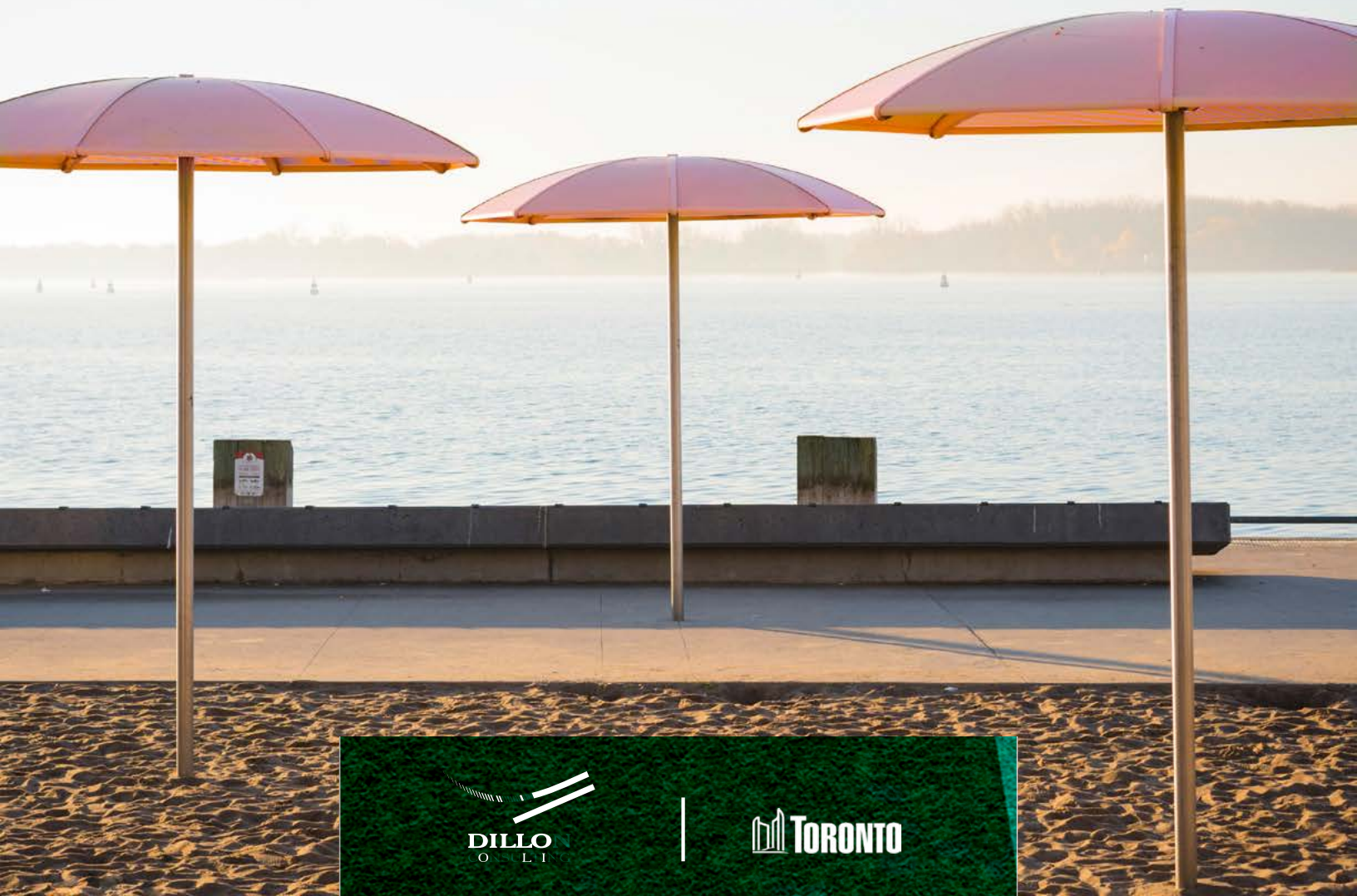


# Next Phase of Waterfront Revitalization



Public And  
Stakeholder  
Engagement  
Summary  
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# 1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

# 1.0 Executive Summary

In 2022, the Waterfront Secretariat with its waterfront partners, began engagement on the Next Phase of Waterfront Revitalization with the public and stakeholders. The public consultation and stakeholder engagement process will be held over two phases from February 2022 and into 2023. In the first phase, the City was looking for input to help shape a renewed vision that sets a path forward for what Toronto will achieve along its 43 km waterfront, from Etobicoke to Scarborough, and the following four priority outcomes:

- ◇ Strategic Economic Development;
- ◇ Indigenous Reconciliation and Engagement;
- ◇ Equity and Inclusion, including housing, and;
- ◇ Climate Resilience and Sustainability

The engagement program looked to engage residents across the City and included public meetings, an online survey, an online mapping survey, a website and a social media campaign. There were also six themed stakeholder meetings and four meetings with residents associations from the different districts: Etobicoke, North York, Toronto and East York and Scarborough. Indigenous engagement is a key component of the project and being led by Johnston Research Inc. Indigenous engagement will occur throughout the project and will be reported on in the final report in Phase two in early 2023. This report is a summary of the input from the public and stakeholder engagement from Phase One.

The public and stakeholder engagement demonstrated support for the four priority outcomes and for expanding revitalization across the 43 km wider waterfront.

Key themes emerged within the four priority outcomes, including the following most frequently raised points:

## **Strategic Economic Development**

- ◇ A desire for new destinations and tourist attractions across the wider waterfront;
- ◇ Support for fine-grain retail in new developments, and the small businesses on local main streets;
- ◇ Make better use of underutilized spaces, like the malting silos;
- ◇ Continued support for waterfront innovation industries (such as film) and traditional industries (such as port related uses);

## **Indigenous Reconciliation and Engagement**

- ◇ Broad public support for Indigenous engagement and reconciliation;
- ◇ Inclusion of Indigenous leaders and First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities in the process;
- ◇ Opportunities for Indigenous art, landmarks and signage to share Indigenous history

## **Equity and Inclusion, including Housing**

- ◇ Importance of continuous public access and ownership of the waterfront;
- ◇ Improve transit, cycling and pedestrian connections and safe infrastructure to and across waterfront;
- ◇ Continuous active transportation connections along the waterfront especially in Etobicoke and Scarborough;
- ◇ Support for more affordable housing options along the waterfront like co-ops;

## **Climate Resilience and Sustainability**

- ◇ Add more park and green spaces across the waterfront;
- ◇ Preserve the current green spaces, wildlife and natural amenities; and,
- ◇ Opportunities for urban farming on roofs and other underutilized spaces;
- ◇ Support for recreational boating, including infrastructure to support kayaking, canoeing and paddle boarding;



Next steps include integrating public and stakeholder input into the renewed vision and further refining and clarifying how the priority outcomes will inform the next round of engagement and the implementation of the next phase of waterfront revitalization. The City and its partners will also identify the specific topics that require further exploration in order to help balance conflicting priorities or tensions across the waterfront, and identify the gaps where there needs to be a deeper dive with stakeholders. Stakeholder consultation and Indigenous engagement will be ongoing throughout the project, and there will be another round of public engagement in Phase Two on the priority projects and implementation plan.





# 2.0

## INTRODUCTION



## 2.0 Introduction

Over 20 years ago, the Waterfront Revitalization Task Force presented a vision for Toronto's waterfront entitled *Our Toronto Waterfront: Gateway to the New Canada*. Then in 2003, the City's Central Waterfront Secondary Plan established core principles to support that waterfront revitalization vision. Further planning processes and various other documents have further developed that vision and the construction of complete communities and public realm improvements. Toronto's downtown waterfront has been physically transformed to bring significant economic, social and environmental outcomes to residents and businesses. While this vision remains relevant, it is important that the vision evolves to stay forward-thinking and that it continues to reflect today's priorities. A renewed vision is needed to reflect today's pressing factors such as advancing Indigenous reconciliation, addressing the climate crisis, recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic, providing affordable housing and making progress on social equity issues. There is also an opportunity to advance these priorities beyond Toronto's central waterfront – to the wider waterfront, from Etobicoke to Scarborough.

In 2022, the Waterfront Secretariat, as directed by City Council, commenced engagement on the Next Phase of Waterfront Revitalization with the public and stakeholders to renew the vision for Toronto's waterfront. Throughout the Next Phase of Waterfront Revitalization project, stakeholders and the public will be consulted on an overarching vision to reflect today's priorities of:

- ◇ Indigenous Reconciliation and Engagement;
- ◇ Strategic Economic Development;
- ◇ Equity and Inclusion, including housing and;
- ◇ Climate Resilience and Sustainability.

The City, with its waterfront partners, is undertaking a public consultation and stakeholder engagement process in two phases from February 2022 and into 2023. In the first phase, the City was looking for input to help shape a renewed vision that sets a path forward for what Toronto will achieve along its 43 km waterfront, from Etobicoke to Scarborough, including anticipated economic development, social equity and environmental outcomes. The second phase of the engagement process will focus on Indigenous engagement on the renewed vision and priorities, and then seek input on implementation of the vision and identified projects. Indigenous engagement is a key component of the Next Phase of Waterfront Revitalization and will be an ongoing process throughout the project. An Indigenous engagement plan and meetings are being led by Johnston Research in coordination with the City, and began the week of April 11th, 2022. Meetings will be held

with rights holders, First Nations, Métis and Inuit Peoples living in Toronto, Indigenous groups and organizations.

The results of the Indigenous engagement will be documented in the Phase Two report and this report is focused on the public and stakeholder engagement and the input received in Phase One.

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## 2.1 Study Area

While the last 20 years of waterfront revitalization has focused on the Designated Waterfront Area (Central Waterfront), there is an opportunity in the next phase of revitalization to expand the vision to include the entire 43 km stretch of the waterfront, including the western and eastern waterfronts, and connections to the city's watersheds. This 43 km of Toronto's waterfront from Etobicoke in the west to Scarborough in the east is the Study Area for this project, as seen in **Figure 1**.



