



Quotes: Opening the revitalized Queens Quay

“The revitalization of Queen’s Quay, along with other key investments, have transformed Toronto’s waterfront into a prime destination that rivals some of the great waterfronts in the world. These improvements are making this area an attractive place for tourists, attracting more private sector developments, creating good high-paying jobs and contributing to economic growth here in the city and across the GTA. I am proud of the Government of Canada’s contribution to the modernization of this important area of the city.”

Joe Oliver, Federal Minister of Finance and Minister Responsible for the GTA

“The creation of a walkable, pedestrian-friendly waterfront will bring residents and visitors to our city closer to one of our province's most cherished natural assets, Lake Ontario. The Queens Quay revitalization is an instance of good city planning that brings us closer to a low carbon future.”

Glen Murray, Ontario Minister of the Environment and Climate Change

“The revitalization of our waterfront is one of Toronto’s most exciting and challenging urban renewal projects. The new Queens Quay is the waterfront gateway that Toronto rightly deserves. From a tree-lined biking trail, to the dedicated streetcar lanes and pedestrian promenades, the boulevard is a destination Torontonians can take pride in.”

John Tory, Mayor of Toronto

“Queens Quay belongs to everyone in this city; it’s the city’s urban cottage dock. Right here is where the city meets the waterfront – it’s where this city began and where its heart resides. But it is more than that. It is our front door - our face to the world. Our global calling card.”

Mark Wilson, Chair of the Waterfront Toronto Board of Directors

“This project was challenging, but the results speak for themselves. This is the waterfront street that this city deserves. Queens Quay is a now great waterfront boulevard that welcomes residents and visitors and tells them that they belong here. A better waterfront also helps make

Toronto a more attractive city for the investment and talent that we need to make Toronto more economically competitive.”

John Campbell, President and CEO of Waterfront Toronto

“From the first wave deck installed at Spadina to the grand opening of the new Queens Quay, the revitalization has been a solid collaboration between local business and Waterfront Toronto. The result is a main street that will foster economic vitality for our merchants and commercial tenants for years to come.”

Kevin Currie, Chair of the Waterfront Business Improvement Area

“Waterfront residents have been invited to give their feedback on this project from the beginning -- selecting the designers, being consulted about transit and traffic, building materials, design of benches and every tiny part of this complicated project. The result is this exquisite boulevard that was made for people.”

Ulla Colgrass, York Quay Neighbourhood Association