened shoreline as it relates to managing the shoreline hazard. Consideration should also be given to whether this would impact the evaluation.	There are existing trees growing at the 77m elevation level and above, so trees are expected to continue to thrive there. The proposed design will include trees at the 77m level and above. No trees will be planted below the 77m level as they are not likely to survive.
12	Various sections	Floating wetlands are proposed to be integrated into the design. TRCA staff experience is that floating wetlands are not viable in TRCA's jurisdiction and floating wetlands are highly unlikely to persist overtime. In TRCA staff's experience, resources directed to floating wetlands are always better directed to more traditional wetland restoration. Given the likelihood that these floating wetlands will not persist on the landscape, please ensure that any hazard mitigation provided by these wetlands is offset in other ways.	<p>The project team believes that the floating wetlands will be able to survive and/or thrive at Ontario Place. The following links provide precedents or case studies of successful floating wetlands:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.biomatrixwater.com/news/ • https://e360.yale.edu/features/floating-wetlands-cities-pollutionn <p>Nonetheless, hazard mitigation will be considered during detailed design.</p>

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13	Appendix A – Consultation Record	The TRCA contact table should be updated to remove Nancy Gaffney and replaced with Johanna Kyte, Senior Manager, Government and Community Relations (Toronto/Durham).	Revised.
14	Appendix B – Natural Heritage Impact Study – (6.1.3, 9.3, Table 1 and other applicable sections)	There are references throughout the report noting that fish timing windows for in-water works will be confirmed through MNRF or TRCA. Reference to TRCA should be removed as TRCA has no jurisdiction over timing windows.	Comment shared with MH. Comment was not addressed since comments were received on September 18, 2023 and MH finalized the Report on September 13, 2023.
15	Appendix B – Natural Heritage Impact Study – (6.1.3)	It is noted that turbidity measures will be designed in consultation with DFO and TRCA. Further input as related to appropriate ESCs can be provided if the Province decides to involve TRCA at the detailed design stage as a reviewer through a VPR process or in partnership through shoreline restoration projects.	Acknowledged. The Government of Ontario will continue to work with the TRCA throughout the redevelopment project.
16	Appendix C - Hydrogeology	For future engineering design submissions, TRCA staff typically require a minimum separation of 1 m from the base of any proposed infiltration facilities and the seasonally high-water table. Due to the variable groundwater levels observed on site, staff recommend a monitoring well be installed in the footprint of any proposed infiltration facilities with the screened interval coinciding with the base elevation of the proposed LID's. Additionally, it is recommended that in-situ infiltration testing be completed at the base elevation of any proposed infiltration facilities. For further information please refer to TRCA's Stormwater Management Criteria, Appendix C– August 2012 .	This Hydrogeology Report has previously been finalized. Acknowledged and noted for future reports and submissions. This information will be forwarded to the design team.



ARGONAUT ROWING CLUB

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Attention: Tom McDonnell

**Re: Notice of Completion: Ontario Place Redevelopment under the Class
Environmental Assessment for Public Works
ERO no. 019-7311**

Dear Mr. McDonnell:

The purpose of this submission is to provide Secretariat staff and the Minister of Infrastructure with the Argonaut Rowing Club's (hereinafter the "ARC") suggestions and recommendations regarding the:

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Ontario Place Redevelopment Project
Ministry of Infrastructure Category C Public Work Class Environmental Assessment
Infrastructure Ontario
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and to specifically request a meeting with the appropriate persons to discuss the same.

Our suggestions/recommendations relate to the lack of details respecting the heights of bridges, bridge spans, water obstacles such as fountains, docks and other physical obstructions that may be introduced or are being considered which could, if designed properly, "not be an issue at all".

We found this to true through our participation in the Western Beaches Watercourse EA where we successfully made recommendations regarding soft edges (for wave attenuation and safety) and closing "direct gaps" into the lake (again for safety and usability of the waterway). We cannot stress enough that for training purposes and programming, the Ontario Place Waterway is of critical importance that we are being reminded of everyday with the temporary closure of it this year. We are feeling the

"pinch" with less safe water available to use and the ever-increasing number of users being introduced into a restricted area.

