

ONTARIO PLACE **revitalization**

# URBAN PARK + WATERFRONT TRAIL

AT ONTARIO PLACE

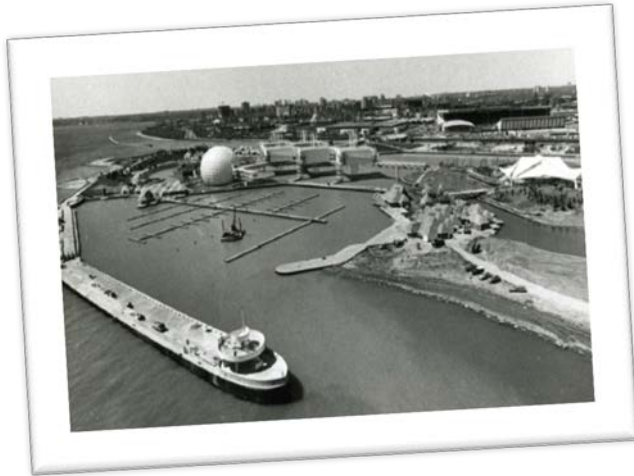


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# The Right Time for Revitalization



Archived photo of Ontario Place | 1971

May 22  
**1971.**

**Ontario Place opened its doors to Ontario.**

In its first year more than 2.3 million people from across the province and beyond came to experience the cutting-edge architecture, stunning waterfront and multiple entertainment options offered by this new venue on the shores of Lake Ontario.



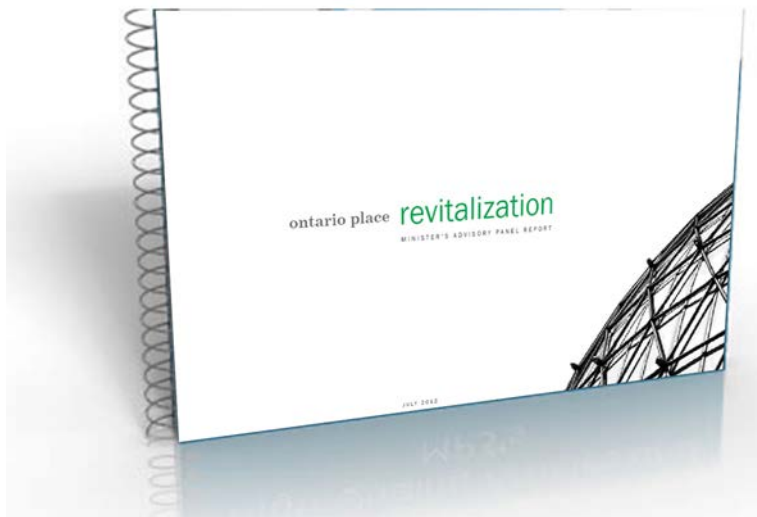
Aerial photo of Ontario Place

February 1  
**2012.**

**The government announced partial closure of Ontario Place and plans to move forward with the revitalization of Ontario Place to make it a 'must visit' destination and landmark.**

# A Report to Government - Minister's Advisory Panel

- The Minister's Advisory Panel: seven community and business leaders
- Advised the government on a new vision for Ontario Place.



To help inform the new vision for Ontario Place, the panel's work included:

- **Listening to Ontarians**
- **Hearing from key stakeholders**
- **Consulting previous studies and research**
- **Learning from other cities**

- The government endorsed the report and its 18 recommendations in August 2012.



# A New Vision

Imagine a new **year-round, multi-use waterfront destination** where individuals **live, work, play and discover** along the water's edge.

**live**



**work**



*A Revitalized  
Ontario Place*

**discover**



**play**



## Design and development principles:

- **Animating the site 24/7**
- **Creating easy public access**
- **Being flexible and having the ability to adapt to change**
- **Enhancing the natural beauty of the surroundings**

