



A Vision for a Waterfront Public Art Trail

Economic and Community Development Committee
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Overview

- The Pierre Lassonde Family Foundation has offered the City of Toronto a transformative gift of **up to \$25 million to create a new waterfront public art trail.**
- This donation includes:
 - ✓ \$10 million to commission two permanent landmark art works that will anchor the trail; and
 - ✓ Up to \$15 million to fund a new non-profit organization (the “Lassonde Art Trail”) to manage the art trail over the long-term.

A New Landmark on Villiers Island



A Free, Accessible, Open-Air Museum



Artist Impression of Central Lawn with Environment de Transchromie Circulare, 1965 2017 by Carlos Cruz Diez, Liverpool Mountain by Ugo Rondinone, and Look Into My Dreams by Jaume Plensa

Anchored by Two Destination Art Works



Artist Impression of River Valley Park in winter with Splotch #15 by Sol LeWitt and Forms from Life by Typoe

A Rotating Platform for Temporary Art



Artist Impression of Canoe Cove Overlook with Breathing Flower by Chol Jeon Hwa

Next Steps

- ✓ Establish non-profit organization and hire Executive Director
- ✓ Launch commissioning process for permanent art works
- ✓ Negotiate donation and license agreements with Lassonde Art Trail
- ✓ Plan for construction of art trail infrastructure, with intended completion in 2025
- ✓ Update to ECDC in 2023