We understand that the subject matter is not the "private aspects" of the Ontario Place redevelopment, which in fact are less of our Club's direct concern (besides from a programming basis of the waterway). Our Club's concerns generally relate to the lack of design details related to specific areas of the public spaces and parkland (the public realm), and site improvements, namely to Brigantine Cove and the Mainland areas (which by definition include the "crossings") as depicted below. We believe that there is an opportunity for the Province to improve upon the historic waterway and the role it plays for flatwater, amateur sports.



Figure 1: Areas of Concern (circled in red)

To provide context we first will provide you with the relevant background to our suggestions and recommendations.

Argonaut Rowing Club

The ARC is located at 1225 Lakeshore Boulevard West, in the City of Toronto. More specifically, the ARC is located just west of Ontario Place, and we share the same waters through our historical "waterway link".



Figure 2: Argonaut Rowing Club location and Ontario Place Waterway

The ARC has over 400 members not counting high school and university programs and additionally, each year more than 200 people go through our learn to row programs for youth and adults.

The ARC is the most directly impacted private landowner (or leasee) by the proposed undertaking. However, we first want to highlight that the ARC has been successfully co-habiting on the waterfront with Ontario Place since OP's construction and look forward to the successful relationship continuing long into the future. The ARC supports the Province's aim for "redeveloping Ontario Place to create a remarkable world-class, year-round destination that will include family-friendly entertainment, public and event spaces, parkland, and waterfront access" and we want to continue to be part of it.

We note that the Project Description as identified in the Ontario Place Redevelopment Class Environmental Assessment ("**OP CEA**") aligns ideally with the ARC's goals. The Project Description notes it "will result in a mix of uses, including enhanced public spaces, as well as ... activities that will appeal to visitors of all ages."

The ARC already provides a mix of uses in relation to Ontario Place programming but believes with design modifications to the Ontario Place Waterway (graphically shown below) "enhanced public spaces...as well as activities that will appeal to visitors of all ages" will be achieved. With our suggested improvements to the design and confirmation of design details, the ARC can assist the Province to deliver upon this goal.

Argonaut Rowing Club Background

The ARC has a very long history (over 100 years) of development of the sport of (amateur) rowing from its present location on the Western Beaches (the ARC itself is over 150 years old!). The ARC was attracted to this site over 100 years ago by the waterway that mostly exists today. To the Club, the waterway historically went east all the way to the Inner Harbour inside the breakwall. Even after the construction of Ontario Place rowers have continuously used the waterway all the way into Ontario Place through to Brigantine Cove (being the "**Ontario Place Waterway**").

The waters from the western boundary of Ontario Place through to the east end of Brigantine Cove provides safe, predictable, 1,000 metres of training, that is used from March through November and in some years even longer. Rowers can be seen in the Ontario Place Waterway from 5 AM in the morning well into the evening hours.

The ARC has historically trained on the Ontario Place Waterway (for 100 plus years) (see Figure 3). We note that flatwater users such as the ARC are unlike most other waterway users such as the Ontario Place marina as they principally use the water within Ontario Place for storage and access out to the Lake.

Unlike others, the ARC has no option with respect to training. Its athletes have to train along the waterway inside the breakwall and the Ontario Place Waterway as it provides relatively flat water that is safe to use and has proven to be an effective (usable) training ground for numerous National Team athletes (including two this past summer) over the years. Also, high school, competitive (U23/senior), university, recreational, masters, para (vision impaired, minimal or no trunk function i.e. paraplegic, weakness or absence of leg function i.e. amputees etc.) and other rowing programs continue to use this safe area within the breakwall.

If the amount of flat water is compromised by design mistakes along the Ontario Place Waterway the above noted programs will be negatively impacted with no opportunities to address their needs in the vicinity.

As the Ontario Place Redevelopment Class Environmental Assessment is specifically addressing a proposal that will change the waterway in a potentially catastrophic way we are obligated to speak up and provide our suggestions and recommendations.

