



Lower Don Lands

Public Forum #1 - Workbook

July 23rd 2008

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July 23rd 6:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. St. Lawrence Hall, 157 King Street East, Great Hall

AGENDA

Meeting Purpose:

- To introduce the Precinct Plan, Framework Plan, and Environmental Assessment Master Plan processes for the Lower Don Lands.
- To seek public feedback on the key foundational elements (Planning Principles; Problem and Opportunity Statement), and ideas and hopes for revitalizing the Lower Don Lands.

6:00 pm Open House

7:00 pm Welcome and Opening Remarks

*Christopher Glaisek, Vice President of Planning & Design, Waterfront Toronto
Sue Hall, Facilitator, Lura Consulting*

7:10 pm Project Team Presentation

*Liz Silver, Michael Van Valkenburgh Associates
Gullivar Shepard, Michael Van Valkenburgh Associates
Ken Greenberg, Greenberg Consultants*

7:40 pm Roundtable Discussions

**8:20 pm Roundtable Highlights and
Plenary Discussion**

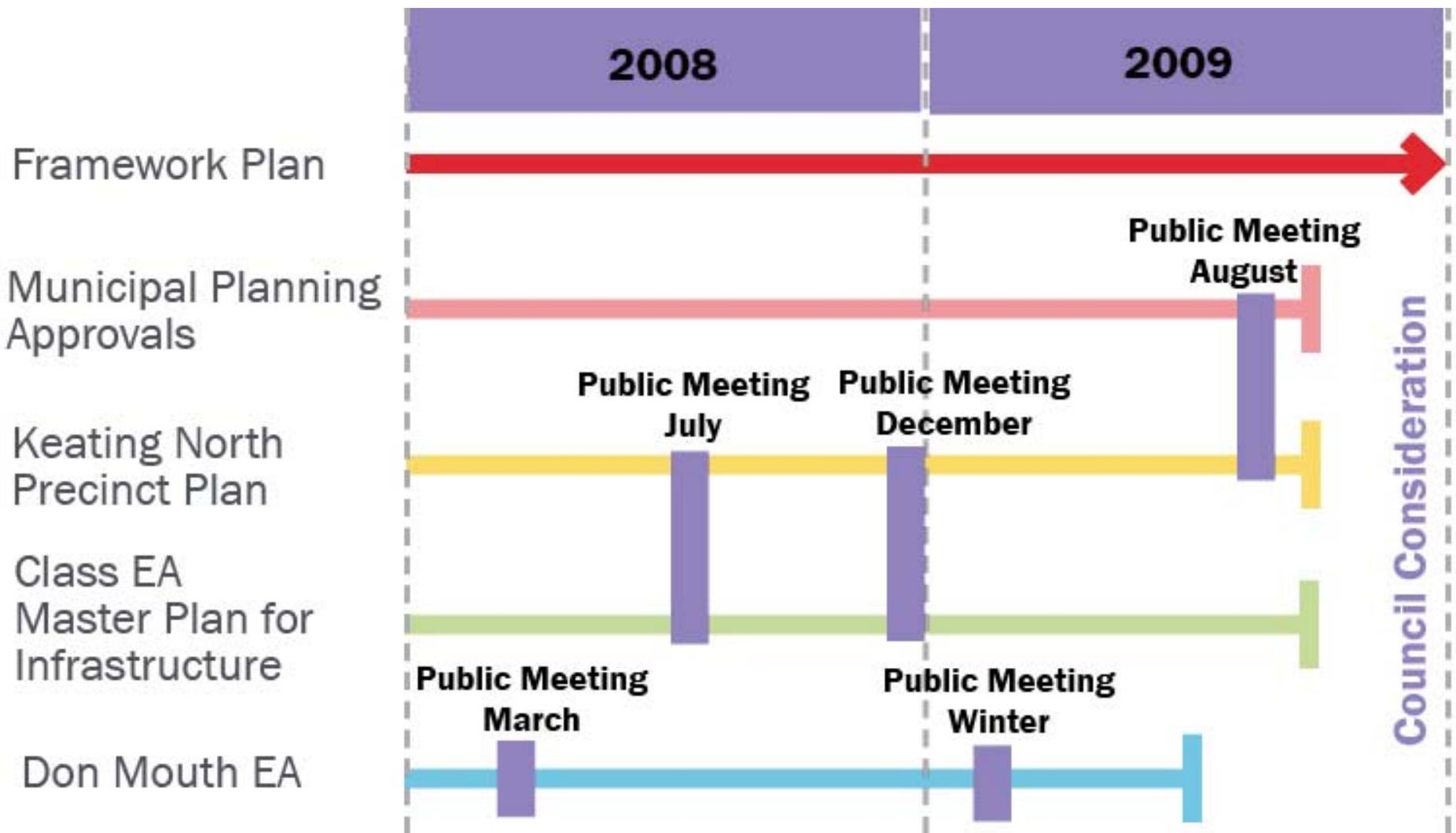
8:55 pm Next Steps & Closing Remarks