Figure 1: Study Area Map

## 2.2 Engagement Goals

The engagement process has been designed to collect input from the community and stakeholders at key milestones in the project life cycle, and the feedback heard will be integrated into decision-making at each stage. The engagement goals of the first phase of city-wide public and stakeholder consultations were:

1. Share the context and history of Waterfront Revitalization, the successes of the last 20 years, the prevailing visions and ongoing projects;
2. Present the Next Phase of Waterfront Revitalization and the renewed vision including priority outcomes and explore the opportunities to advance them across the 43 km of the wider waterfront; and,
3. Solicit public feedback on the priority outcomes and how they apply to the waterfront from a diversity of residents and stakeholders across the City.

## 2.3 Engagement Timeline

The overall project timeline includes public engagement at two key milestones, with stakeholder consultation and Indigenous engagement throughout the process as shown in **Figure 2**.

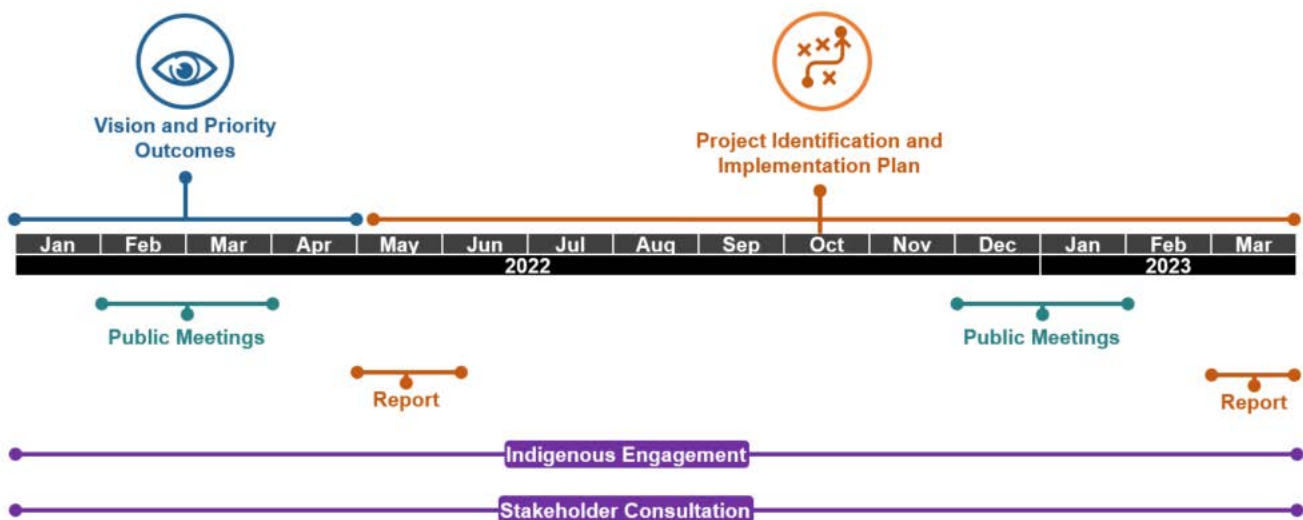


Figure 2: Project Timeline



# 3.0

## CONSULTATION APPROACH AND ACTIVITIES

# 3.0 Consultation Approach and Activities

A series of activities to support public and stakeholder engagement were held throughout the project process. The activities were designed to provide multiple opportunities to gather feedback on various aspects of the project. The following section provides a synopsis of the approaches used to gather input.

## 3.1 Notifications

To notify the public and stakeholders of upcoming meetings, notices were sent to members on the City’s stakeholder list, City Councillors, e-newsletter mailing list and posted on Instagram (@CityPlanTO), Twitter (@CityPlanTO, @cityoftoronto), and Facebook (Toronto City Planning). Social media advertisements were also active to promote the project and upcoming public consultation events.

## 3.2 Project Website

A dedicated webpage for the Next Phase of Waterfront Revitalization was hosted on the City of Toronto website (toronto.ca/waterfrontnextphase). This project page as shown in Figure 3 served as the main hub and one-stop location for project information and communications, including details on upcoming meetings, presentation materials, meeting recordings, project updates, opportunities for feedback, and links to the survey and mapping activity. The page was updated continuously throughout the process.

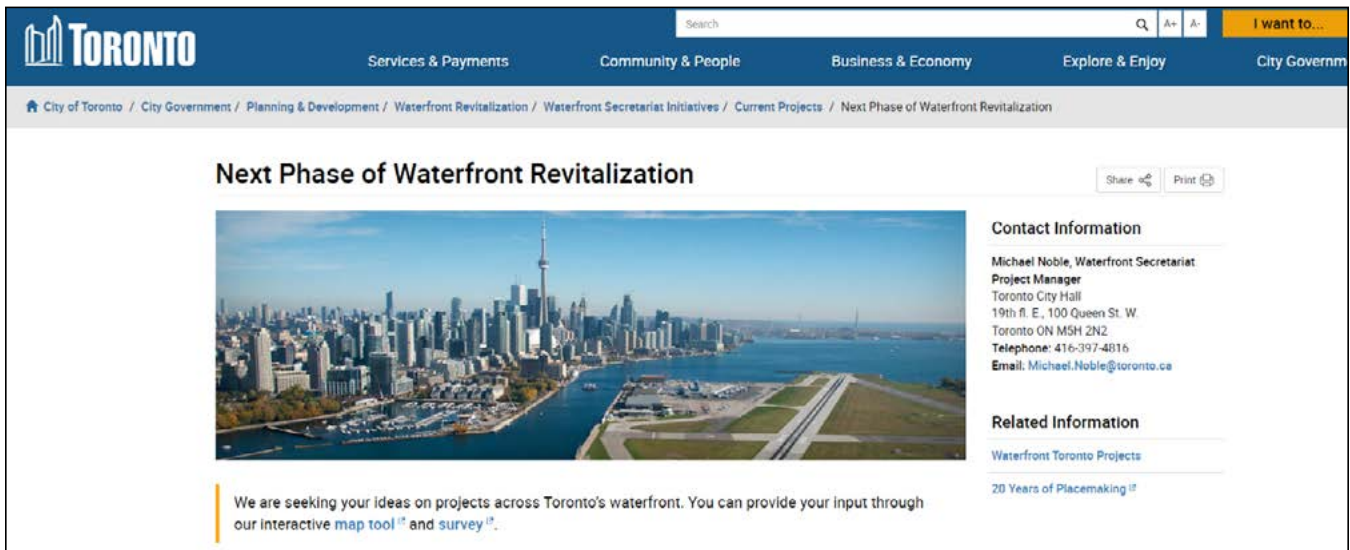


Figure 3: Project Website

### 3.3 Indigenous Engagement

The waterfront has thousands of years of history as an important place for Indigenous Peoples. Indigenous engagement is a key component of the engagement plan for the Next Phase of Waterfront Revitalization and will be ongoing throughout the project. An Indigenous engagement plan and meetings are being led by Johnston Research Inc. in coordination with the City, and began the week of April 11th, 2022. Introductory meetings to date have been held with Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation leadership, the Toronto Indigenous Community Advisory Board (TICAB), the Toronto Aboriginal Support Services Council (TASSC), the ENAGB Indigenous Youth Agency, and the Huron-Wendat First Nation and Six Nations of the Grand River First Nation. A meeting with the Aboriginal Affairs Advisory Committee took place on June 13, 2022 (deferred from May 18, 2022).

Engagement on the next phase of revitalization will take a distinctions based approach involving First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities. The First Nations focus will include Treaty and Territorial partners such as the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, Huron-Wendat Nation and Six Nations of the Grand River. Engagement partnerships on the renewed vision will also inform a long-term approach to embed Indigenous engagement in the next phase of revitalization. The results of these meetings will be detailed in a report in Phase Two.

There are comments in this report regarding Indigenous engagement and reconciliation that are considered to be preliminary and general comments received from stakeholders and the public in support of the importance of Indigenous engagement and reconciliation as a priority. More specific input on how truth, justice and reconciliation, including through Indigenous engagement, can and should be advanced along the waterfront will come from discussions with First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities and organizations. This input will be integrated into the project and final reports in Phase Two. The Indigenous engagement process will dig deeper into particular components of the project, including the distinct significance of the waterfront and water to First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities as well as affordable housing opportunities. This will also feed into a longer term Indigenous engagement strategy to improve coordination and meaningful engagement across the waterfront.

## 3.4 Stakeholder Meetings

A total of 11 stakeholder meetings with approximately 80 participants were held between February and March 2022. The project team developed an extensive stakeholder list with input from Waterfront Toronto, KPMG, Community Planning, the Housing Secretariat Office, Dillon Consulting Limited and the Indigenous Affairs Office. Invitations went out to 175+ groups and individuals to invite them to specific stakeholder meeting(s) and the public meetings. The list included representatives from a variety of organizations and perspectives across the City, situated around six theme areas. Each theme had a dedicated stakeholder meeting with stakeholders representing organizations with knowledge and expertise within these themes were invited to attend. Tailored presentations were prepared by the relevant City Divisions and agencies for the following six different themes:

1. Creative Industries and Economic Development
2. Mobility and Connectivity
3. Environment and Climate Change
4. Parks and Public Realm
5. Health and Well-being
6. Housing and Complete Communities

Four stakeholder meetings were held with Residents' Associations from each of the City districts: Central Waterfront, Scarborough, North York and Etobicoke. A meeting was also held with the West Don Lands Committee.

Each stakeholder meeting was held virtually on WebEx and notice was provided by email invitation. The format included a presentation from the City and Dillon team, a questions and answers period and a discussion period to generate ideas and input on the renewed vision and priority outcomes.