The revitalization does not need to negatively impact the safe waterway that exists today. In fact, we see this as an opportunity to improve the usability of the Ontario Place Waterway!

ARC is committed to having a waterway that at a minimum gives **the same level of protection as exists today**. This is even more important when the OP CEA even states "key heritage and recreational features will be brought up to modern standards..."

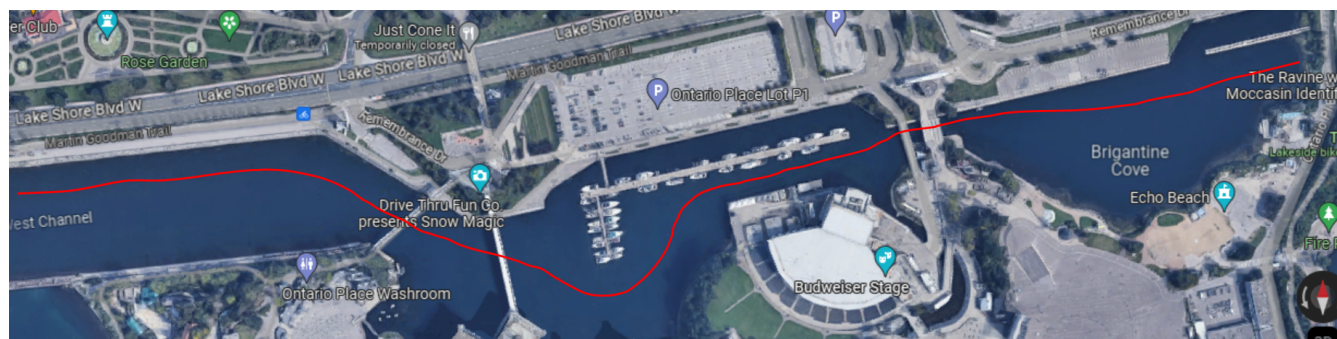


Figure 3: Ontario Place Waterway

As detailed below, the ARC's concerns can be categorized two ways. Firstly, the ARC is concerned about the **safety of its members** and all other flatwater users of the

Ontario Place Waterway. Secondly, the ARC is fearful that ill informed design decisions may compromise the 1,000 metre Ontario Place Waterway and in turn impact the Club's economic viability as it adjusts its services/programs.

If the waterway is less useable in the future because of design issues or the potential over use of the watercourse the ARC will likely be unable to provide a safe, **useable facility** for high school rowing, U23 /senior, university, recreational, masters or para rowing.

RECOMMENDATIONS/SUGGESTIONS

In the spirit of co-operation, the ARC offers below a number of suggestions and recommendations.

a) Ontario Place Waterway design

With respect to the actual design of the Ontario Place Waterway, the ARC is pleased to say that it is in full support of naturalizing any/or all of the existing breakwall on the condition that the reconstructed shoreline does not narrow the existing travelable waters such that flat water uses (such as rowers) cannot navigate the full Ontario Place Waterway. Our suggestions/ recommendations relate to the lack of details respecting the heights of bridges, bridge spans, water obstacles such as fountains, docks and other physical obstructions that may be introduced or are being considered which could, if designed properly "not be an issue at all". The "devil is in the details" and the OP CEA provides NO DETAILS respecting critical infrastructure that abuts the Ontario Place waterway or crosses over it or through it. We offer our expertise in this area to provide design requirements.

We found in the past that our "hands on" historical expertise is beneficial to those that design structures that impact the waterway. For example, did you know that ARC actively participated in the flatwater design legacy from the 2015 Pan Am games? Also, we participated in the Western Beaches Watercourse EA where we successfully made recommendations regarding soft edges (for wave attenuation and safety) and closing "direct gaps" into the lake (again for safety and usability of the waterway). The temporary closure of the Ontario Place Waterway is already reminding us of critical importance of this waterway, and as noted, we are feeling the pinch.

