



Jack Layton Ferry Terminal and Harbour Square Park Fact Sheet

OVERALL SITE INFORMATION

Location: Located on the east side of the York Street Slip up to and including the eastern edge of the Yonge Street Slip – south of Queens Quay Boulevard.

Size: Approximately 11.4 acres (4.6 hectares)

Ownership: The site is comprised of a mixture of publicly owned land, leased land and privately-owned land, as follows:

- Publicly owned land: Harbour Square Park, the Jack Layton Ferry Terminal and various support buildings for the City of Toronto Parks, Forestry and Recreation Department and the Toronto Port Authority.
- Privately owned/leased land: Westin Harbour Castle Hotel, Harbour Square Condominiums, two parking lots and access roads.

FERRY TERMINAL INFORMATION

Location: Foot of Bay Street at Queens Quay, just west of the Westin Harbour Castle Hotel.

Usage: 1.4 million people pass through the terminal each year.

Ferry Operations: Ferry services – operated by the City of Toronto Parks, Forestry and Recreation division – are provided to docks at Hanlan’s Point, Centre Island Park and Ward’s Island on the Toronto Islands. Ferry service operates year-round service to the Toronto Islands.

HARBOUR SQUARE PARK INFORMATION

Harbour Square West Location: Located along the east side of the York Street Slip and includes a public art sculpture called Sundial Folly.

Harbour Square East Location: Located on the south and east side of 55 Harbour Square condominium. The park also includes a boardwalk along its southern edge and a public art monument in honour of Jack Layton called “Jack’s Got Your Back” located at the northern edge of the park.

Park Operations: City of Toronto Parks, Forestry and Recreation.

MASTER PLAN

Design Team:

KPBM Architects
West 8
Greenberg Consultants Inc.

Features: The Master Plan aims to transform the site into a signature waterfront park and iconic ferry terminal that complements proximity to the water's edge while offering spectacular views of the lake.

The Jack Layton Ferry Terminal and Harbour Square Park will be a ferry terminal, an urban park, a retreat and an oasis for residents, an urban gateway for people living on and visiting the waterfront. The Master Plan includes:

1. Doubling the capacity of the terminal building and shading the area with an accessible roof. The accessible roof creates an east-west connection between Harbour Square Park and the Yonge Slip.
2. A transformation of Harbour Square Park with better views of the lake and flexibility to accommodate a large volume of users and potential programming.
3. New walkways at the York, Bay and Yonge entrance points to the Ferry Terminal and Harbour Square Park and new large play area with updates to the existing Sun Dial Folly Park.
4. An upgrade of the water's edge promenade to be consistent with the waterfront-wide vision and a new bridge across the Harbour Square Slip.
5. A new Wave Deck at the head of Yonge Slip.
6. A new public space at the foot of Yonge Street.

These components will be delivered in phases as funding becomes available.

PHASE 1A

In October 2016, Waterfront Toronto, with funding from the City of Toronto, commenced the design of Phase 1A. This consists of the following public realm improvements.

Promenade

- A 106-linear-metre promenade leading visitors south from Bay Street to the Ferry Terminal's formal gates and ticket booths. The promenade will be made of two tone granite pavers (Royal Canadian Red and White St. Sebastian) sidewalk pavers forming a maple leaf mosaic pattern.
- Improved promenade grading for better views of the water's edge from Bay Street. This includes new grading around the Jack Layton memorial statue.
- A double row of new freeman maple trees (16 in total) lining the new promenade.
- To help deliver mature trees, a tiered web of rigid boxes called soil cells will be installed below the promenade to enable bio-retention, filtration, storage and recharge of storm water runoff.

Lighting Upgrades

- 5 new light poles are proposed along the new promenade.
- 12 new light poles to replace aging light poles at locations throughout Harbour Square Park.
- Signature “Olivio” light fixtures will be used for consistency throughout the waterfront and to create better lighting conditions for pedestrians throughout the promenade and park.

Wayfinding

- A simple wayfinding sign is expected at the Bay Street entrance to help pedestrians better identify the Ferry Terminals location.

Detailed design of Phase 1A is complete. Construction is scheduled to begin fall 2017. Waterfront Toronto expects to reopen the main walkway for public use prior to May 2018 for the Ferry Terminal’s seasonal opening.