# Understanding the challenges and opportunities of Ontario Place

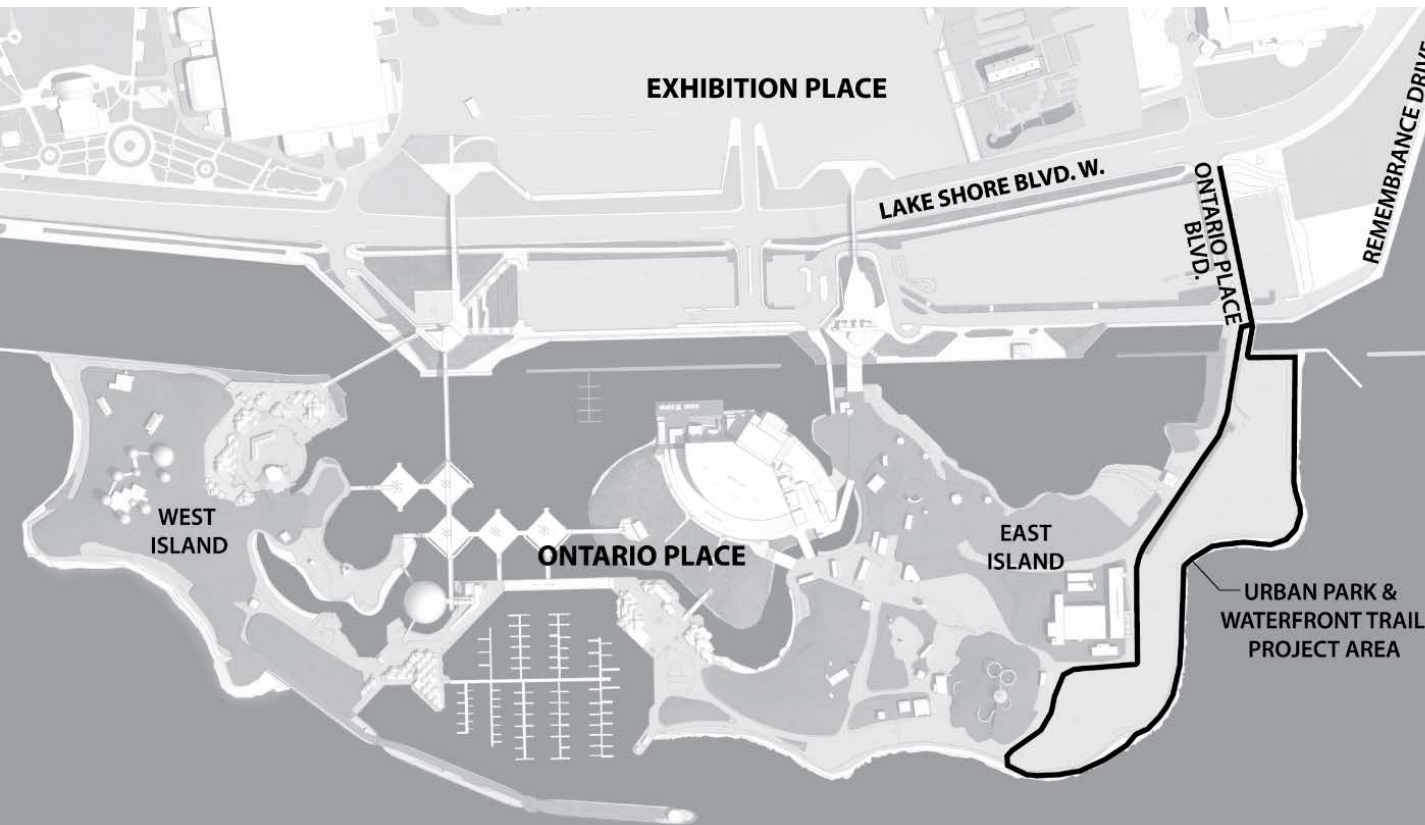


- **Discussions with the City of Toronto** on ways to collaborate with Exhibition Place.
- **Market sounding** with leading investors, thought leaders, urban planners and cultural institutions on their perceptions on possible development opportunities.
- **Due diligence work.** Investigating the site infrastructure, the geotechnical and environmental conditions.

# Tonight's Conversation: The First Step — Park and Trail

We are moving ahead with the first step to revitalization by developing a park and trail – a new public realm – on the east island of Ontario Place.

- We heard that **green space was top-of-mind** for a new Ontario Place.
- The Minister's Advisory Panel Report recommended providing **public access to the waterfront** and an **urban park** for all to enjoy.
- Part of a **broader transformation** across Toronto's waterfront – **leading revitalization with great parks** and public spaces.



# Working with our Project Partners to Achieve Excellence

The province is working closely with its project partners create a park for all Ontarians that attracts **residents and tourists** to this spectacular part of the waterfront.



Project management, oversight for design and construction procurements, implementing the environmental assessment.



Managing the design process and public consultations.

**LANDinc**  
**WEST 8**

The Design Team



# Connecting to Toronto's Waterfront

## Working with Waterfront Toronto:

- Consultation and collaboration with the public.
- Creative design.
- Raising the bar for sustainability.



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Corktown Common



Water's Edge Promenade



# Conducting a Class Environmental Assessment



Ministry of Infrastructure  
Public Work  
Class Environmental Assessment  
Office Consolidation, October 2012

- Project activities
  - Design services, construction, landscaping, etc.
- Consultation
  - Government ministries and agencies
  - General public
- Details
  - Poster boards
- Your input
  - Comment sheet

# Feedback from a Range of Groups is Important

We are talking with individuals, organizations and governments to gain insight on the urban park and waterfront trail.



# Your Park. Your Ideas.

- We are here tonight to hear from you and build on previous conversations.
- What we heard from our Summer 2013 online and in-person survey....
  - ✓ Weekly park visits increase by four times in the summer season compared to winter.
  - ✓ Most popular park activities people highlighted:
    - **Exercise**
    - **Rest and relax**
    - **Attend festivals and events**
    - **Access to waterfront**
- We want your ideas! Our consultation process for the park and trail will include:
  - **Dec 4th:** EA open house, meet the design team, initial thoughts
  - **January 2014:** EA continuation; feedback on conceptual design
  - **Early Spring 2014:** refined design
  - **Late Spring 2014:** unveil final design

