## Heritage Impact Assessment of the Fort York Visitor Centre

- 2009 Heritage Impact Assessment of Fort York Visitor Centre (ASI and Herb Stovel) recommended general design and planning principles to guide development of the proposed VC.
- These principles were incorporated into the design competition process for the VC; design teams were required to address these principles and to respond to the impact assessment framework presented in the 2009 study.
- In 2010, ASI was retained to reassess impacts of the selected VC design concept for purposes of Site Plan Application approval.



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## Framework Used to Develop Guidelines for the Visitor Centre (2009 Study)



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## Visitor Centre Guidelines Recommended in the 2009 Study

Limit impacts, such as disturbance, displacement, modification and alteration to heritage attributes such as archaeological resources, structures, landscape features, and views associated with the site's primary and secondary heritage values.


1891 skeetch of Fort York.


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## Visitor Centre Guidelines Recommended in the 2009 Study

Maximize locational distance of the
Visitor Centre from key heritage attributes of the site, including the Fort itself, and Garrison Common, in order
to maintain the historic integrity of Fort York, as both physical site and as visitor experience.


Plan of Yorke surveyed and drawn by Lieut. Pbillpotts, Royal Engineers, 1818

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## Visitor Centre Guidelines Recommended in the 2009 Study

Site the Visitor Centre to optimize long term accessibility to the Armoury site. This would help unify the overall site and bridge the spatial divide presently extant between the Armoury building and the remainder of the site. Such a
location would strengthen the functional integrity of the site, and preserve its visual, structural and


Old Fort From Common, 19th July 1848 psychological integrity.

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## Visitor Centre Guidelines Recommended in the 2009 Study

Avoid any suggestions of false historicism in form, design, details, and materials of the Visitor Centre.


Elizabeth Simcoe's 1796 sketch of the Garrison. The mouth of Garrison Creek. lies in the lower right foreground.


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## Objectives and Results of 2010 Heritage Impact Assessment of <br> Proposed Fort York Visitor Centre

- Assess if proposed Visitor Centre meets guidelines put forward in 2009 study.
- Analyze impacts of proposed Visitor Centre on the site's significant viewsheds.


Image reproduced from draft Heritage Conservation District Plan (2010)



View Shed 9



View Shed 12

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Results of 2010 Heritage Impact Assessment of Proposed Fort York Visitor Centre

Overall, the proposed Visitor Centre meets the design and siting principles recommended as part of the original 2009 heritage impact assessment and is expected to result in minimal adverse impacts on the Fort York and Garrison Common Heritage Conservation District and National Historic Site.