The following themed stakeholder meetings were held:

- ◇ February 16th, 2022, 2:00 – 3:00 pm: Creative Industries and Economic Development
- ◇ February 24th, 2022, 10:00 – 11:30 am: Mobility and Connectivity
- ◇ February 24th, 2022, 2:00 – 3:00 pm: Environment and Climate Change
- ◇ March 1st, 2022, 10:00 – 11:30 am: Parks and Public Realm
- ◇ March 1st, 2022, 2:00 – 3:00 pm: Health and Well Being
- ◇ March 2nd, 2022, 10:00 – 11:30 am: Housing and Complete Communities

The following Residents' Association stakeholder meetings were held on:

- ◇ February 24th, 2022 at 7:00 – 8:30 pm: North York Resident Associations
- ◇ February 28th, 2022 at 7:00 – 8:30 pm: Central Waterfront Resident Associations
- ◇ March 1st, 2022 at 7:00 – 8:30 pm: Scarborough Resident Associations
- ◇ March 2nd, 2022 at 7:00 – 8:30 pm: Etobicoke Resident Associations
- ◇ March 6th, 2022 at 7:00 – 8:30 pm: West Don Lands Committee

During these stakeholder meetings, the workshop and discussion period was guided by the following four questions:

1. What are your thoughts on the four priority outcomes?
2. What projects or types of projects would you like to see as part of waterfront revitalization?
3. What are the existing opportunities associated with the wider waterfront that we should know about?
4. Who else we should be talking to for the public and stakeholder engagement?

Themes that emerged from these discussions and the meetings overall are included in **Section 3.0: What We Heard**.

### 3.5 Public Meetings

Three public meetings were held between February and March 2022 with over 80 participants from across the city. A variety of dates and times for the meetings were provided, allowing the public to attend the time and date that worked with their schedule. The meetings were held virtually on WebEx and notices were shared via email, social media, and the project website. The format included a presentation from the City and Dillon team, a question and answer period, interactive polling throughout, and a group workshop activity using MURAL, a virtual interactive whiteboard platform. The MURAL workshop was guided by three questions and a “Dear Future Resident” activity that encouraged participants to craft a hopeful message to a future resident about the Toronto waterfront 30 years from today. The meetings provided opportunities for the public to ask questions, and provide input and ideas through the chat function or verbally by raising their hand. An illustration of the MURAL board workshop activity is shown in **Figure 4**, and the MURAL boards can be found in **Appendix A**.



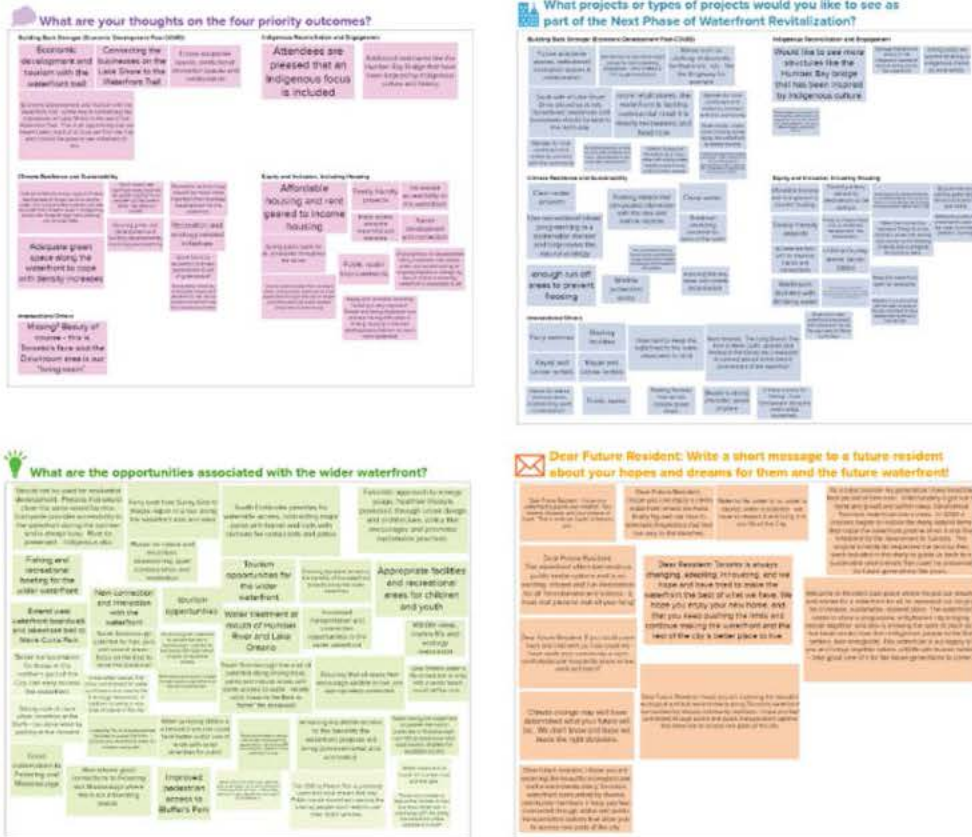


Figure 4: Workshop Mural Boards

Themes that emerged from the meetings are included in Section 3.0: What We Heard  
 3.6 Online Survey

An online survey was used during the consultation process to gather feedback from the public and stakeholders. The survey was available online through the City’s website for 5 weeks from February 22, 2022 to March 25, 2022, and circulated to the stakeholder contact list. The survey focused on gathering input and on the outcomes for the four proposed priority outcomes: strategic economic development, Indigenous reconciliation and engagement, equity and inclusion, including housing, climate resilience and sustainability. The questions also asked for input on the wider waterfront and the initiatives or projects that participants would like to see for the future. In total, 129 survey responses were collected. The questions were not mandatory for respondents, and they could skip a section to answer questions for one or more of the priority outcomes. A full summary of the findings for the survey can be found in **Appendix B**. Themes that emerged from the survey are included in **Section 3.0: What We Heard**.

### 3.7 Social Pinpoint Survey

An interactive mapping activity was used to gather area-specific input for the full 43-kilometres of the wider waterfront from Etobicoke to Scarborough. The activity was hosted on Social Pinpoint, a virtual survey and mapping platform. Participants were able to provide comments on what they love about the waterfront, ideas for the future, and specific suggestions for the four priority outcomes by dropping pins on a map of the waterfront. Over 30 pins on the map were received, as shown in **Figure 5**. Themes that emerged from the mapping survey are included in **Section 3.0: What We Heard**.

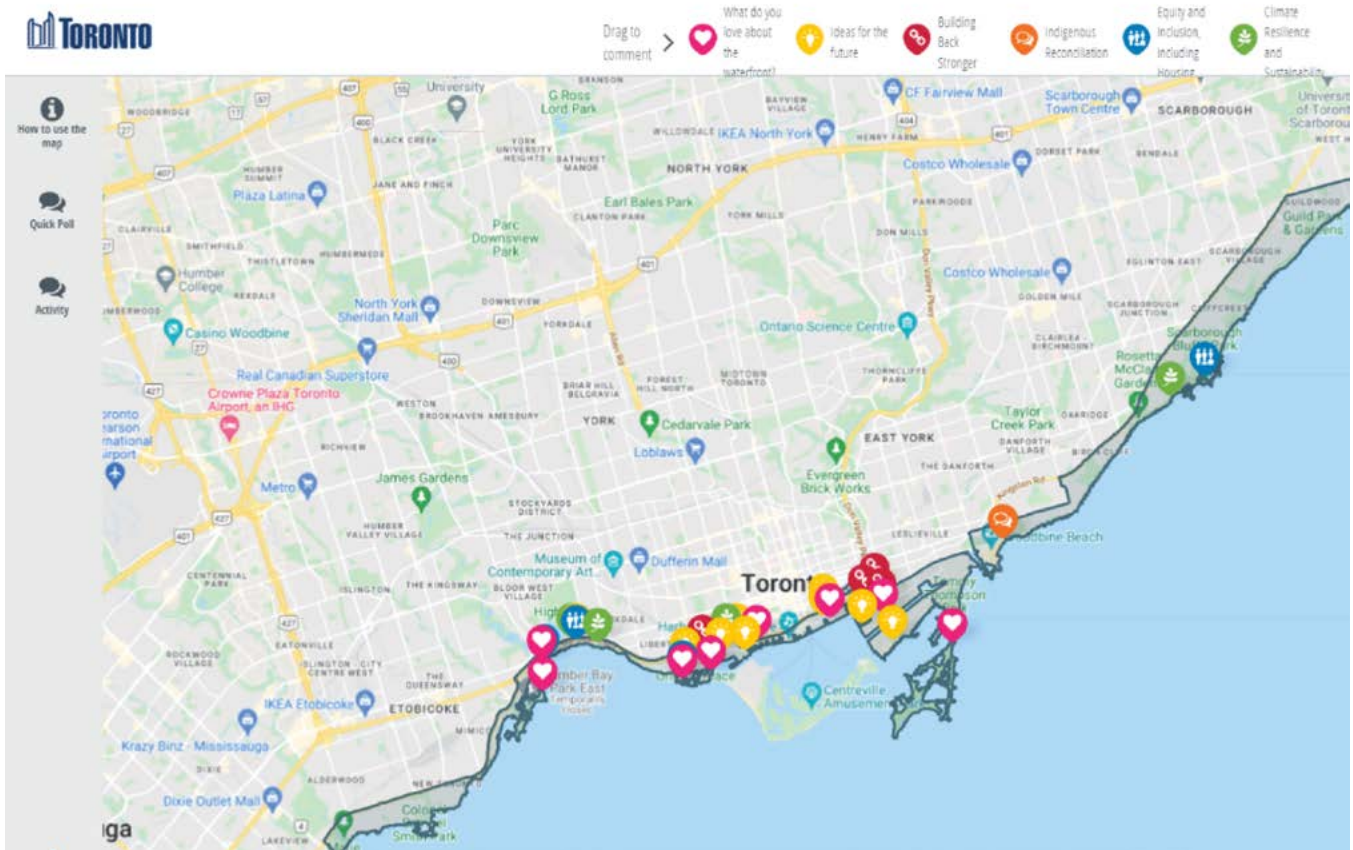


Figure 5: Social Pinpoint Mapping Activity Boards

### 3.8 Social Media Campaign

The City of Toronto used its various social media pages on Instagram (@CityPlanTO), Twitter (@CityPlanTO, @cityoftoronto), and Facebook (Toronto City Planning) to notify the public about upcoming meetings and engagement opportunities.

