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Waterfront Update - September/October 2007

Waterfront Toronto Selects Five Developers to Bid On West Don Lands Development

Waterfront Toronto announced that five development teams have been selected to bid on the construction of 850 units of housing in the West Don Lands, the first new neighbourhood to be developed as part of waterfront revitalization.

Waterfront Toronto short-listed the five teams through a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) that was issued in June and to which 18 developers responded.

A steering committee made up of members from Waterfront Toronto as well as external sustainability, development and design experts, evaluated the RFQ submissions. The Honourable Justice Coulter A. Osbourne provided oversight of the process from a fairness and transparency point of view.



The five short-listed teams are:

- *Monarch Corporation and Fram Building Group with Graziani and Corazza Architects and Cobalt Engineering LEED*
- *Onni Development Capital Corp. with Gomberoff Bell Lyon Architects and Pottinger Gaherty LEED*
- *Tridel with Hotson Bakker Boniface Haden Architects + Urbanistes and Deltera LEED*
- *Urbancorp with Foster and Partners Architects and Buro Happold LEED*
- *Urban Capital Property Group and Redquartz Developments with Saucier + Perrotte Architects and Enermodal Engineering LEED*

In October, Waterfront Toronto will issue a full Request for Proposals to the five short-listed teams. The corporation anticipates making the final selection in early-2008. The selected developer will be required to build according to the standards set out in the West Don Lands Precinct Plan and Urban Design Guidelines as well as meet mandatory green building requirements.

The first phase of West Don Lands development 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.

Waterfront Toronto Annual General Meeting ♦ October 2nd

Waterfront Toronto would like to invite you to our Annual General Meeting.

The meeting is being held on Tuesday, October 2, 2007 from 7:00 – 9:00 pm at the Design Exchange – 234 Bay Street, Toronto Dominion Centre.

Our keynote speaker is Paul Goldberger, Architecture Critic for *The New Yorker*. The meeting will feature a presentation on the importance of good design in city building.

Please mark this date in your calendar!

If you would like further information, please contact Amanda Flude at 416-214-1344 ext. 276 or aflude@waterfrontoronto.ca. Please note that you do not need to register for the event.

Toronto Urban Design Awards ♦ 2007

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Design excellence is one of the waterfront Toronto's corporate objectives and is an integral part of waterfront revitalization. Waterfront Toronto has always retained the best architects, urban designers, planners and landscape architects to work on waterfront projects.

Our devotion to high quality design was recently recognized by the City of Toronto. Four of our projects received 2007 Urban Design Awards—Central Waterfront master plan, Harbourfront Water's Edge Revitalization project, Quay to the City and Port Lands Estuary, the winning proposal from the Lower Don Lands design competition.

Held every second year, the Awards acknowledge and promote the contribution that architects, landscape architects, urban designers, artists and builders make in enhancing the public realm.

To access more information on the Toronto Urban Design Awards please click [here](#).



Spadina Head of Slip

As part of the revitalization of Toronto's central waterfront, Waterfront Toronto will be undertaking the construction of Spadina Head of Slip. Spadina Head of Slip, consists of a 700 metre squared undulating wood pedestrian deck over water, adjacent to the foot of Spadina Avenue south of Queens Quay Boulevard.

Spadina Head of Slip represents an opportunity to create a gateway to the waterfront for visitors arriving by streetcar down Spadina Avenue and will create publicly accessible space at a site which today is a pinch point on the waterfront. This project will also help to stitch together the Music Garden and HTO Park, two already revitalized public spaces on Toronto's Waterfront.

The construction of this project is anticipated to commence in early October 2007 with the installation of hoarding around the site, and will run through to June 2008. Construction activities will include pile driving, dockwall repairs, in-water fisheries habitat construction, deck installation and landscape improvements.



The 2007 Toronto Trails Festival

The Toronto Trails Festival is a month of celebrations to encourage Torontonians and tourists to enjoy the many health and social benefits of walking and hiking on the world-class system of trails in Toronto. This year, Waterfront Toronto partnered with the Toronto Trails Festival and helped launch their 5th season. This will be a celebration of our city's parks, ravines and the renaissance of our waterfront involving thousands of Torontonians from across the city.

This year's launch walk at Tommy Thompson Park, was a great success! Mayor David Miller was on hand to open the festivities and serve as honorary Walk Leader.

The next Walk, taking place this Sunday, September 30, will be at Port Union Waterfront Park in Scarborough. For details on this Walk, please click [here](#).

For more information on the Toronto Trails Festival and their upcoming walks, please visit their website at www.torontotrailsfestival.ca



TTC-TWRC Waterfront Transit Environmental Assessment West Don Lands

Notice of Final Public Information Centre

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The Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) and Waterfront Toronto invite the public to attend the **final** public information centre for the TTC-TWRC Waterfront Transit Environmental Assessment – West Don Lands. The purpose of this study is to identify the required transit infrastructure to serve future waterfront development in the West Don Lands area.

The first public workshop of the study was held on March 21, 2007 which resulted in the selection of streetcar along Cherry Street between Lake Shore Boulevard and King Street as the preferred option for providing transit service in the West Don Lands area. A drop-in centre was held on July 26, 2007 where three short-list options for Cherry Street were presented to the public. Subsequently, based on a technical assessment with input from the community and staff from the City, the TTC, and Waterfront Toronto, a recommended alternative for Cherry Street has been identified. As part of the environmental assessment process, the final public information centre is being held on October 11, 2007 to present the recommended alternative before it is submitted for approval by City Council.



Date: Thursday, October 11, 2007
Location: Enoch Turner Schoolhouse
 106 Trinity Street
 Toronto, Ontario
Time: 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The meeting will be held as a drop-in centre where you can review display material. Members of the Project Team will be present to answer questions and respond to comments.

The study is being undertaken to meet the requirements of the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act*. As a result of recently-approved amendments to the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process, the study will be completed under the newly-approved process for transit projects. For more information on this transition process please contact the study Project Manager.

We encourage your participation at this final public information centre and look forward to your attendance. If you wish to receive additional information about the study, be included on the project mailing list, or provide comments to the Project Team, please contact either of the following:

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