Christopher Glaisek, Waterfront Toronto

9:00 pm Adjourn



Lower Don Lands Study Process



Discussion Worksheets

Question 1a: What are your ideas and hopes for creating new neighbourhoods in the Lower Don Lands area?



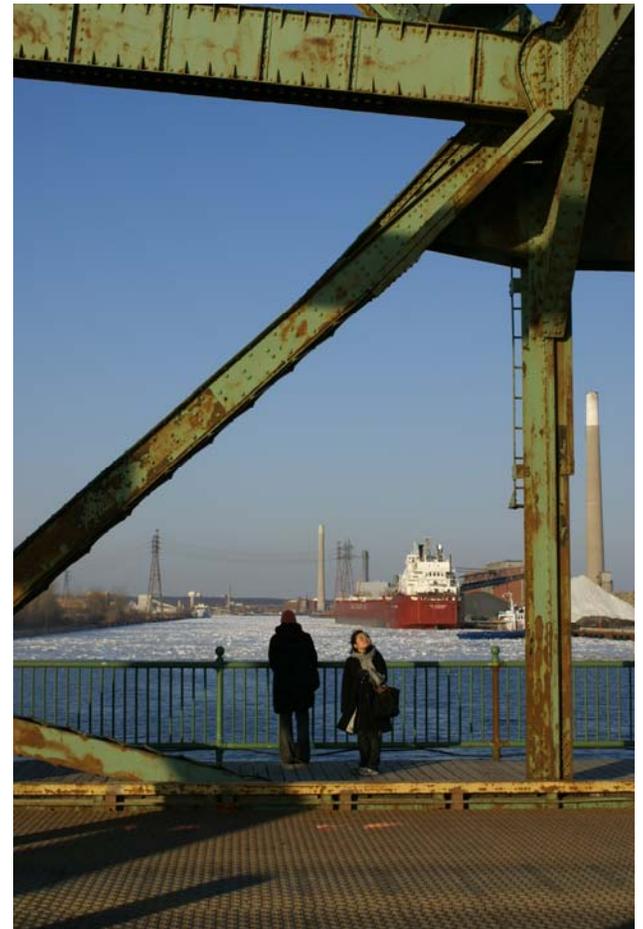
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Question 1b: What are your ideas and hopes for relating the new neighbourhoods to the river in the Lower Don Lands area?



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Question 1c: What are your ideas and hopes for providing access and infrastructure in the Lower Don Lands area (e.g. water supply, stormwater management, sewers, roads, paths, cycling & public transit)?



Draft Precinct Planning Principles

Building upon the legacy and amenity of the historic Keating Channel, the Keating North Precinct will be the first community of the Lower Don Lands. It will draw the City around the northeast corner of the Toronto Inner Harbour in a bold and harmonious integration of city, infrastructure, and parks and open spaces that will frame the new river system.