In addition to the advertising of meetings and surveys, the hashtag #mywaterfrontTO was promoted as part of a social media campaign to encourage followers to share photos of what they love about the waterfront and/or their ideas for the future of the waterfront.

**Figure 5** presents examples of posts circulated throughout the CityPlanTO Instagram page. The campaign is ongoing and will remain active through to the Project Identification and Plan Implementation Phase. Results will be reported on in the final report in early 2023.

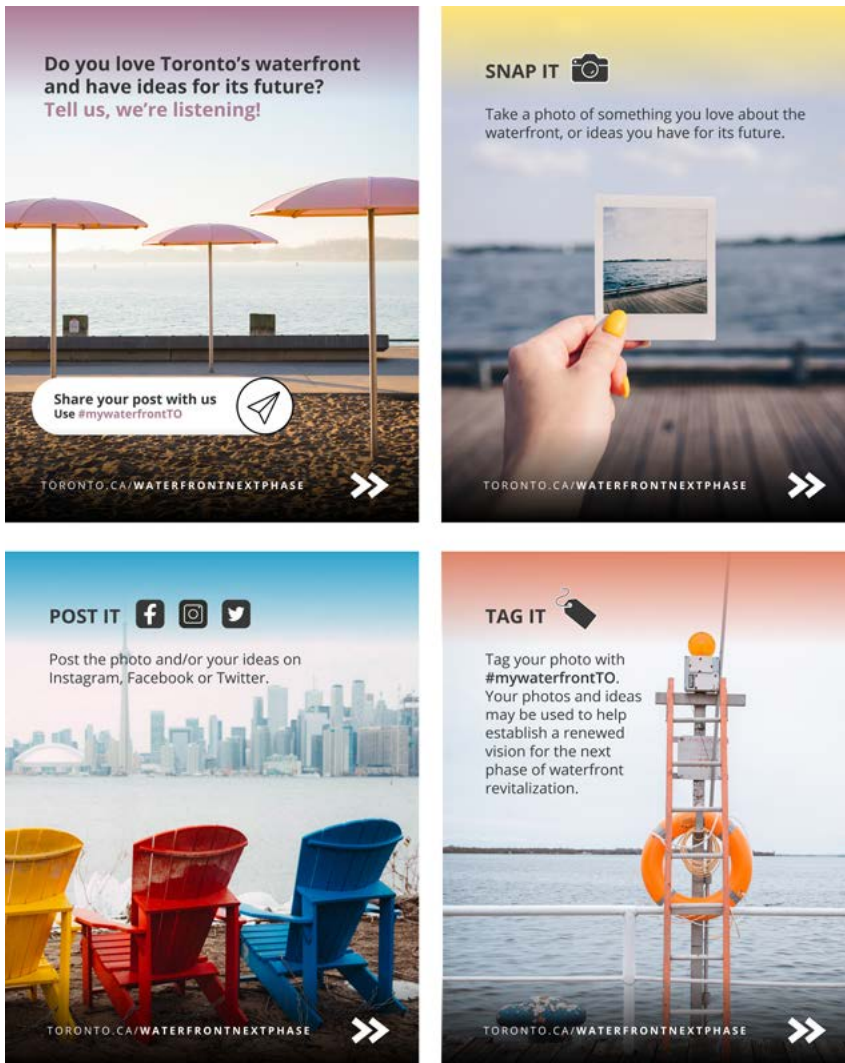


Figure 5: Social Pinpoint Mapping Activity Boards

### 3.9 Correspondence

Members of the public and stakeholders were also encouraged and able to provide comments and questions to the project team by emailing Michael Noble (Project Manager) at Michael.Noble@toronto.ca. Emails were received that provided comments on the parks, recreational facilities and the Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport. The Project team also received a presentation from the Cliffcrest Scarborough Village SW Residents Association on Protecting Scarborough's Gateway to the Waterfront. .





**“Dear Future Resident,  
I hope you can look  
back with happiness  
at what people are  
now working toward.  
Open green spaces,  
recreational opportunities,  
shoreline protection and  
accessibility to all.”**

**- Quoted from a participant in a public meeting. See page 39 for more details.**



# 4.0

## WHAT WE HEARD

## 4.0 What We Heard

A series of activities to support public and stakeholder engagement were held throughout the project process. The activities were designed to provide multiple opportunities to gather feedback on various aspects of the project. The following section provides a synopsis of the approaches used to gather input.

### 4.2 Renewed Vision - Priority Outcomes and Scope

#### **Support for Priority Outcomes**

In general, there was support for the four priority outcomes as outlined in the presentation (Indigenous Engagement and Reconciliation, Strategic Economic Development, Equity and Inclusion, including Housing, and Climate Resilience and Sustainability). Many participants acknowledged that the priorities are interconnected to each other and are relevant today. Several people suggested that equity should be integrated and embedded into every priority and project, rather than be its own separate priority. Some participants suggested that health and well-being could be its own priority, as well as housing. Several participants noted that additional clarification could be provided on where some topics fit. Specifically, people wanted clarity on where transit and connectivity fits within the priorities.

#### **Support for Wider Waterfront**

In general, there was strong support from participants for applying the priorities across the 43 km waterfront. Several participants also raised that the character of the waterfront changes depending on where you are along the waterfront, and therefore the priorities may change. They are context-dependent and some may be more important or less important, depending on whether you are in Etobicoke, central waterfront or Scarborough.

## 4.2 Themes

### 4.2.1 Strategic Economic Development

The most frequent key themes that emerged were:



- ◇ New destinations and tourist attractions across the wider waterfront
- ◇ Support local businesses and main streets
- ◇ Make better use of underutilized spaces
- ◇ Continued support for waterfront industry, including film and port

Several themes emerged within strategic economic development and are listed below in order of frequency from most to least.

#### **Tourism and Attractions**

Many participants would like to see more destinations for tourists and locals along the waterfront that provide more reasons for people to visit more regularly. Suggestions for attractions along the waterfront included a children's museum, a destination like the Science Centre or Aquarium and bike, walking or boat tours along the waterfront. Potential locations included the space next to the Amsterdam Brewery or next to the Parliament Slip. Some also mentioned that a destination in the west or the east side, could encourage more people to go there to visit and enjoy the waterfront.

Many participants also mentioned that the City should make use of underutilized spaces and there should be more innovative projects like the Bentway that creates destinations and new public spaces. Some mentioned that there are opportunities for year-round destinations and we could make better use of the CNE and Ontario Place destinations to maximize the use of these spaces.

The waterfront as a “destination” emerged as a common sentiment among many participants. They expressed the desire for the waterfront to be a place that people want to visit because it is vibrant and there are lots of things to do and see, such as stores, restaurants, recreation, events and activities. This also extends to the wider waterfront areas. Participants noted that destinations not and see, such as stores, restaurants, recreation, events and activities. This also extends to the wider waterfront areas. Participants noted that destinations along the waterfront should not just be limited and concentrated in the central waterfront, but that Scarborough and Etobicoke should have places that people



want to visit as well, so that residents from other parts of the City and tourists have a reason to visit these areas and those living in the wider waterfront do not necessarily have to travel downtown to access waterfront destinations.

### **Support for Local Main Streets**

Many participants want to see our main streets thrive and want to see small, local businesses succeed. Participants would like existing main streets near and along the waterfront to be supported and enhanced as vibrant destinations with retail and small businesses including shops for clothing, restaurants and hardware stores.

In new waterfront communities, such as Villiers Island, there is a desire for new retail to be smaller and fine-grained, to fit into the community context, with opportunities for local and independent businesses. Participants noted that there is an opportunity for economic development by working with BIAs to improve local main streets near the waterfront. Specific locations for improvement included Lake Shore Boulevard West in Etobicoke and Commissioners Street in the Port Lands.

Toronto's main streets have potential to be more vibrant and welcoming, and participants supported the recent CaféTO program that added patios along the street. Some participants mentioned that connections could also be enhanced between the waterfront trail and local businesses to draw people towards the main streets. There were also concerns raised by many participants about the Covid-19 economic recovery and a desire for a plan to address empty storefronts along our local main streets.

### **Festivals and Events**

Several participants raised that there is an opportunity for more festivals and local events for communities and businesses to come together. Events could include local markets for farmers and producers, or artisans. Some participants raised that there could be more funding provided to communities and organizers for cultural events and festivals.

## **A Mix and Balance of Uses**

There was support from participants for the film sector and local industry in the area and along the waterfront. However, some participants raised that it is important that there is adequate separation between the uses to ensure it remains a good place for residents and visitors to live and play. Some participants mentioned that there is a need to find a balance of uses for residents who live on the waterfront, with the right mix of uses that support both residential and the economy. They commented that film studios typically have a suburban style development, and could include more fine-grained and community-oriented design. This would enable a more pedestrian-friendly streetscape that integrates a more active and vibrant urban street life (with street fronting businesses).

## **Port and Related Industrial Uses**

Participants recognized that the waterfront helps connect Toronto to the rest of the world, and has always served as a port. Some participants felt that the industrial space on the waterfront is currently well-used and desired. The importance of the port and its related industries was noted by participants, as there are traditional industries that rely on the waterfront for shipping (concrete, salt, aggregate, building materials, etc.) and these uses still need to be supported. In particular, the importance of the concrete industry was noted as being vital to the construction industry and a resource that will continue to help build the waterfront and its future communities. Some participants mentioned that the City should be rethinking the use of the Billy Bishop Island airport space.

## **New and Creative Industries**

Participants suggested other types of projects that could help advance strategic economic development, which included expanding film and studio spaces to include other creative industries/arts, such as galleries, music venues and performance spaces for artists. The types of artists that use the waterfront and that the waterfront should attract should also be diverse to include Indigenous artists, equity-seeking communities, and young artists. It was also suggested that new industries could be explored along the waterfront such as biotechnology, fintech and aquaculture. “Creativity” could also be extended not just to the types of industries along the waterfront, but to the actual buildings themselves through innovative architecture and urban design that is unique and interesting.

