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West Don Lands News

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West Don Lands Developer Proposal Call

Waterfront Toronto is pleased to be launching the process for the first phase of residential development in the West Don Lands. On June 18, 2007, Waterfront Toronto will issue a Request for Qualifications for the development of 850 residential units. The objective is to short-list up to five development teams who will then be asked to respond to a detailed Request for Proposals that will be issued in the fall.

West Don Lands is the first new waterfront neighbourhood being developed as part of waterfront revitalization. Waterfront Toronto is looking for an innovative, experienced development team that shares the corporation's commitment to sustainable development and design excellence.

The Request for Qualifications and supporting background documents will be available on June 18 on Waterfront Toronto's web site at www.waterfrontoronto.ca.



Flood Protection Landform/Don River Park Groundbreaking Event

Waterfront Toronto is pleased to announce that work on the flood protection landform and the future Don River Park is commencing. To mark this significant milestone, Waterfront Toronto, in partnership with its community and government partners, will be having a groundbreaking event at the ending of June. Event details will be available shortly at www.waterfrontoronto.ca.

Did You Know?



The flood protection landform will appear as a gently sloping, aesthetically pleasing hill about 3 to 3.5 metres high and 125 metres wide. It will prevent floodwaters from moving westward from the Don River into downtown Toronto. The future seven hectare Don River Park will be built on top of the flood protection landform and will be the cornerstone public space for the new West Don Lands community.

Flood Protection Landform

The Ontario Realty Corporation has its construction project manager in place and is now mobilized on site. Work on the construction of the flood protection landform, including relocation of top soil on site for re-use, is now underway. Construction associated with the implementation of the new low level interceptor is anticipated to begin by the end of June.

Public Realm

Waterfront Toronto has selected The Planning Partnership to lead the public realm strategy for the West Don Lands. The West Don Lands public realm includes all of the public elements in the precinct – the streets, public parks and publicly accessible open spaces. The public realm is a critical component to the successful revitalization of the West Don Lands community.

The goals for the public realm strategy are to define the distinct character of streetscape, open and public spaces, signage, identify opportunities for heritage commemoration, set out a public art strategy, and provide common design specifications for street trees, landscape, street furniture and lighting.

The design process for the first phase, which includes the first three development phases is currently underway and is expected to be complete this October.



Don River Bridge Extension and Bala Underpass

Toronto and Region Conservation (TRCA) is in the final stages of work on the extension of the CN Kingston Bridge to widen the Don River, as part of the flood protection for the West Don Lands. In addition to the bridge extension, TRCA is also constructing a pedestrian underpass that will link the new West Don Lands community to the existing trail system along the Don River and the waterfront.

Both of these projects are scheduled to be complete at the end of July; however the Bala Underpass will not be open until the completion of Don River Park.

To facilitate the construction of the bridge work, the Don Valley Trail has been closed between Queen Street and Lakeshore Blvd. since April 2006. The trail is scheduled to reopen to cyclists and pedestrians at the ending of July 2007.



Coming Soon!



The West Don Lands hoarding is getting a make-over! Over the next few weeks, watch as the West Don Lands site transforms.

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