

Join us! Get involved with Quayside



Over the last three years Waterfront Toronto set out to create an ambitious plan for a next-generation sustainable community at Quayside. The purpose of this document is to provide basic information about who Waterfront Toronto is, what Quayside is, where we are headed and how the public can get involved. After reading this document please participate in our engagement process. We invite you to:

1. **Stay informed:** Watch our [video presentation](#) (9 minutes) and read this project backgrounder.
2. **Get Involved:** Take our [survey](#) and share your opinion. The survey is open until October 23.
3. **Ask questions:** Join one of three informal interactive sessions on October 15, 16 and 21. Click [here](#) for more information.

Before you get started here are some answers to commonly asked questions:

Who Is Waterfront Toronto?

Waterfront Toronto was created by the Government of Canada, Province of Ontario and City of Toronto to help make our city more resilient and future-ready: turning an industrial lakeshore into a home for 21st century jobs, neighbourhoods and innovation. Waterfront Toronto is building sustainable complete neighbourhoods that include parks, attractions, and infrastructure that make people's lives better. Since 2001, every project we've delivered has focused on enhancing the economic, social and cultural value of the waterfront.

What Has Waterfront Toronto Accomplished So Far?

In the last two decades, our work has made a remarkable impact on Toronto, including:

- Creating or improving more than 25 parks and public spaces
- Adding more than 26km of new trails and promenades
- Building nearly 600 units of affordable housing with more underway
- Committing over 300 acres to climate positive development
- Generating over \$2.3 billion in total economic value to the economy
- Bringing exciting temporary and permanent art attractions to the waterfront

Some of our projects have included: the West Don Lands, Corktown Common, Underpass Park, Sugar Beach, Sherbourne Common, Queens Quay, East Bayfront, the Port Lands, Jack Layton Ferry Terminal and The Bentway. We are proud of these accomplishments, yet, there is still a great deal more that needs to be done. If you want to learn more about how we are transforming the waterfront, please check out our 2019-2020 Integrated Annual Report: [Resilient Waterfront, Resilient Toronto](#).

Where Is Quayside?

Quayside is a 12-acre area of underused waterfront within walking distance of Toronto's downtown. Located at the foot of Parliament Street, Quayside is an important connector between communities to the north, the water's edge to the south, new waterfront communities to the west and future development in the reclaimed Port Lands.



Quayside is the area highlighted in red

What Is The Quayside Project?

Three years ago, we set out to create an ambitious plan for a next-generation sustainable community at Quayside. Since then, we have heard from thousands of people who have expressed support for Quayside’s promise for greater housing affordability, climate sustainability, public transit connections along the water’s edge, creation of high-quality jobs and new economic opportunity.

Sidewalk Labs is no longer pursuing these goals with us; however, we are building on the feasible ideas and insights that came from our planning work with Sidewalk Labs and through the thoughtful public discussion over the years.

What Is The Status Of The Project?

Today we find ourselves in a very different world than when we began. The COVID-19 pandemic, growing social inequality, economic insecurity, and mounting climate crisis have made us all take pause and consider what kind of world we want to be living in.

Over the last several months, we’ve been reflecting on the goals we initially set out to accomplish and we want to take this opportunity to have the public weigh in.

Where Does Quayside Go From Here?

Quayside remains an important opportunity to address some of the growing challenges facing our city, including: economic inequality, affordable housing, aging infrastructure and an over-burdened transit system. Our aim is to build a neighbourhood that is **inclusive, resilient** and **dynamic**.

What we mean by:

<i>Inclusive</i>	For too many Torontonians, the city is becoming an unaffordable place to live and increasingly difficult to navigate. We believe it is essential for waterfront communities to be equally inviting to people of all ages, sex, race, class, incomes, religion, ethnicity, ability, language, sexual orientation, or gender identity.
<i>Resilient</i>	Resilience is about the ability for the community to respond to and thrive under new and ongoing challenges—environmental, social and economic.
<i>Dynamic</i>	In order to have a successful waterfront, we need to draw people to the water and provide interesting things for them to do and see during all four seasons. A dynamic place is one that is inviting, interesting and lively year-round.

How Will We Build Quayside?

Bringing all the elements of Quayside to life will take several years and will involve Waterfront Toronto working with a variety of partners. Among the first steps, we are preparing a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a development partner to work with us in Quayside, which will be released this winter.

How Can You Get Involved?

We are ready to hear from you! Waterfront Toronto is hosting a public consultation throughout October so that we can: inform the public on our latest plans, listen to your views and get you involved. We are looking for feedback on our updated goals (**inclusive, resilient, dynamic**) to ensure that Quayside reflects what matters most to you about where you live, work and play.

[Stay informed, get involved](#) and [ask questions](#). We'll report back on what we heard in November.