## Economic Development Drivers

Three opportunity areas that could drive economic development along the waterfront were also identified. These areas are: health, climate and creative industries. The following is a summary of the feedback we received related to these three areas.

**Health:** There was support for health-related industries being located along the waterfront, such as more community-health services, the expansion of MaRS and the Anishnawbe Health Toronto Community Health Centre. Some participants also made a connection between the waterfront as a natural resource that provides health properties – both physical and mental health benefits for users and made a connection between leveraging this to create healthy communities. In addition, the City can help create a supportive built environment that can facilitate improved public health including the mobility options that help connect people to services.

**Climate:** There was support for economic development and climate resilience projects that address climate change and provide environmental benefits to the waterfront and City. Some examples provided by participants include locating industries or new economic opportunities that include biotechnology, aquaculture, agrivoltaics, and urban farming. There were also comments about sustainable building materials and LEED certified buildings that relate to the need for cleantech and using the latest sustainable technologies in the future development of the waterfront.

**Creative Industries:** There were some concerns expressed about locating creative industries along the waterfront, as some people believe that film studios in particular can also be located in other parts of the City. However, most people supported waterfront creative industries and believe that this support will help to advance the economic development priority. There were participants who believe that the types of “creative industries” that are currently clustered along the waterfront should be expanded beyond just film studios to include a focus on galleries, music venues and performance spaces for diverse artists.

## Survey Feedback

Survey respondents were asked to state their overall agreement with the priority outcome description for the Building Back Stronger priority. The following is the priority outcome:

A renewed vision will identify specific economic themes that support post-pandemic recovery and deliver on economic, social and environmental outcomes. To date, waterfront revitalization has incorporated innovative approaches to city-building and these approaches will continue to inform precinct planning for future waterfront neighbourhoods, communities and industrial sectors.

The results show that **61% of respondents either agree or strongly agree** with this statement. For those who disagreed with this statement, changes were proposed to the above statement. These included:

- ◇ Given that this is a potential long-term vision, the reference to “post-pandemic recovery” may not be needed, as this a short-term notion and message
- ◇ This statement is broad and vague, and lacks focus. For example, “economic, social and environmental outcomes” do not reveal much, nor are “innovative approaches” defined.
- ◇ Creative industries should be more than just film studios, there should be a broader focus

Some respondents also indicated a concern for locating economic development projects next to the lake, as the waterfront should be reserved for community, tourists, parks, and people. Setbacks, which are minimum distances that a building or development must be located from the shore, were noted as a recommendation to address this concern.

The survey also asked respondents to identify how well they think the following project types advance the Building Back Stronger priority outcome. The results were:

- ◇ Culture and creative industries (65% good or excellent)
- ◇ Climate change and cleantech (60% good or excellent)
- ◇ Health and well-being (55% good or excellent)

## 4.2.2 Indigenous Reconciliation and Engagement



The most frequent key themes that emerged were:

- ◇ Broad public support for Indigenous engagement and reconciliation
- ◇ Importance of inclusion of Indigenous leaders and communities in the process
- ◇ Opportunities for Indigenous art
- ◇ Key locations and landmarks identified with signage and art to educate visitors and share Indigenous history

Note that following the engagement in Phase One, feedback was received on the name of the priority. In the future, the following title shall be used: “ Truth, justice and reconciliation, including through Indigenous engagement.” This name will better reflect the Reconciliation Action Plan.

The comments in this section regarding Indigenous engagement and reconciliation are considered to be preliminary and general comments received from stakeholders and the public on this topic. Throughout this first phase of engagement, the public and stakeholders expressed support for Indigenous Engagement and Reconciliation as a broad priority. Specific and targeted Indigenous engagement with First Nations, Métis and Inuit communities will occur in the next phases, and feedback gathered through this process will be prioritized.

Several themes emerged within Indigenous engagement and reconciliation and are listed below in order of frequency from most to least.

### **Indigenous-led Processes**

Many participants recognized the importance of Indigenous leaders and communities being included in projects from the very start and throughout the process. Some participants noted that some key projects would benefit from having an Indigenous led-design process.

### **Indigenous Art and Place-making**

Many participants suggested including and showcasing more Indigenous art including structures along the waterfront like at Humber Bay Bridge. The City could work with Indigenous artists to determine locations and specific projects. Participants shared that Indigenous art could be used to provide education about the local Indigenous history of particular locations and spaces.

### **History and Education**

Participants noted the opportunity for the waterfront to provide educational opportunities around Indigenous history. Several participants suggested creating an Indigenous Cultural Centre or Museum along the waterfront. Several participants also suggested that signage with history and art could be used to educate and identify key landmarks and significant locations. Specific suggestions included adding signage and art to show the Indigenous history of Woodbine Beach, and the unmarked Indigenous sites at Gates Gully.

### **Indigenous Businesses**

Some participants suggested that when there are economic development initiatives, there should be priority placed on Indigenous businesses. Suggestions also included that Indigenous businesses, arts and culture should be promoted along the waterfront.

## Survey Results

Survey respondents were asked to state their overall agreement with the following Indigenous Reconciliation and Engagement priority statement description:

“A renewed vision will address the importance of the waterfront to Indigenous communities and advance City commitments to take meaningful action to advance truth, justice and reconciliation. The next phase of waterfront revitalization will build on engagement with Indigenous rights-holders, and urban Indigenous communities, people and organizations that represent First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples and Treaty and Territorial partners such as the Mississaugas of the Credit.”

Note that this statement is subject to change with input and perspectives from the Indigenous engagement. The vision will be tested and developed with Indigenous rights holders, organizations and groups through the Indigenous engagement process and will be reported on in Phase 2 of the project.

The results show that **75% of respondents either agree or strongly agree with this statement**. There were some changes proposed to the statement, including:

- ◇ Defining “meaningful action”
- ◇ Ensuring full consultation with Indigenous stakeholders, not just lip service
- ◇ The statement was seen as vague, and specific examples should be provided to give it more teeth

The upcoming Indigenous engagement process will dive deeper into this priority area, ensuring First Nations, Métis, Inuit and urban Indigenous community representatives are guiding the priorities, projects, examples and actions needed to advance Indigenous engagement and reconciliation on the waterfront. While Indigenous communities will set these priorities, the City also consulted with the public and stakeholders to gather support for the Indigenous engagement and reconciliation priority.

This priority includes project types related to place-making and place-keeping, opportunities to celebrate Indigenous history, art and culture, increased access to land, water, sacred fire and ceremonial space, affordable housing for Indigenous communities, Indigenous business and community services and strengthened Indigenous voices in City operations and decision-making.

The survey also asked respondents to identify how well they think the following project types could advance the Indigenous Reconciliation and Engagement priority outcome. The results were:

- ◇ Increased opportunities to celebrate Indigenous history and culture (e.g. Indigenous Heritage Engagement Project) – 72% good or excellent
- ◇ Increased access to land, water, sacred fire and ceremonial space (e.g. Toronto Island Master Plan) – 72% good or excellent
- ◇ Opportunity to attend large celebrations of arts and culture – 69% good or excellent
- ◇ New supportive housing, family housing and deeply affordable housing for Indigenous communities (e.g. “For Indigenous, By Indigenous” affordable housing project) – 63% good or excellent
- ◇ Enhanced support for business and community services development (e.g. Indigenous Centre for Innovation and Entrepreneurship) – 60% good or excellent
- ◇ Strong Indigenous voice in City operations and decision making – 57% good or excellent



### 4.2.3 Equity and Inclusion, Including Housing



The most frequent key themes that emerged were:

- ◇ Importance of continuous public access and ownership of the waterfront;
- ◇ Improve transit, cycling and pedestrian connections and safe infrastructure to and across waterfront;
- ◇ Continuous active transportation connections along the waterfront especially in Etobicoke and Scarborough;
- ◇ Support for more affordable housing options along the waterfront like co-ops;

Several themes emerged within equity and inclusion, including housing and are listed below in order of frequency from most to least.

#### **Access to the Waterfront**

Most participants wanted to ensure there is public and equitable access to the waterfront. Many participants expressed that there needs to be public ownership along the waterfront to protect public access. Many people recognized that it is a valuable resource for Toronto and everyone should have access to enjoy it. The waterfront is many peoples' "cottage" and their escape to nature. Some people wanted to make sure that it is not just a space for the wealthy, able-bodied and young.

#### **Connectivity**

Many participants acknowledged that there are existing barriers such as the Gardiner, Lakeshore and the railway that create a challenge for connectivity to the waterfront. Connectivity could be improved with traffic calming, making the underpass more attractive with art, advanced pedestrian crossing and/or bike signals to help people feel more comfortable and safe. Several participants mentioned that there are further opportunities for utilizing the space under Gardiner.

Many participants wanted improved connections across the waterfront for all modes of transportation including transit and cycling. Specific locations that need improvement are the trail connection at Toronto Hunt Club, the connection between Trinity Street and the Keating Channel, along the water by

Redpath Sugar, central waterfront to Liberty Village and connections around Rotary Park. Other suggestions included expanding the ferry service beyond the central waterfront and connecting the waterfront to the PATH system.

### **Transit Connections**

Many participants suggested broader transit expansion both along the waterfront and also to support connections to the waterfront from other parts of the City. Many people supported the Waterfront LRT across the entire waterfront, and wanted to see that project move forward. Some participants expressed that connections needed to be improved from the north to the waterfront to encourage people to access the waterfront.

### **Safe Cycling Connections**

Many participants wanted to see improved cycling connections to the waterfront so people feel safe biking to the Martin Goodman Trail and can leave their car at home. Specific locations for improving connections included between High Park and the waterfront, between Leslie Spit and the Martin Goodman Trail and more pedestrian and cycling bridges over the Gardiner and railway. Improving connections includes having protected intersections to connect to the waterfront such as at Parliament and Lakeshore.

