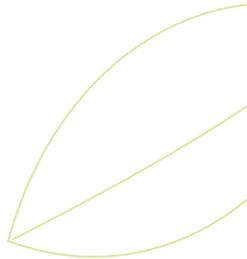




Appendix H
SAC Meeting #2B Report





Queens Quay Revitalization Environmental Assessment Stakeholder Advisory Committee Meeting

***Tuesday, December 11, 2007 - 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Waterfront Toronto, Main Boardroom***

Meeting Summary

1. Welcome and Introductions

Chris Glaisek (Waterfront Toronto) welcomed the participants to this special meeting and explained that the purpose of the meeting was to review the revised presentation before presenting it to the public in January. Mr. Glaisek indicated that the presentation was revised in light of the concerns and comments raised at the last Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting. A round of introductions followed.

2. Agenda Review and Meeting Purpose

Meeting facilitator David Dilks (Lura Consulting) reviewed the meeting agenda. He indicated that the agenda items for the meeting included:

- Walkthrough of the revised presentation;
- Discussion of the upcoming public forum.

3. Approval of SAC Meeting #2 Summary

The Committee reviewed the summary from SAC Meeting #2. The summary was approved with no changes.

4. Walkthrough of Revised Presentation

Roger DuToit (DTAH) and David Pratt (Arup) delivered the revised presentation to the committee. Committee members were able to ask questions and make comments throughout the presentation.

- One committee member asked whether it was taken into account that vehicles take up more physical space than people. Mr. Pratt responded that such a level of detail has not yet been explored.
- Another committee member made the comment that there are two Queens Quays: the summer Queens Quay that is busy and full of tourists; and the winter Queens Quay for residents and local employees. The committee member noted that local retailers make all their money in the summer, which enables them to survive the winter, and it is unfortunate that everything we see in the presentation is a summer view, with a tendency to plan the

future of Queens Quay to match the summer reality. The committee member stated that Queens Quay should be made into a place where people want to go all year round. Mr. DuToit thanked the committee member for his comments, noting that this was valuable feedback, and certainly a shared goal.

- A committee questioned whether Queens Quay is or can be a waterfront street, noting a concern that people want to walk along the water but many sections of Queens Quay are blocked off by concrete buildings or removed from the water in some way.
- Another committee member stated that there is likely room for a bike lane along the waterfront, but that the Martin Goodman Trail is not a bike lane and should not be considered as such.
- One committee member indicated that assigning a “yes” under city policies as part of the evaluation for physical changes, and expansion of right-of-ways, is very questionable.
- Another committee member stated that planting trees and other plants alone will not transform Queens Quay into a scenic street, since there are still so many buildings. Mr. DuToit indicated that it will make for a scenic drive, and people on the street will be able to access the water at the heads of slips.
- A number of committee members indicated that they do not like the use of the words “scenic waterfront drive” when describing Queens Quay, since it leaves out walking, cycling and roller blading. Mr. DuToit explained that the use of the word “drive” comes from exiting City policies.
- One committee member said that it is not up to the committee to say they don’t like the way the City worded their policies, but the project team should not refer to the Queens Quay as a “drive”.
- Another committee member stated that the focus of redesigning Queens Quay should be focussed on bringing more pedestrians to the area.
- A number of committee members indicated that assigning a “yes” for options 3 and 4 with respect to providing sufficient access to properties is too optimistic, noting that access will be difficult, and should be assessed as such in the evaluation.
- Another committee member suggested it might be appropriate to do a study to test how feasible each option is for providing sufficient access to properties. Mr. DuToit suggested access will be looked at much more closely during Phase 3 of the Environmental Assessment: Design Alternatives.
- One committee member said that the presented solutions seem to be coming at the problem from a strictly Queens Quay perspective, and asked if there are any solutions that can integrate other streets in the area to reroute traffic and enhance access. Mr. DuToit explained that this is a study specific to Queens Quay and as such, concentrates on making Queens Quay look and function better.
- Another committee member indicated concern about the problem of coach buses on Queens Quay, and indicated that this issue was not addressed explicitly in the revised problem statement as he suggested earlier. The committee member explained that buses

are coming into the area with tourists and students, thus the City needs to have appropriate parking and access, and buses cannot be allowed to park on the street.

