

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.

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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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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.