Many participants enjoy and are supportive of the Martin Goodman Trail, but would like to see it extended east in Scarborough and west to Marie Curtis Park. There is a desire to see the trail be continuous along the waterfront as it is currently segmented and cyclists and pedestrians need to go onto some residential streets, away from the water. There was also support for the ActiveTO program on streets around the waterfront.

### **Walkability**

Some participants expressed the desire for the waterfront to be more walkable and pedestrian-friendly. This means safer walking paths and crossings, more defined paths, the beautification of spaces for added comfort (trees, planters, landscaping, benches) and human-scale uses and spaces that are located closely together so that they can be easily accessed by foot.

### **North-South Connections**

Many participants expressed a need for better North-South active transportation routes to connect to the waterfront from all parts of the city, including throughout Scarborough, Etobicoke and North York. Many people thought the City needed to make it easier for those who do not live along the

waterfront to get to the water. People in Toronto need safe access and routes to the waterfront. Scarborough has an additional North-South barrier in the cliffs and it is often steep to get to the waterfront and is a physical barrier. Additional consideration for this challenge should be included in the project. The underpasses under the rail line and the Gardiner Expressway in the central waterfront area were also noted as additional connections that require improvement.

### **Affordable Housing**

Many participants commented on the current housing crises in Toronto, and supported introducing more affordable housing across the waterfront. Many people encouraged the City to focus on rental housing and co-op housing models such as a co-op housing development for artists. Some participants also suggested the Land Trust model similar to Parkdale to acquire land for affordable housing. Some participants also suggested changing the zoning and land use along the waterfront to not allow any single family housing.

### **Facilities for Boats**

There was a desire from many participants to have improved access to the water for people with boats. Many participants wanted to see an increase in spaces for kayak and canoe storage along the waterfront including at Sunnyside Beach. There was an overall focus from participants on access and storage for sustainable boating but some participants also mentioned space for sailboats and motorboats.

### **Family-Friendly**

The need for family-friendly amenities, housing and recreation across the waterfront emerged from many participants. Desired amenities included children play areas, recreation facilities, picnic tables, community centres, libraries, schools and daycares. Some participants also mentioned the need for larger condo units to accommodate more families on the waterfront.

### **Recreation**

Some participants wanted to see more amenities to support recreation along the waterfront including for fishing, basketball, beach volleyball and specific swimming areas with docks and platforms in the lake. Some participants also wanted to see more trails for hiking and biking.

## **Washrooms**

Some participants noted that there needs to be more public washrooms across the waterfront including at Sunnyside Beach and Rouge Park. Washrooms are needed for families and other visitors and they need to be accessible, clean, year-round and safe.

## **Community Health**

Health emerged as an important theme and some participants wanted the City to increase the opportunities for community health services for the waterfront communities. Participants wanted to see additional community health delivery to support positive health outcomes in Toronto. In addition, the City can help create a supportive built environment that can facilitate improved public health including the mobility options that help connect people to services. Many participants also recognized the value of the waterfront as a resource that improves health for residents, both physical and mental.

## **Welcoming Environment**

It was noted that wayfinding, which allows people from other parts of the city to find spaces along the waterfront and navigate them, was important for making the waterfront a welcoming place. Additionally, some participants suggested that access and creating a more welcoming environment is not just about removing physical barriers, but it is also about how people feel in a space. In particular, it was noted that some people may feel excluded from spaces that lacked a diversity of users, limited economic accessibility (where people with lower incomes may be excluded), or spaces that were seen as sterile (bland, lack of culture and excitement). How welcome people feel in space was also dependent upon public safety. Some participants mentioned that the safety of visitors and residents should be considered in projects, and efforts should be made to create vibrant and active streets and places. Additionally, the maintenance of waterfront spaces (such as snow removal, clearing garbage, upkeep and repairs) was noted as a way to keep these spaces welcoming and inviting.

## Survey Results

Survey respondents were asked to state their overall agreement with the following Equity and Inclusion, including Housing priority outcome description:

“A renewed vision provides the opportunity to create a more inclusive waterfront in alignment with City strategies that advance equitable outcomes related to affordable housing, accessible design, racial equity, pedestrian and cycling connections, transit infrastructure and community services. The next phase of waterfront revitalization could be used to ensure that City services, spaces and programs along the waterfront continue to be inclusive and accessible to all Torontonians.”

The results showed that **87% of respondents either agreed or strongly agreed** with this priority outcome description. There were some proposed changes to the statement including:

- ◇ Changing “could” to “will” or “must”
- ◇ Defining “affordable”

The survey also asked respondents to identify how well they think the following project types advance the Equity and Inclusion, including Housing priority outcome. The results were:

- ◇ Transit Infrastructure (e.g. Waterfront East LRT extension) – 77% good or excellent
- ◇ Accessible Design (e.g. Toronto Accessibility Design Guidelines) – 77% good or excellent
- ◇ Pedestrian and Cycling Connections (e.g. Lake Shore Boulevard East Public Realm – 73% good or excellent
- ◇ Affordable Housing (e.g. Toronto Community Housing development) – 71% good or excellent
- ◇ Community Services (e.g. Indigenous Hub) – 68% good or excellent

## 4.2.4 Climate Resilience and Sustainability



The most frequent key themes that emerged were:

- ◇ More park and green spaces across the waterfront
- ◇ Preserve green spaces, wildlife and natural amenities
- ◇ Opportunities for urban farming
- ◇ Support for recreational boating, including infrastructure to support kayaking, canoeing and paddle boarding

Several themes emerged within strategic economic development and are listed below in order of frequency from most to least.

### **Parks and Open Spaces**

Most participants wanted to see an increase in parks, green and open spaces across the waterfront. The green spaces at Humber College, Marie Curtis Park and Sunnyside should be preserved and protected. These and other green spaces along the waterfront were seen as very important to residents as it helps them cope with development in the area. Suggested park amenities could include ping pong tables and fire pits. Many participants suggested that parks should be created for all ages and demographics, and for both residents and visitors. The local park can be a destination for tourists or from across Toronto, but also serving the local community. Specific park projects included support for Rail Deck Park, and the existing plans for Lake Ontario Park and Guild Park.

Some participants had a suggestion to staff that projects required more collaboration between agencies such as Toronto Region Conservation Authority, and City departments such as Parks, Forestry and Recreation. Some residents also suggested that trails and connections to the ravines could be improved.

### **Natural Heritage**

Many participants mentioned that the waterfront can be used as a place for ecological restoration, and wildlife and habitat preservation including the wetlands in the Port Lands. The tree canopy, beautiful views, eastern cliffs and the shoreline all need protection and taking care of to preserve the natural amenities and reduce erosion along the waterfront. There was mention by

some participants that they would like the waterfront to remain as natural as possible, with lots of parkland, green spaces, wilderness and biodiversity, which provides a natural oasis within the city. People mentioned that it is a great place for birdwatching and restoration of natural areas would help attract more birds to the area. It was also raised by participants that the Scarborough Bluffs has historical geological significance, and needs to be preserved.

### **Urban Farming**

Many participants conveyed that the waterfront can be used as a place for food production, including roofs on new buildings designed to accommodate urban farms. Other ideas included using agrivoltaics, the simultaneous use of land for solar power and agriculture, and composting or food waste reduction. Some participants suggested applying a closed loop system model which considers the resources needed within the community – for example: energy, growing food. Some participants mentioned integrating the Black Food Sovereign Plan into the waterfront projects.

### **Water and Sewage Treatment**

Some participants suggested opportunities along the waterfront for future water purification, and sewage clean-up projects. Many participants mentioned the importance of making sure our lake is clean and we provide more sewage and stormwater management to limit pollution into the lake. Specifically, participants mentioned accelerating the Inner Harbour Tunnel Project. Additionally, there are potential opportunities to educate young people on water purification using the waterfront space for tours or demonstrations.

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## **Clean Natural Features**

It was noted amongst some participants that the waterfront and its natural features should be clean, with clean water, air, parks and beaches. Some noted the odorous smell of the water or swimming advisories at their local beaches, litter in public parks and pollution. Participants would like to see natural features become cleaner, and also ensure that they remain clean for future generations.

## **Educational Opportunities**

Many people thought that future projects could be used as a learning opportunity to engage youth and educate the public. Ideas included underwater spaces to show marine life and water purification, programming to educate on water treatment and partnerships with universities and not for profit organizations. Another suggestion was to educate the public on the appropriate use of parks to prevent damage to the park or accidents.



## Green Infrastructure

Some residents suggested that future development and infrastructure should be green. Suggestions included using LEED or green development standards and using sustainable building materials.

## Survey Results

Survey respondents were asked to state their overall agreement with the following priority outcome description for the Climate Resilience and Sustainability priority.

“The next phase of waterfront revitalization will embed climate resilience and TransformTO greenhouse gas reduction targets into infrastructure projects (i.e. transit, flood protection) and set a precedent for climate positive design. Ongoing precinct development will advance climate positive design and aquatic habitat restoration while advancing public realm improvements and demonstrating how climate resilient initiatives can flourish along Toronto’s waterfront.”

Overall, the majority of respondents, **77% agreed or strongly agreed** with the priority outcome description. The following are some of the proposed changes to the description:

- ◇ Does not seem ambitious enough, particularly as we are in a climate crisis
- ◇ Add mention to natural and terrestrial habitat restoration and enhancement (not just aquatic)
- ◇ There is no mention of wildlife which should be added

The survey also asked respondents to identify how well they think the following project types advance the Climate Change and Sustainability priority outcome. The results were:

- ◇ Flood Protection (e.g. Portlands Flood Protection) – 78% good or excellent
- ◇ Habitat Restoration (e.g. Cherry Street Stormwater and Lake filling project) – 76% good or excellent
- ◇ Climate Positive Design (e.g. Aqualina at Quayside) – 70% good or excellent
- ◇ Servicing Infrastructure (e.g. Stormwater treatment system) – 66% good or excellent
- ◇ Transit Infrastructure (e.g. Martin Goodman Trail) – 67% good or excellent

## 4.3 Dear Future Residents

During the public meetings, the workshop concluded with an activity called “Dear Future Resident”, where participants were asked to write a short message to a future resident about their hopes and dreams for them and the future waterfront. These messages provide an insight into the desires of participants, and what they envision for the future of the waterfront. Some of the themes that emerged from this activity include:

- ◇ Enjoying the health and physical benefits of living with access to clean water;
- ◇ New future parks, trails, recreation and green spaces to explore;
- ◇ Being able to easily access the waterfront through active transportation (without a car);
- ◇ A waterfront for all (regardless of age, ability, gender, class);
- ◇ Respects the land and incorporates the values and contributions of First Nations, Métis and Inuit Peoples;
- ◇ A sustainable environment that continues to be preserved for future generations;
- ◇ An engaged local community and neighbourhood associations; and,
- ◇ A waterfront that is well planned and the result of thoughtful consideration.

