

# West Don Lands | Committee

## EX25.9.1

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Distillery Historic District

Dixon Hall

Enoch Turner Schoolhouse Foundation

Friends of Corktown Common

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Task Force to Bring Back the Don

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Mayor Tory and Members of the Executive Committee

### Re.: Ex25.9 – City Wide Real Estate Transformation

I am writing on behalf of the West Don Lands Committee, a coalition of community based neighbourhood, business, service, environmental and heritage organizations that has been advocating for positive revitalization of the West Don Lands and the wider waterfront for the past 20 years.

We are writing to ask that you consider and incorporate the following directions with respect to the development of the framework for implementation of this real estate transformation:

1. The transformation should respect and preserve the existing arrangements between the City and Waterfront Toronto with respect to Waterfront Toronto's responsibility as development lead for designated waterfront lands and particularly the Keating Channel Precinct and the Port Lands. Similarly, the transfer of the operations of the Toronto Port Lands Company to the Toronto Realty Agency must include continuation of the current restrictions with respect to leasing of land within the Port Lands to ensure consistency with revitalization time horizons;
2. The strategic objectives for the Toronto Realty Agency must include a clear process for identifying and prioritizing opportunities to use surplus or underdeveloped city lands to address long-term social needs such as affordable housing, park land and community amenities to support Toronto's growing population. The 2014 Audit of Build Toronto illustrates the need to ensure that the Agency's strategic plan and operational practices support these priorities.
3. Given the need for the real estate strategy of the new Agency to align with city priorities including provision of affordable housing and amenities, the recruitment process for the Toronto Realty Agency's Board should not be restricted to candidates with real estate experience. Qualifications should be set to ensure that the Board includes at least one member with experience in community needs assessment and or the development of community services such as affordable housing.

Yours truly,



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cc. Deputy Mayor Pam McConnell