

ONTARIO PLACE REVITALIZATION

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Background

Minister's Advisory Panel



- In February 2012, the Ontario government announced the partial closure of Ontario Place to move forward with revitalization. At that time, an Advisory Panel, Chaired by John Tory, was established to advise the government on redevelopment of the site.
- In August, 2012, the Ontario government endorsed the Minister's Advisory Panel Report, which laid out 18 recommendations and principles for revitalization.



Background

- The new vision being presented today reinforces many of the guiding principles in the Minister's Advisory Panel Report to create a destination that is open year round.
- The revitalized Ontario Place will offer the public access to a spectacular part of Toronto and a mix of outdoor and indoor features, including:
 - Greater public recreational space
 - A celebration common
 - Live music legacy
 - A hub for culture, discovery and innovation
 - Conservation of the Cinesphere and pods
 - A canal district, and
 - Improved connections

Ontario Place Today



1. Culture, discovery and innovation hub
2. Blue Park
3. Creating connections: Canal district, landscaped pedestrian bridge
4. Celebration Common
5. Park and Trail



The Ontario Place Vision

1. Culture, discovery and innovation hub

A new iconic core area that could provide places and spaces for future ideas, with a focus on culture, innovation, learning and research





Culture, discovery and innovation hub

2. Blue Park





Artist impressions of a waterscape or 'blue park' to bring playful activity and people onto the water with a series of floating elements and surfaces around the Cinesphere and pods.



CONCEPT IMAGE

Artist Impression of Blue Park in the winter

3. Creating connections: Canal district, landscaped pedestrian bridge





Concept for a pedestrian land bridge that extends across Lake Shore Boulevard into Exhibition Place, strengthening connections between the two places as well as to the city

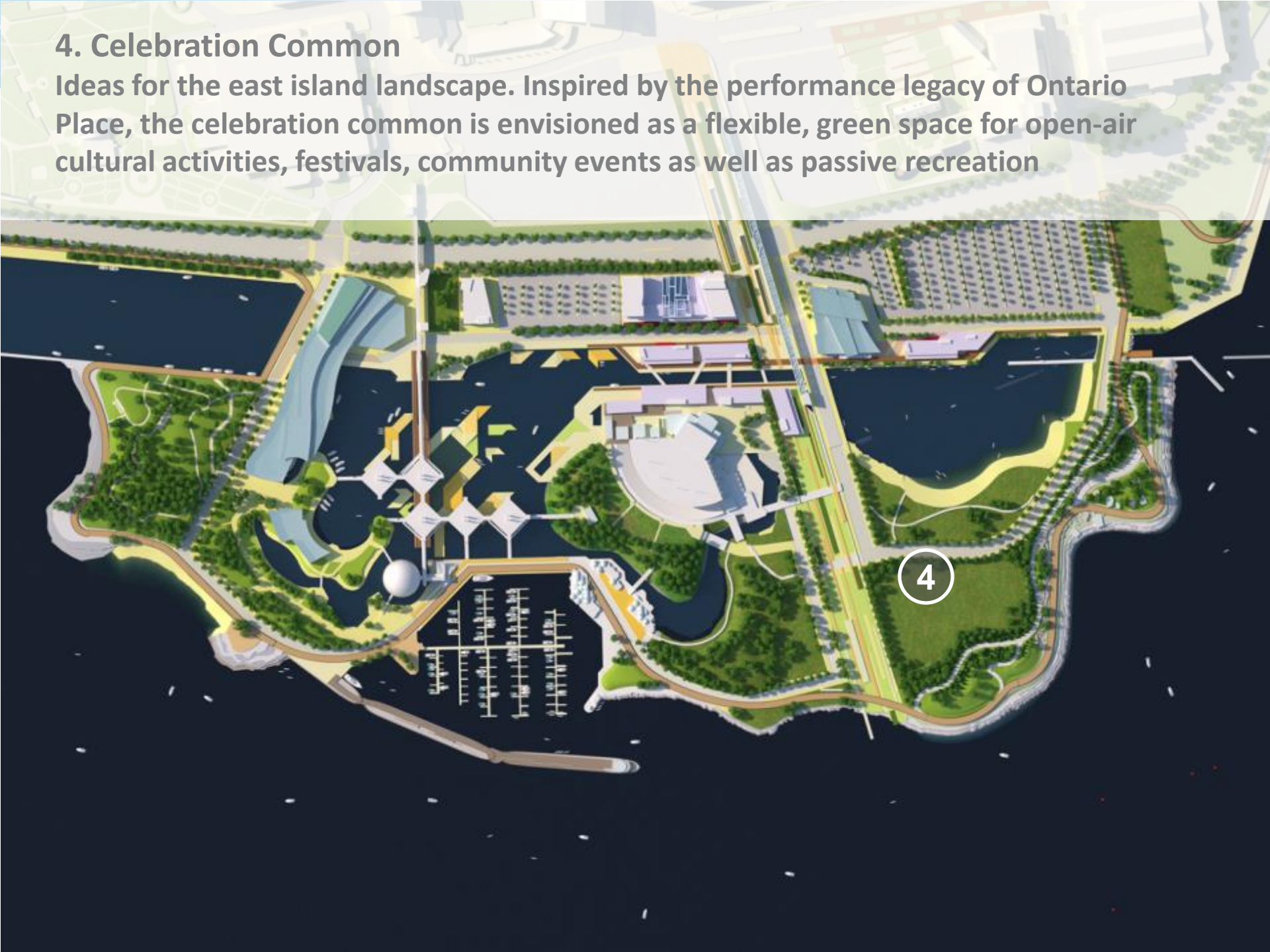


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Artist impressions of a new waterfront promenade along the northern edge of the site – a canal district – for shopping, dining and performance, helping create a greater connection with the growing neighbourhoods close by.

4. Celebration Common

Ideas for the east island landscape. Inspired by the performance legacy of Ontario Place, the celebration common is envisioned as a flexible, green space for open-air cultural activities, festivals, community events as well as passive recreation





Artist Impression of Celebration Common



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5. Park and Trail

Already underway, the first step of revitalization is the new urban park and waterfront trail along the eastern edge of Ontario Place. Key elements of this park and trail include a garden to relax and take in the views and a rocky scramble offering a naturalized play area







Overall View looking West



Overall View looking East



Next Steps

- Commence an environmental assessment and land-use/precinct planning process to ensure there is a thorough public review of the social, economic and environmental impacts of the proposed plan to revitalize Ontario Place.



Issues Summary

- Removal of the residential component is positive
- Extension of the Waterfront Trail around the entire perimeter is positive
- Land bridge connection to CNE is positive
- Needs to have a development/business plan to determine uses, financial structures, phasing and implementation
- Needs to consider active recreation, such as water park or sports fields, to serve variety of users and possibly generate user fees
- Connections to the city beyond CNE need to be addressed, including extension of Dufferin and Strachan to enable direct bus service from the neighborhoods to the north