If our ability to offer expertise with respect to design requirements is accepted, the stated goals of Section 2.2 of the OP CEA could be realized:

- Ensure public access to the fullest extent possible.
- Improve site connectivity and accessibility.
- Maintain, enhance, and create interactions with the water's edge.
- Enhance long-term resilience, environmental performance, and sustainability.
- Respect and enhance the cultural heritage landscape of public open spaces.

All of these goals relate to the ARC's use of this area for over 100 years.

b) Existing Conditions as identified in the OP CEA

We were surprised and disappointed that in Section 3 of the OP CEA does not identify the role of the ARC and its use of the Ontario Place Waterway. The ARC must be specifically included "under "Existing Conditions" when the report speaks to the "natural, socio economic, cultural heritage". The OP CEA Figure 3-1 Spatial Boundaries also fails to recognize that the defined "Project Footprint" is not just the physical structures adjacent to or above the waterline.

It must include the Ontario Place Waterway and its users.

Similarly, the defined Local Study Area fails to identify the ARC and the users as being part of it. A Local Study Area that only includes the Canadian National Exhibition is short sighted if the cultural, heritage and economic environment are to be properly considered. This is highlighted by the failure on page 3-20 to recognize that rowing not only takes place on the water surrounding Ontario Place, but through it as well.

Another related shortcoming of the OP CEA is the failure to recognize that existing "recreational uses within the Project footprint..." must include rowing. Rowing takes place 9 months of the year from before dawn to dark with all different types of users including youth (high school and university) and older adults, para and newcomers.

c) Construction period

Details of the demolition and construction are critical. To date, very little information has been provided. The ARC has two interrelated areas of concern, and it is with respect to the impact on on-water training.

In other words, the ability to offer water that athletes can train on from a safety and usability perspective is critically important. By cutting off 1,000 metres of flat, safe water it impacts the very programming that the ARC requires to remain financially stable.

We have observed that the 1,000 metres are closed off to "other users", but Ontario Place and/or Live Nation have run a pontoon boat in the very same waters. We question if the Ontario Place Waterway has to be blocked when construction is not taking place and/or if the proponent would only close off the areas under construction? We are also obviously very concerned about the impact on the use of the Ontario Place Waterway during the "on water" training months (March through to November) during the construction phase. Alternatively, could parts of the Ontario Place Waterway be "opened" for peak rowing hours such as 5:00 AM to 9:00 AM?

If the ARC cannot use the Ontario Place Waterway for training purposes, then high school, university, para programs and national team athletes (to name a few) will have to find alternate locations to train.

Items for Further Consideration

i) OP CEA - Likely Adverse Effects

The ARC remains concerned that the OP CEA Report does not mention or recognize the fact that the Proposal shows features that are not considered even though they are part of the public realm in the Ontario Place Waterway. ARC rowers (as well as the other flatwater users) are part of the Local Study Area.

Specifically, the impact that will be felt by the ARC in terms of its ability to remain economically viable does not seem to be part of the evaluation. Also, there is no discussion/examination of the limited rowing opportunities to be offered elsewhere on the Toronto waterfront if the preferred alternative (or the chosen option) proves to undermine the ability of the ARC to survive into the future.

ii) The Breakwall Deflector Arm

As may not be evident to most, the cement (with metal reinforcement in places) breakwall that runs through Ontario Place even predates the ARC relocation to the Western Beaches. The Ontario Place structures were creatively integrated into the waterfront permitting flatwater users such as the ARC to survive.

The 2015 Pan Am Games left a legacy of wave attenuation structures that are in place today. That Legacy was to be maintained for the flat-water users although we note some have already been removed!

The Province can improve upon the current situation by not only maintaining the Pan Am Games legacy but addressing the open gap by re-establishing the lake deflector arm on the south side of the gap. This would not only improve the durability of structures inside the breakwall, but also improve the flatwater opportunities.

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss these issues with you to bring to fruition a watercourse that will at least have the potential to address the needs of the ARC and the entire affected local community.

