

## STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING 1

4-6pm, Wednesday February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012

Waterfront Toronto, 20 Bay Street, Suite 1310

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*The first meeting of the Port Lands Acceleration Initiative Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC) was attended by one representative from each of 35 member organizations (see participant list attached). The purpose of the meeting was to brief SAC members on the Port Lands Acceleration Initiative and review the SAC mandate and responsibilities (see meeting agenda attached). A facilitated discussion followed the presentations. The summary below organizes feedback from the facilitated discussion into key advice from the SAC for the Port Lands Acceleration Initiative Project Team to consider. This summary was available for participant review prior to being finalized.*

*The mandate of the SAC is to provide a forum for feedback, guidance and advice to the Project Team at key points during the public consultation process. This was the first of several Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC) meetings that will take place between February and May of 2012. Please visit the project website ([portlandsconsultation.ca](http://portlandsconsultation.ca)) for more information.*

### FEEDBACK SUMMARY

Feedback from SAC members focused on four key areas related to the Port Lands Acceleration Initiative, including: the Purpose/Scope of the Initiative; the Process that will be followed; the Don Mouth Flood Protection and Naturalization Environmental Assessment (EA); and Financing. This summary reflects the advice shared by SAC members with Waterfront Toronto and the City of Toronto.

#### PURPOSE/ SCOPE

**The Acceleration Initiative needs a very clear problem statement.** It's also important to be clear on how acceleration will help solve the problem. In terms of framing the overall work, it's important to be clear that the study area includes the entire Port Lands rather than just the Lower Don Lands and Keating Channel.

#### PROCESS

**The process that will be followed to make decisions regarding the future of the Port Lands needs to be very clear.** It was suggested that as the project unfolds it will be important to share more detail regarding:

- The work that will be completed as part of the Acceleration Initiative;
- The timing of this work, and when each part of the work will be completed;
- What information decisions will be based on; and,
- How advice from the SAC will be considered in decisions.

#### THE EA

**It is important to recognize the technical work that went into arriving at the preferred option for flood proofing the Port Lands and naturalizing the Don River Mouth (as included in the Environmental Assessment).** Waterfront Toronto, the City of Toronto and the TRCA need to be clear on how much of the technical work would need to be repeated if the preferred option is changed.

SAC members offered a few suggestions regarding funding of development in the Port Lands. These included:

- Not discounting the possibility that public funding mechanisms (e.g. bonds, TIFs) will be available to support implementation;
- The importance of acknowledging the impact of market absorption rates on implementation;
- Recognizing that this is much different than greenfield development for a number of reasons, including flood protection required and soil contamination; and
- Breaking the costs of development into different categories, including the costs associated with providing:
  - A basic level of infrastructure (roads and servicing) that developers already contribute to;
  - A second level of infrastructure (transit, major roads and bridges) that might still reasonably attract a developer contribution, but probably not to the same extent as the basic level; and
  - A unique level of infrastructure (flood protection) which is necessary and is not something that the private sector has traditionally taken on, either financially or technically.

### **Next Steps**

The meeting wrapped up with representatives from Waterfront Toronto and the City of Toronto confirming that an important role of SAC members is to share information with the constituencies they represent, and to bring information/perspectives from those constituencies to share at SAC meetings. The following information will be available online from SAC meetings to facilitate that exchange:

- the final meeting summaries (including the meeting agendas and organizations participating);
- the Terms of Reference for the SAC; and
- the SAC membership list.

## SAC Meeting 1 Attendance

Beach Waterfront Community Association  
Building Industry & Land Development Assoc (BILD)  
Canada Green Building Council  
Canadian Urban Institute  
Canadian Urban Transit Association  
Code Blue Toronto  
Don Watershed Regeneration Council  
Evergreen  
Film Ontario  
Federation of North Toronto Residents Assoc.  
Friends of the Spit  
Greater Toronto Civic Action Alliance  
Kingsway Residents Against Poor Planning  
Lake Ontario Waterkeepers  
Martin Prosperity Institute/Institute for Competitiveness and Prosperity  
Midland Park Community Association  
Outer Harbour Sailing Federation  
Real Property Association of Canada  
Sherwood Park Resident Association  
South Riverdale Community Health Centre  
St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Association  
Toronto Association of BIAs  
Toronto Board of Trade

Toronto Centre for Active Transportation  
Toronto Cyclists Union  
Toronto Field Naturalists  
Toronto Green Community  
Toronto Industry Network  
Toronto Island Resident Association  
Toronto Park People  
Toronto Passenger Vessel Association  
Tourism Toronto  
Waterfront Action  
West Don Lands Committee  
Weston Residents Association

### Regrets

Canadian Advanced Technology Alliance (CATA)/Intelligent Community Initiative  
Retail Council of Canada  
Toronto Youth Cabinet  
Urban Land Institute of Toronto

### Observer from LUAC

Port Lands Landowners

## SAC Meeting 1 Agenda

Port Lands Acceleration Initiative

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### PROPOSED AGENDA

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| <b>4:00 pm</b> | <b>Welcome, Introductions and Agenda Review</b><br>Nicole Swerhun, SWERHUN   Facilitation & Decision Support   |
| <b>4:10</b>    | <b>Project Overview</b><br>John Campbell, Waterfront Toronto & John Livey, City of Toronto   |
| <b>4:20</b>    | <b>SAC Mandate and Responsibilities</b><br>Nicole Swerhun, SWERHUN   Facilitation & Decision Support   |
| <b>4:30</b>    | <b>SAC Member Briefing</b><br>Chris Glaisek and David Kusturin, Waterfront Toronto<br>David Dilks, LURA Consulting <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Overview of the Port Lands and history of planning</li><li>• Review of existing plans</li><li>• Overview of Technical Working Groups and work underway</li><li>• Project deliverables</li><li>• Feedback from Kick-Off Public Meeting (December 12, 2011)</li></ul> |
| <b>5:10</b>    | <b>Facilitated Discussion</b><br>SAC Questions, Feedback, Advice   |
| <b>5:45</b>    | <b>Next SAC Meeting</b>  |
| <b>6:00</b>    | <b>Adjourn</b>   |