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Preparing the foundation for the Flood Protection Landform



2007 was a busy year, with exciting progress being made on the West Don Lands site. With much focus on site deconstruction and soil remediation throughout the year, by winter 2007 installation of a lower level interceptor (large trunk sewer line) was underway. In spring of 2008, construction commenced on the Flood Protection Landform; a 6 hectare

berm that will provide flood protection for a 174 hectare area that extends west to York Street, and includes Toronto's financial district.

The landform, being constructed by our partners at the Ontario Realty Corporation, will be the future home of Don River Park; a 7.4 hectares signature piece of the West Don Lands Community.

Update on Construction

Developer Partner Selected for First Phase of Construction

Waterfront Toronto has recently announced that the development team of Urban Capital Property Group of Toronto, and Redquartz Development of Dublin, have been selected to lead the development of the first phase of Toronto's first new waterfront neighbourhood in the West Don Lands. Both teams bring local and international interest and perspective to the development, a unique and bold architectural response to the site, and a deep commitment to sustainability.

Their proposal also embraced key Waterfront Toronto public



policy objectives including creating inclusive communities, reducing urban sprawl, transit first approaches, and leveraging the creation of parks and public spaces.

The first phase of West Don Lands revitalization, known as River Square Neighbourhood, will include 850 market housing units, and 130 units of

affordable housing that is being developed by Toronto Community Housing Corporation. River Square will be located in the area that

runs from King Street in the north, to the new Don River Park in the south, and from St. Lawrence Street in the west to Bayview Avenue in the east.

The sales launch for Phase One is expected for January 2009, with construction scheduled to begin in 2010, and first phase occupancy in 2011.

Join us at our Public Open House!

Waterfront Toronto invites you to join us at our Open House on May 29th from 6-9 pm at Enoch Turner Schoolhouse (106 Trinity St.) for more updates and information on the West Don Lands. For more information, please contact Amanda Flude at 416-214-1344 x 276 or aflude@waterfrontoronto.ca. Looking forward to seeing you there!



New Streetcar Line for Cherry Street

Final approval is pending from the Ministry of Environment, and detailed design plans have commenced for the new streetcar line for Cherry Street. The plans involve the construction of tracks running

on Cherry Street between King Street and Lakeshore Boulevard, ultimately to connect new streetcar lines on Queens Quay, and streetcars running into the Portlands area.

Public consultation is an important part of this project, and will continue throughout the process. We hope to see you at our interactive Public Open House on May 29th to learn more about this, and other WDL projects!

Design Team Chosen for District Energy Building

Waterfront Toronto is pleased to announce the selection of Steven Holl Architects to design the District Energy Centre in the West Don Lands. An international group based out of New York and Hong Kong, the team was selected because of their design ability and philosophy that sustainable building and site development is fundamental to innovation, and imaginative design. Steven Holl Architects is internationally-honored, with two recent recognitions in the '10 Best

Architectural Marvels' of Time Magazine's December 2007 issue.

As part of its mandate to make Toronto a global leader in sustainable development, Waterfront Toronto has committed to meeting all of the heating and cooling demands of its new waterfront neighbourhoods through a centralized district energy system.

While such district energy plants are common in parts of Europe and

Scandinavia, they have yet to be introduced on a large urban scale such as this in North America. The District Energy Centre in the West Don Lands is expected to go into construction by the end of 2008 in order to be ready to deliver heating and cooling to the first buildings by the beginning of 2010.

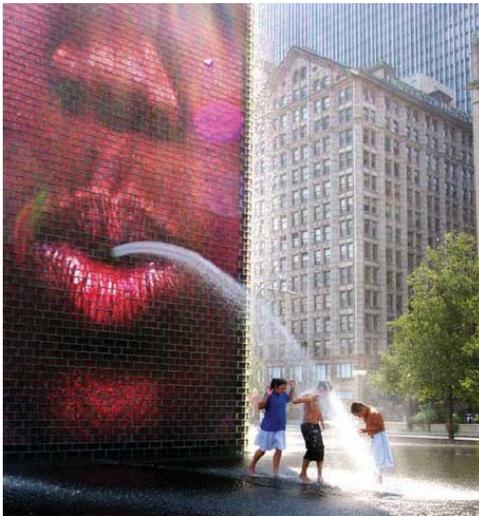
For more information on district energy and Waterfront Toronto's commitment to sustainable development, please visit www.waterfronttoronto.ca

Public Art Strategy

The West Don Lands Public Art Strategy was created as part of a multidisciplinary public realm design plan for the new West Don Lands community. With its broad appeal, public art can contribute to the identity and character of a place by telling a story about the site's history.

At the core of its ambitions, the Art Strategy anticipates integrated public art as a way of creating a sense of cohesiveness and identity for the West Don Lands by drawing attention to Waterfront Toronto's investment in environment sustainability, as well as reflecting the ongoing narrative of the area that binds its past to its present and future.

In Toronto, public artworks are funded through a public art budget managed by Culture Toronto that is equal to 1% of construction costs for major capital projects undertaken across the City.



**Crown Fountain By Jaume Plensa
Millenium Park, Chicago**



**Searchlight Starlight Spotlight By John McEwan
Air Canada Centre, Toronto**

New Pedestrian Oriented Streets

Waterfront Toronto, with support from the City of Toronto, has been developing an innovative design for pedestrian streets within the West Don Lands. These pedestrian-oriented streets introduce a new street typology for the City which erases the boundary between sidewalk and street to provide a common public space shared by pedestrians, cyclists and low-speed motor vehicles.

The concept is one of integration. Pedestrians, children at play, bicyclists, parked cars, and moving cars all share the same street space.

By redesigning the physical aspects of the street, the social and physical public domain of the pedestrian is reclaimed.

This concept has successfully been used in countries including the Netherlands, Germany, England and France. Waterfront Toronto has adopted the Dutch term "Woonerf", meaning 'living street', to refer to this new street typology. The first detailed design for the woonerfs in the West Don Lands has recently been submitted to the City.

Pedestrian Oriented Streets to be incorporated into the West Don Lands



Questions? Comments?

We want to hear from you!

Please email your questions or comments to wdl@waterfronttoronto.ca or call the West Don Lands hotline at 416-214-9990