We are available to meet at any time. If you have any questions, we may be reached at secretary@argonautrowingclub.com

Yours truly,



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Club Secretary

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Jennifer Fitzpatrick, Rowing Canada Director, Partnerships & Sport Development

From: Engage Ontario Place
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2023 11:48 AM
To: Judy Sutcliffe
Cc: Argonaut Rowing Club Board of Directors; Mark Williams; Andrew Backer; Jennifer Fitzpatrick
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Argonaut Rowing Club response to the Ontario Place Class Environmental Assessment

Hi Judy,

Thank you for taking the time to comment on the draft Environmental Study Report (ESR) for the Category C Environmental Assessment for the public realm of Ontario Place.

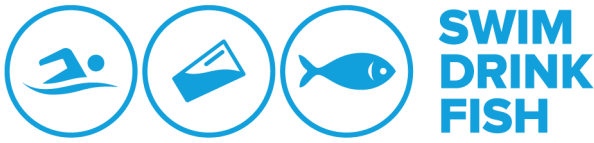
We acknowledge your concerns regarding the ARC's continued use of the waterway. Regarding some of your concerns, the height of the existing bridges at Ontario Place will not be changed from existing conditions. Additionally, the preferred design proposes opening the East Gateway causeway with a bridge that will provide a longer available distance for rowing and will be at an appropriate height to allow for canoeing, kayaking and rowing underneath. The channel between the Mainland and the islands will not be narrowed from existing conditions aside from the area where the floating boardwalk is proposed off the Mainland. This boardwalk will only stick out a few metres and will be at an appropriate distance from the Central Gateway bridge so not to impede passage. Details regarding the East Gateway bridge and the dock will be finalized during detailed design.

Please note that the design included in the draft ESR is conceptual only (as is typical with a planning process such as the Environmental Assessment process). Details regarding the design, as well as construction staging, will be finalized during detailed design, which is the next phase after the Environmental Assessment process is complete. We have shared your recommendations and request to meet with the design team for their consideration.

Your comments will be considered as we finalize the ESR.

Kind regards,

Ontario Place Redevelopment Team



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RE: Commenting on the Ontario Place Redevelopment Project Ministry of Infrastructure Category C Public Work Class Environmental Assessment.

Dear Tom McDonnell,

Swim Drink Fish has a long-standing interest in the Ontario Place redevelopment project. We've attended all engagement events and given comments throughout the project. We have advocated for a swimmable Ontario Place since we started our water monitoring work there in 2019.

Swim Drink Fish's comment on the project's Environmental Assessment is consistent with our position outlined thus far: Ontario Place should provide suitable access to swimmable waters. 'Swimmable' waters are waters clean enough to touch without risking illness and where sewage and stormwater pipes near the waters are controlled. Swimmable waters in Toronto have rarely been prioritized; the freshwater capital of the Great Lakes has only 11 public beaches where water quality is monitored and reported. The current project has an opportunity to support swimmable waters in Toronto and respond to the public desire to do so here.

Swim Drink Fish looks forward to helping the MOI promote a swimmable, drinkable, fishable Lake Ontario.

Sincerely,

Isabel Fleisher (National Manager of Water Monitoring Programs)

Swim Drink Fish Canada

Swim Drink Fish Canada (formally Lake Ontario Waterkeeper) appreciates the opportunity to submit these comments on the Ontario Place Redevelopment Project Ministry of Infrastructure Category C Public Work Class Environmental Assessment.

Swim Drink Fish is a not-for-profit organization working to connect people to and protect Lake Ontario's shoreline since 2001. We have been routinely monitoring Toronto's waterfront with volunteers and staff since 2016 and monitoring the waters at Ontario Place since 2019 to support the growing number of recreational water users at the site. Our work has animated Toronto's shoreline and brought our residents back to our water's edge because we all deserve access to clean, swimmable waters.

General Comments:

While we support many of the updates and comments made in the environmental assessment (EA) concerning the on-land developments and animation of spaces that may connect people to the water's edge, we believe that the Lake Ontario waters and the request from the public to access these waters were not sufficiently addressed and evaluated as part of the EA.