Community

- The Keating North Precinct will be the gateway to a revitalized Port Lands and the link to the Central Waterfront and the Downtown.
- It will provide a diverse, sustainable and beautiful new neighbourhood with a broad range of living options in the area between the Keating Channel and the rail corridor extending from Parliament Street to the Don River.
- A broad mix of land uses at transit supportive densities will enable people to live, work and shop in close proximity.
- The Precinct will include community amenities and services such as schools, local parks, and playgrounds.
- The Keating Channel Promenade will be a water's edge focal point and will attract cultural venues, cafés, and restaurants.



Connections and Generous Public Realm

- An extension of Queens Quay to Cherry Street will be the Main Street of the Keating North Precinct; Lake Shore Boulevard will link employment areas to the west and to the east.
- Public transit and active transportation will be privileged over private automobile use.
- All modes of movement including a fine-grained pedestrian network, the extension of the Martin Goodman Trail and the Waterfront Promenade, LRT transit access, cycle lanes, vehicular and waterborne access will provide new and enhanced connections to the surrounding city and existing communities to the north, east, and west including East Bayfront, the Distillery District, and the West Don Lands.
- There will be a continuous riverfront park system and strong linkages to Don River Park, the Martin Goodman Trail, and the Don River trail system.

Built Form

- Urban blocks within the Precinct will be sized to be flexible for different development opportunities.
- Buildings will be oriented to maximize sun exposure and provide comfortable microclimates.
- Higher density will be situated close to the high order transit routes and will shield the neighbourhood from noise generated by transportation corridors.
- Open spaces will be shaped and oriented to provide a high degree of visibility and access to Lake Ontario.
- Heritage resources like the Victory Soya Mills will be integrated as key features.
- A range of scales and types of building fabric will contribute to the diversity of the neighbourhood.