An example of some messages to future residents can be found in **Figure 6** below.

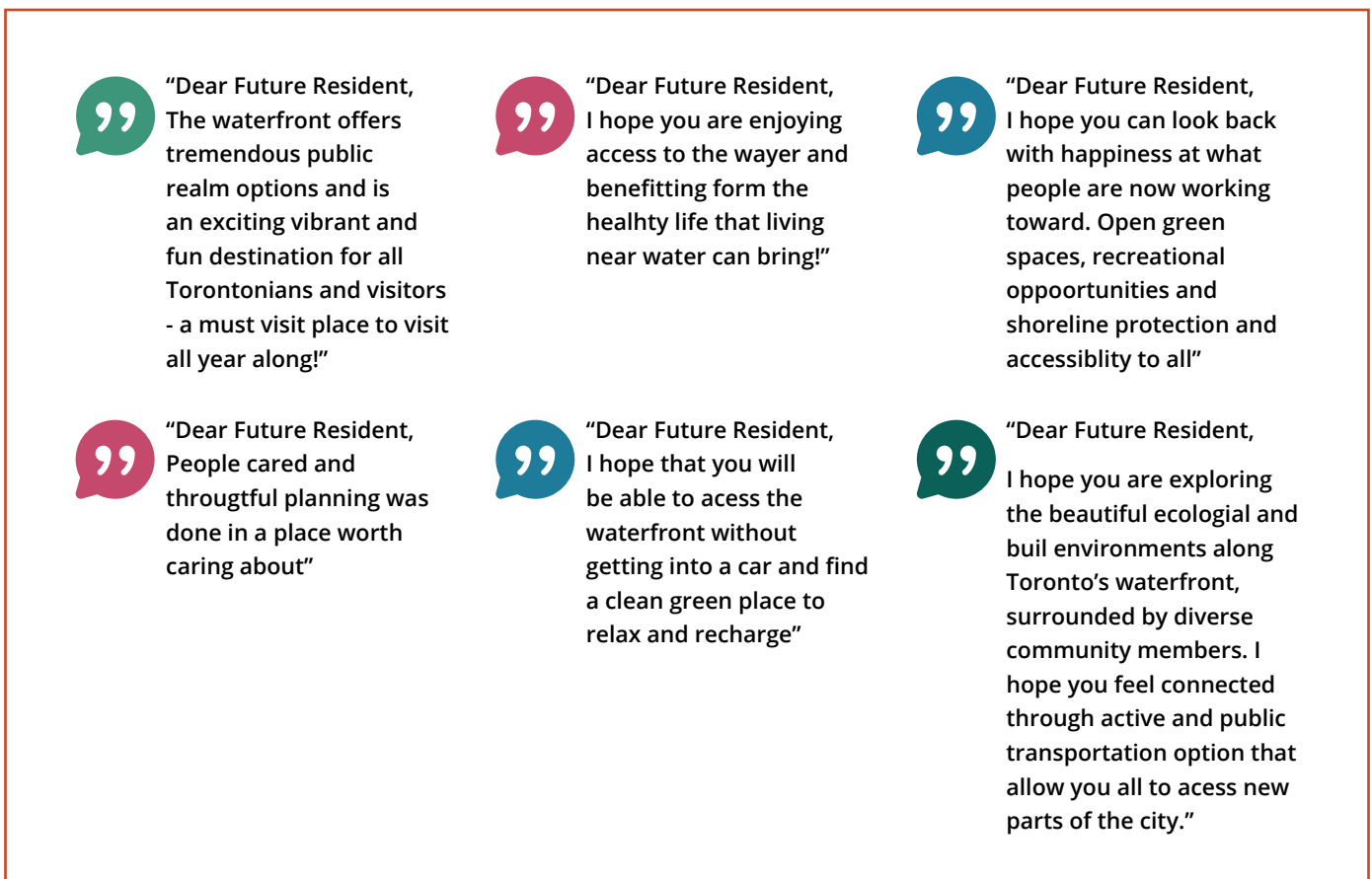


Figure 6: Examples of messages from “Dear Future Resident” activity

## 4.5 Polling Outcomes

During the public meetings, Mentimeter (a live polling platform) was used to conduct poll questions with meeting attendees. Questions were asked around where attendees were participating from, their relationship with Toronto's waterfront, and how they would like to engage in this project moving forward. The following are the results from the polls, from the three public meetings.

### **1) Where are you participating from?**

- a. Etobicoke York – 10%
- b. North York – 8%
- c. Toronto East York – 51%
- d. Scarborough – 4%
- e. Central Waterfront – 20%
- f. Outside of Toronto – 6%

There was representation at the public meetings from residents across the City, with the most participants (the majority) from the Toronto-East York district. There was also some representation from residents outside of Toronto.

### **2) Please identify your relationship to Toronto's waterfront**

- g. I live in a waterfront community – 31.5%
- h. I work in a waterfront community – 17.5%
- i. I own a business in a waterfront community – 0%
- j. I regularly visit the Toronto waterfront and its communities – 47%
- k. I do not feel connected to the Toronto waterfront – 4%

**3) When you visit the waterfront, what do you like to do? (this question was only asked in public meeting #3)**

- a. Enjoy the parks and open spaces – 20%
- b. Go to the beach – 6%
- c. Recreational activities – 10%
- d. Walk – 20%
- e. Bike – 13%
- f. Visit the islands – 12%
- g. Go to restaurants – 11%
- h. Go to entertainment venues – 7%

**4) How would you like to engage in this project going forward?**

- a. Virtual meetings – 32%
- b. Online survey – 22%
- c. Social media – 16%
- d. Do-it-yourself engagement kits – 5%
- e. Phone or email – 5%
- f. In-person sessions (if possible) – 19%

Virtual meetings and online surveys were the most preferred method of engagement, following closely by in-person meetings if possible.





## 5.0 Next Steps and Recommendations

Based on the key themes that emerged from the input received during Phase one of the Next Phase of Waterfront Revitalization, the following next steps and recommendations have been identified for consideration by the City:

- ◇ Integrate feedback from the public and stakeholders into the priority outcomes for the Next Phase of Waterfront Revitalization;
- ◇ Refine and clarify the priority outcomes to show how everything fits, for example show where connectivity and health fits;
- ◇ Look to identify ways to help balance tensions that may exist across the waterfront, for example balancing supporting current industries while building complete communities or balancing economic development with climate resilience and sustainability;
- ◇ Identify the topics that emerged as very important but will require a deeper dive like affordable housing to identify opportunities and locations for future sites, and types or models of housing;
- ◇ Provide clarity on role of Waterfront Toronto and the City;
- ◇ Integrate feedback from the public and stakeholders into the preliminary project identification and implementation plan; and
- ◇ Continue to coordinate with other Divisions on waterfront projects in order to communicate a complete picture of the waterfront to the stakeholders and public.

## 5.1 Next Phase of Engagement (Implementation)

Based on the participation and feedback received during Phase one of engagement on the Next Phase of Waterfront Revitalization, the following recommendations for additional engagement and outreach in Phase two have been identified for consideration by the City:

- ◇ Additional outreach and targeted meetings with youth and students, potentially through the Universities;
- ◇ Continue to connect and meet with stakeholders including the groups identified in Phase 1;
- ◇ Continue to offer one-on-one meetings with key stakeholders and go deeper into issues;
- ◇ Conduct another round of stakeholder theme meetings in Phase 2 for the project identification and implementation plan;
- ◇ Work with City Councillors on additional outreach and targeted communications to residents and stakeholders in other districts – Scarborough, North York and Etobicoke to increase participation from across the City;
- ◇ Consider providing a mix of public meeting formats with both in person and virtual;
- ◇ Have a robust communications and marketing plan to support the engagement plan including project graphics, project branding and potentially a project video; and,
- ◇ Continue to promote the social media campaign through to Fall 2022

APPENDIX A.

# MURAL Boards





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## What are your thoughts on the four priority outcomes?

### Building Back Stronger (Economic Development Post-COVID)

There needs to be a balance between residential, commercial, parks, public, work and tourism. Have been noticing an increase of families and a need to provide appropriate spaces for them; things such as more parkland.

Need to have LRT up and running as soon as possible; there are lots of new residents and students needing access to schools and housing.

Replacing infrastructure

### Indigenous Reconciliation and Engagement

Indigenous artists and designers being a part of the planning and design processes from the start.

### Climate Resilience and Sustainability

Sewer system backup from heavy rain; provide a redirect system.

Rethink airport space on Toronto Island; convert the space into a park, like an Indigenous centre.

The waterfront has changed dramatically since the signing of the Tri-Partite Agreement, transforming it from a primarily industrial centre to a residential/tourist/commercial and entertainment centre.

The Island Airport is no longer keeping with the character of the waterfront; an inappropriate use of these valuable parklands contributes significantly to noise and air pollution.

Provide parkland and public space for growing families; there is a lack of parkland in the downtown core. An example can be to the revitalization of rail deck park.

### Equity and Inclusion, Including Housing

Redefine affordable housing.

### Intersections/Others

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## What projects or types of projects would you like to see as part of the Next Phase of Waterfront Revitalization?

### Building Back Stronger (Economic Development Post-COVID)

Prioritizing activity on the waterfront to encourage more small businesses to establish on the waterfront. Through smaller retail units or subsidies?