Throughout all engagement events for the project, overwhelming feedback requesting access to the water for swimming was delivered to the proponent. Yet, the final draft of the EA does not reflect the public feedback adequately. Where it does incorporate public feedback to create access, it does not address water quality concerns that may arise due to this project or assess how current water quality may support access to swimmable water.

Swim Drink Fish continues its call to the Proponent to adequately address the interest from the public for swimmable waters in this project. We request that the proponent fully assess where access to the water is feasible on the East island, and/or give sufficient evidence of why access is not possible across the site beyond the small beach at Brigantine Cove. We suggest that additional infrastructure be built to support access to water for primary and secondary contact recreational water use activities where feasible across the project site.

We request that the proponent completes a detailed study of Lake Ontario as part of the current work to accurately assess the full suite of project impacts on the water. To not assess the site's surrounding water quality (within the site property and LSA) is to not value our waters, and grossly undermines the site's potential.

Ontario Place wasn't built at the lake's edge; it was built *in* it. Ontario Place is meant to allow Ontarians to experience our lake. Not deeply incorporating the lake into this design does not support the public interest, and does not support the well-being of our waters.

Detailed Comments

1. The EA fails to demonstrate that it has reasonably and sufficiently attempted to incorporate public feedback regarding access to the lake for swimming across the site.

1.1. The EA fails to demonstrate that it has reasonably tried to incorporate public feedback regarding access to the lake for swimming across the site. Throughout all public engagement events, feedback is given from the public requesting increased access to the water for swimming (Table 6-6, 6-7) in multiple areas of the site. Despite this, the EA fails to demonstrate that it has sufficiently evaluated alternatives that would support public feedback. Instead, the EA repeatedly states in response to this feedback that “Limited suitable locations for swimming exist on the East Island. As part of the overall Ontario Place redevelopment, a publicly accessible swimming beach will be provided on the West Island.” (pg.6-40,6-46). This response does not demonstrate due diligence in attempting to incorporate public feedback. The West Island is not part of the public realm this EA was created for, is outside of the site boundary, and is not a sufficient means for incorporating public feedback into the public works project.

1.2. The EA fails to provide a reasonable explanation between the information presented and the conclusions drawn. Only one comment in the EA infers that consideration was given to swimming. The EA states in response to the Zone 1 feedback: “Due to wave action, this area is not safe for swimming.” (pg. 6-40). This is not a sufficient or reasonable justification for not further exploring the potential for swimming in Zone 1. There is no information on how this evaluation was made, nor is this a reasonable evaluation of potential hazards for a swimming location as potentially alluded to on pg. 4-3, where it is noted that the area is unsuitable for swimming due to ‘safety concerns.’ Hazardous wave action is infrequent, especially during the summer months.

Waves on lakes are caused by storm surges and seiches¹ and occur infrequently in this area, as is demonstrated by our monitoring work in the region that infrequently sees hazardous waves (waves >3m). Large waves are more frequent in the fall/winter² and rarely observed during summer.

1.3. Where feedback is incorporated in ‘Zone 3: Brigantine Cove’, to provide a small beach with access to the water for swimming, there is insufficient evidence that swimming is feasible at the site.

1.3.1. The EA fails to demonstrate that it has evaluated water quality at this site that would make it useable for primary recreational water use without posing a serious threat to water user's health.

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<https://www.michiganseagrant.org/lessons/lessons/by-broad-concept/earth-science/surges-and-seiches-2/>

² <https://www.swimdrinkfish.ca/opendata>

- 1.3.2. The EA fails to demonstrate that the Brigantine Cove beach will not cause harm to the proposed nearby wetland - a concern addressed through indigenous feedback that suggests “Concerns about the impact of the beach on wildlife and wildlife habitat” (Table 6-3, pg. 6-19)

2. The EA fails to demonstrate that it has reasonably considered public feedback regarding access to water for secondary recreational purposes (e.g. boating, paddling)

- 2.1. The EA does consider additional boat launch sites for Canoes and Kayaks. We suggest additional boat launch sites for non-motorized boats be considered across zones. We strongly suggest that additional boat launches be considered off Zone 4: Mainland to make access to water easily accessible from mainland parking locations.