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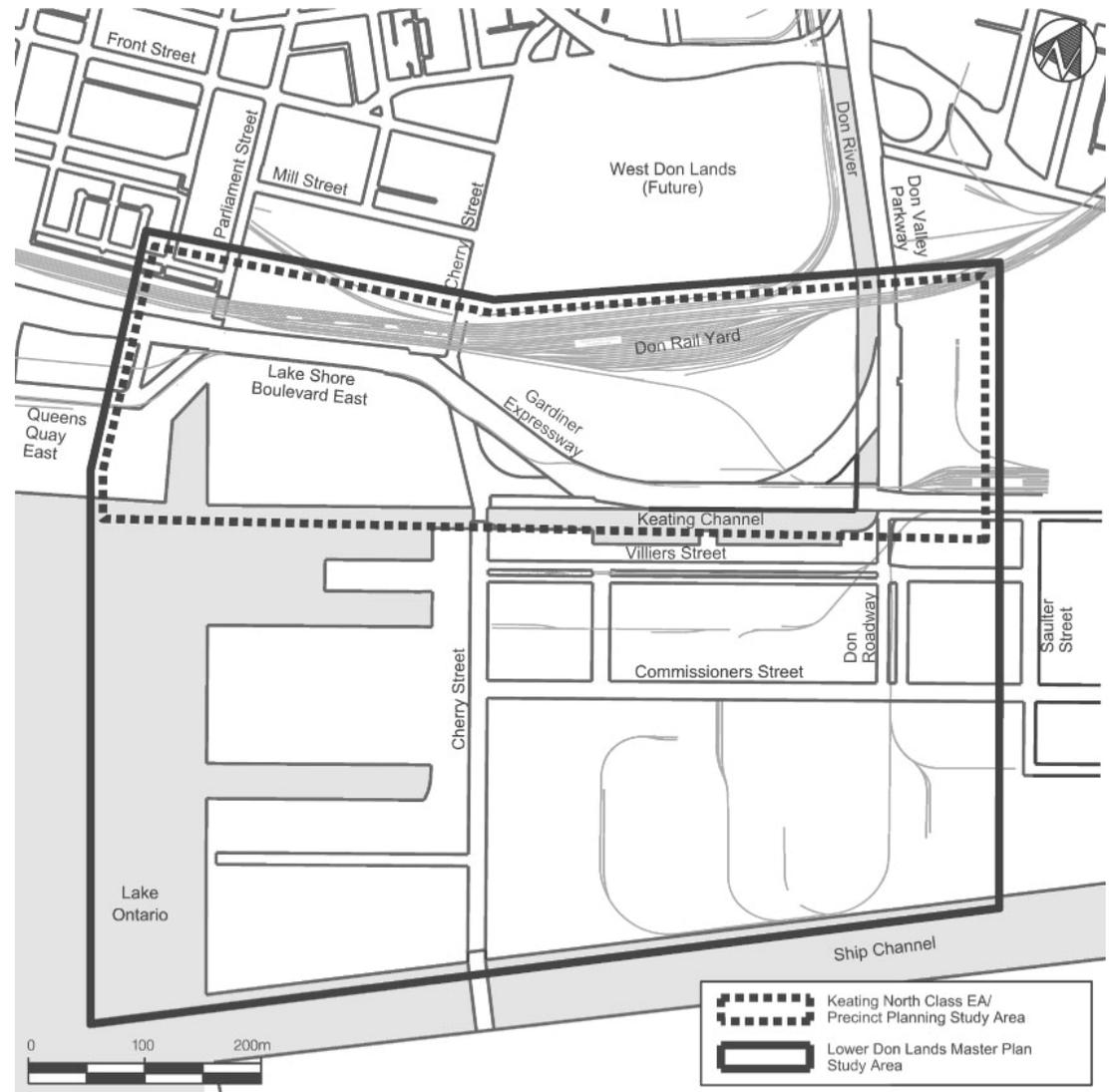
Question 2: Do you have any feedback on the Draft Precinct Planning Principles?

Draft Problem and Opportunity Statement for Infrastructure Municipal Class Environmental Assessment

Waterfront Toronto, the City of Toronto and the Toronto Transit Commission are developing a plan to revitalize the lands at the northeastern portion of the Toronto Inner Harbour (Keating North and the Northwest Port Lands) to create a vibrant, mixed use, sustainable community that embraces and respects a newly naturalized and flood-protected mouth of the Don River. The new river channel will act as a critical piece of hydrological and ecological infrastructure offering a beautiful and functional natural feature around which diverse new communities are positioned.

The existing infrastructure (water, wastewater, stormwater, roads and transit service) is neither sufficient, nor is it configured appropriately to support the revitalization of the area and the relocation of the mouth of the Don. There is no higher-order transit service to the area, and the area is poorly connected to surrounding existing and planned neighbourhoods.

The Lower Don Lands is a keystone site between the Don River and the Inner Harbour, and between the downtown and future Port Lands development, at the crossroads of numerous transit, cycling and pedestrian routes. There is a significant opportunity with the implementation of the Don River project to improve existing infrastructure, relocate necessary elements, add transit, pedestrian and cycling facilities to serve local, recreational and commuter needs, improve or add new roads where new connections and access are needed, and to provide “green” stormwater facilities, water and sewer service as part of a comprehensive revitalization project that sets new standards for the achievement of sustainable planning and design.



Discussion Worksheets

Question 3: Are you satisfied that the infrastructure Problem and Opportunity Statement effectively describes the issues and opportunities associated with the infrastructure needs of the Lower Don Lands? If not, what changes would you suggest?

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Question 4: Any other comments or advice on any aspect of the Lower Don Lands revitalization planning or Class Environmental Assessment Master Plan (including the proposed evaluation criteria or infrastructure alternatives)?

Please leave completed workbooks at registration table
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