- One committee member commented that there is too much information in the presentation, and suggested that the matrix be shown at the end as a summary slide. There is no need to show the specific evaluation results for every item. The committee member also suggested that it would be better to insert slides that show visual examples.
- A committee member asked whether budget is one of the criteria. Mr. DuToit explained that it is not a criterion at this point but it will be during Phase 3 of the Environmental Assessment: Design Alternatives.
- One committee member stated that the revised presentation was excellent and it was evident that previous feedback has been taken into account. Other committee members generally agreed that the presentation was much improved.

5. Upcoming Public Forum – Early January 08

Pina Mallozzi (Waterfront Toronto) provided an update on the Public Forum tentatively planned for January 10, 2008. Ms. Mallozzi indicated that Waterfront Toronto is in the process of securing a venue for the event, and postcards will be sent out to area residents and contacts from the database to inform them of the meeting. Ms. Mallozzi explained that the Public Forum will include an open house, a two-part presentation, and roundtable breakout sessions to provide feedback.

Ms. Mallozzi asked committee members to email her suggestions for an appropriate venue.

Committee members asked the following questions about the Public Forum:

- One committee member asked what type of feedback the project team looking for at the public meeting. Mr. Dilks explained that the project team is looking for general comments on the presentation, the problem statement and the planning solutions. Steve Willis added that everything the Committee has seen is open for public feedback, and it is an important part of the process to document the comments and views received.

Before concluding the meeting Mr. DuToit asked the committee what word they would suggest to replace “difficult” in the matrix. Several committee members suggested the word “challenging”.

Committee members then offered a number of general comments and questions, including:

- A committee member wasn't clear about the planning options presented, and wanted to know whether examples could be provided. Mr. DuToit answered yes they were examples, and that this will be properly explained at the public meeting.
- A committee member noted that the project team is not prescribing one solution, but rather are looking at a mix of all the options.
- Another committee member asked whether option 4 is realistic. Mr. DuToit explained that it is something the project team has heard from other stakeholders, but expanding the right-of-way may work in some places along the waterfront.
- A couple of committee members noted they have a very hard time visualizing the options, thus visual examples would be very helpful.

- One committee member noted that the use of the matrix with the coloured dots makes the process look very black and white in that only one option can be chosen. The committee members suggested the project team explain that this is not an “either or situation” and a blend is possible.

Mr. Dilks thanked committee members for their comments and reminded them the Public Forum has been scheduled for January 10, 2008.

6. Adjourn

Appendix A: Attendance List

Name	Organization
Committee Members	
Kelly Gorman	York Quay Neighbourhood Association
David Dunphy	Resident
Julie Beddoes	West Don Lands Committee
Sylvia Pellman	St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Association
Dennis Findlay	Port Lands Action Committee/Waterfront Action
Tom Davidson	Councillor Pam McConnell's Office
David Fisher	Rocket Riders
Vicki Barron	Waterfront Regeneration Trust
Braz Menezes	York Quay Neighbourhood Association and QQHBIA
Pam Mazza	Toronto Island Community Association
Stephanie Tencer	Feet on the Street
Karen Honsinger	QQHBIA
Michael Brown	Bathurst Quay Neighbourhood Association
Jennifer Chan	Councillor Adam Vaughan's Office
Heather Macnaghton	Resident
Robert Zeidler	Queens Quay Terminal
Helder Melo	Harbourfront Centre
Waterfront Toronto and City of Toronto Staff	
Pina Mallozzi	Waterfront Toronto
Chris Glaisek	Waterfront Toronto
John Kelly	City of Toronto
Bill Lashbrook	City of Toronto – City Planning Division
Andrea Kelemen	Waterfront Toronto
Jayne Naiman	City of Toronto – Waterfront Secretariat
Jim Sinikas	Toronto Transit Commission (TTC)
Consultants	
David Pratt	ARUP
Roger DuToit	DTAH
John Hillier	DTAH
Steve Willis	MMM
Brent Raymond	DTAH
Facilitators	
David Dilks	Lura Consulting
Patricia Prokop	Lura Consulting