3. The EA fails to demonstrate that it has sufficiently assessed the full suite of potential impacts on water, fish, and fish habitat at the site.

- 3.1. The water surrounding the east island is part of the project property and within the defined project boundaries (1.1.1.5). The EA states that ‘A detailed assessment of Lake Ontario was not undertaken as part of this study’ (3-15) and that “Project activities are not considered to be a prescribed threat specific to this vulnerable zone other than potentially during construction’ (3-16). The EA does not do its due diligence in demonstrating why project activities are not considered a threat. This undermines known water quality concerns regarding sewage (3.1.1.) and further supports our concerns that access to water for swimming was not sufficiently evaluated as part of this project.

- 3.1.1. The EA does not address the potential impact that the three nearby combined sewer outfalls within the local site area may have on the water quality once this project is underway and the mainland sewage system is put under additional strain. The EA suggests to “add a new centralized sewer pumping station on the East Island to collect and pump sewage to the municipal sewer network on the Mainland” (pg. 3-28).

The EA does address that these combined sewers exist and discharge water into the lake (pg.3-16), but does not address the potential impact that the project may have on overwhelming the combined sewer system by adding additional load to it, as is a known cause of overflow events³. Adding load to the aging infrastructure may cause the system to be over capacity, as the pipes may not support the increased volume of wastewater from higher site usage on the East Island.

³ Pg. 4-12, <https://vancouver.ca/files/cov/csa-foundations-summary-report.pdf>

It is known that at least one of the nearby combined sewer outfalls has caused poor water quality at the site⁴ during construction activities, and with additional stress on the system as a result of this project, the number of overflow events may increase. Combined Sewer overflow events are known to have a deleterious effect on water quality. Overflow events have been demonstrated to cause fish death⁵. Omitting an assessment of the impact of combined sewer overflows on the site and nearby waters does not comply with the Fisheries Act Regulation 34.4.

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<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/stuff-we-flush-down-the-toilet-ending-up-in-toronto-harbour-environmental-group-warns-1.6558692>

⁵ <https://www.riverkeeper.org/blogs/water-quality-blogs/nyc-sewage-overflows-kill-thousands-fish/>

Comment/Question	Date Received	Project Team Response	Response Date
Refer to letter from Swim Drink Fish Canada dated September 2, 2023.	2-Sep-23	<p><i>Comment submitted through the Environmental Registry of Ontario with no contact information.</i></p> <p>A variety of interests have been heard during the Category C EA process and an effort has been made to balance these, occasionally opposing, interests. The Project Team has heard requests from First Nation communities to limit water and shoreline access to protect aquatic species and ecosystems. Direct access to the water for swimming is limited within the project footprint in an effort to minimize disturbances to aquatic species and aquatic habitat.</p> <p>The Project Team recognizes that many members of the public wish for the site to have opportunities for swimming. The West island is being redeveloped as part of the overall Ontario Place Redevelopment and while it is not within the scope of this EA due to legislation, it is still part of the site and will be accessible by pathways integrated into the public realm associated with this EA. The redeveloped West Island will include a free and fully publicly accessible beach, including water access for swimming.</p> <p>Fountains and opening of the east causeway with a bridge are proposed in Brigantine Cove to improve water circulation and water quality. Water quality will be regularly tested to ensure safety for swimming.</p> <p>The preferred design protects for a canoe and kayak launch within Brigantine Cove. Again, while outside the scope of this EA but still part of the Ontario Place Site, there is also an existing dock off of Trillium Park that provides opportunity for canoe and kayak launching and the proposed redevelopment for the West Island includes a canoe and kayak marina.</p> <p>A Natural Heritage Impact Study has been completed by SLR (September 2023) that assesses the Ontario Place Redevelopment's impacts on aquatic species and associated habitat. The Study also provides additional/more detailed mitigation measures.</p>	