Revitalize north-south streets to connect downtown to the waterfront.

Improve connections under the Gardiner and Rail Corridor.

Our waterfront is increasingly becoming a bit of an eyesore with towers being erected that, shall we say, lack creativity. Yet the condos are needed to pay for infrastructure. Although it's a balancing act, the balance should fall in the direction of preserving pleasing visuals and accessibility.

Interim uses on parking lots and industrial areas not currently in use.

Don't let the actual waterfront disappear behind condo towers. There needs to be a balance in terms of needs.

### Indigenous Reconciliation and Engagement

Museum of history of the Toronto harbour including indigenous history and the different waves of industry and redevelopment.

Indigenous artists and designers being part of the planning and design processes from the start.

Creation of an Indigenous cultural centre along the waterfront; honour "Land Back" initiatives.

### Climate Resilience and Sustainability

Increased park space for all ages; walking spaces distinct from bike path.

Prioritize green infrastructure on the waterfront.

Don't allow another building to be built on the lot east of the old Harbor Commissioner building - this should be a park!!!

Reconnecting sewage to limit pollution in waterways.

When considering the climate, how could cars be eliminated entirely, with transit the means of egress?

Prevent combined sewage outflow to the lake; could inner harbor tunnel be accelerated with prioritized funding?

### Equity and Inclusion, Including Housing

Prioritized connections of trails and transit to the wider ravines to provide equitable access to the waterfront from all neighborhoods.

Our volunteers at @HousingNowTO would like to be involved in those Villiers Island and Port Land discussions. Similar to the advisory work our volunteers have done around Quayside and East Harbour lands.

Water based activities with better/more access and storage space - docking space/portaging.

Amenities for residential uses.

Inner harbor tunnel; accelerate to 2024 rather than 2029.

Accessible and clean public bathrooms available year round.

More facilities for water activities; kayak storage.

Transit, residential uses, amenities for the residential uses.

Additional launch sites on the waterfront for recreational boating.

East waterfront trail connection at the Toronto Hunt club.

Co-op housing

Residential amenities might include schools for increased children moving into the waterfront.

The LRT needs to be a priority in order to ensure that new residents visitors can access the area efficiently.

### Intersections/Others

Connectivity to the waterfront: need to ensure that the PATH system connects directly to the waterfront. Some developers have undertaken to make these connections. 200 QQ West has not as yet made the commitment and the PATH now ends directly across the street (north side of Lakeshore Blvd).

I would appreciate knowing with whom I might be able to speak regarding recreational opportunities in the waterfront area? I would like to offer my assistance/support/suggestions/ideas for recreational facilities that would tie into the waterfront bike PATH and the need for more recreational opportunities for the youth and families living in or near the waterfront.

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## What are the opportunities associated with the wider waterfront?

Waterfront Toronto, City of Toronto and TRCA used to collaborate closely on trail connectivity and public access projects on the wider waterfront (i.e. Mimico).

Are there opportunities for future such collaborations to connect the waterfront trail to the east (Eastern Beaches to Bluffers Park and Rouge)? Also potentially on the Islands?

Scarborough Waterfront is not connected; require ferry or increased pathways to gain better access.

Amenities for residential; these might include schools for the increased children moving into the waterfront area. A new school has been approved at the foot of Yonge Street which is great!

Expand the ferry system further to other areas of the city or outside of the city along the waterfront.

Gates Gully access; there is only one entrance and many people are overwhelming the park.

Improve ferry docks and the maintenance of ferries.

Scarborough Waterfront Project and advancing the funding and development of this project through the next phase of waterfront revitalization.

East Point Park for bird watching; there are a few sites east of Morningside that is on the south side of Lakeshore East corridor. Access is difficult.

Maintenance of Toronto's ferries; need a broader ferry infrastructure.

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## Dear Future Resident: Write a short message to a future resident about your hopes and dreams for them and the future waterfront!

Dear Future Resident,  
There is so much to do here! Please enjoy the outdoors and the water! Hopefully you will be able to swim during the summers!

Dear Future Resident,  
I hope you are enjoying the new Scarborough Waterfront Trail. Please enjoy the natural beauty of the Bluffs and the diverse flora and fauna that exists in both the forests and water. We hope you appreciate and work hard to preserve this natural environment for future generations.

Dear Future Resident,  
Lets hope that we make the waterfront safe. Currently, there are no ladders and you cannot get out if you come across high walls. Current ladders keep falling down. There are no safety rails and no repairs. We have a responsibility to create a safe waterfront.

Dear Future Resident,  
I hope we didn't fail you as a generation as we have stunning views and features to build upon. We have such a beautiful waterfront and we have a duty to future generations to build it as such. I hope we can make the waterfront safe in terms of dock walls.

Dear Future Resident,  
Enjoy your new home. Please join the local neighbourhood association and environmental group! The message comes with a gift basket of local goodies.

Dear Future Resident,  
Trade in your car keys for a great pair of walking shoes as everything you need is right at your doorstep. Groceries, doctors, hospitals, schools, the best entertainment, restaurants, excellent parks and green spaces to explore. On hot summer days, pack a picnic basket for the island. On cold days, strap on your skates and cross country ski's. You will no longer need your car, but you will get lots of exercise enjoying the lovely trails and parks and resources at your doorstep.  
ENJOY!

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## What are your thoughts on the four priority outcomes?

### Building Back Stronger (Economic Development Post-COVID)

Economic Development and Tourism with the Waterfront trail; some way of connecting the businesses on Lake Shore to the use of the Waterfront Trail. This is an opportunity that we haven't seen much of a focus yet from the City and it would be great to see initiatives on this.

Economic development and tourism with the waterfront trail.

Connecting the businesses on the Lake Shore to the Waterfront Trail.

### Indigenous Reconciliation and Engagement

Attendees are pleased that an Indigenous focus is included.

Additional landmarks like the Humber Bay Bridge that have been inspired by Indigenous culture and history.

### Climate Resilience and Sustainability

I love the waterfront & fully support Waterfront Toronto. I fear that east of Yonge, we have lost the water. Only one place where a person can see the water from Queens Quay. It is beginning to look like Yonge Street; high rises, blocking sun, on both sides.

Recreation and ecology should be much more important than business development for the waterfront.

Stewardship initiatives to educate visitors and residents to the natural portions of the trail and the importance of them.

Recreation and ecology related initiatives.

Would love to see significant areas reserved for wildlife and fish--ie no people-- so they have a home. We need our wildlife.

Some focus on recreation activities, greenspace & use of greenspace?

Adequate green space along the waterfront to cope with density increases.

Ensuring green site development and building developments, avoiding greenwashing.

### Equity and Inclusion, Including Housing

Affordable housing and rent geared to income housing.

Strong public realm for all, accessible throughout the 43 km.

Equity and inclusion including housing is very important. People are being displaced now and are having difficulties in finding housing in the new developments that are so much more expensive.

Ensure public access from land and water, strong public realm for all, fully accessible throughout the 43kms length (including securing public access along the shore all along).

Increased accessibility to the waterfront

Ongoing focus on development being consistent with master plans and current zoning vs ongoing request to change by-laws is critical in ensuring waterfront is accessible to all.

Public realm improvements

Family friendly projects

Public access along the waterfront and shoreline.

Transit development and connection

### Intersections/Others

Missing? Beauty of course. This is Toronto's face and the Downtown area is our "living room".

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## What projects or types of projects would you like to see as part of the Next Phase of Waterfront Revitalization?

### Building Back Stronger (Economic Development Post-COVID)

Projects that preserve the present open spaces. Ontario Place should not provide residential development or hotels or casino's etc. Cinasphere is a great venue and should be utilized.

Markets for local producers and artists to connect with the community.

Stores such as clothing, restaurants, hardware etc. Like the Kingsway for example.

No retail restaurants as they will most likely be taken by a chain. Same applies to any other retail development.

South side of Lake Shore Drive should be strictly recreational; residences and businesses should be kept to the north side.

More retail stores, the waterfront is lacking commercial retail; it is mostly restaurants and food now.

Retail stores - need more clothing stores along the waterfront to attract tourists.

Ontario Place and Exhibition as a major node with strong water based programming and full public access.

Future adaptable spaces, institutional/innovation spaces & collaboration.

Would love to see more major stores for the increasing population. Now it takes 2 TTC connections to get downtown.

### Indigenous Reconciliation and Engagement

Would like to see more structures like the Humber Bay bridge that has been inspired by Indigenous culture.

Signage that tells the history of the Indigenous people at various points across the waterfront.

Direct Indigenous contribution to the Indigenous reconciliation and engagement component. Should give creative freedom of input to reflect the past, present and future.

Strong public art system all along waterfront with indigenous theme by local artists.

### Climate Resilience and Sustainability

Clean water projects

Use recreational ideas/programming in a sustainable manner and help revive the natural ecology.

Enough run off areas to prevent flooding.

Wildlife protection areas

Clean water

Breakwall protecting shoreline for users of the water.

Ensuring that any areas with wildlife are protected.

Floating islands that can expand interaction with the lake and marine habitats.

Yes, sustainable boating (kayak/ canoe, paddleboats, windsurfing/sailing) instead of polluting motor boats for the wealthy.

Important to keep the sight lines to the water views kept in mind.

Places for nature and education, birdwatching, quiet contemplation.

Beauty is strong character, sense of place.

Is there a place for fishing? I see people fishing along the waters edge sometimes.

### Equity and Inclusion, Including Housing

Affordable housing and rent geared to income housing.

Preserve Ontario Place and no residential development. It becomes too exclusionary.

Bicycle trails and walking paths taking into account summer and winter.

Ferry services

Boating facilities

Public realm

Keep the waterfront open for everyone.

Possibly a ferry service to destinations to be defined.

Children's play areas; picnic tables.

Accelerate East LRT to improve transit and connectivity.

Family friendly projects.

Kayak and canoe rentals

Boating facilities that do not include power boats.

Breakwall protecting shoreline for users of the water (swimmers, paddlers, boating).

Washroom facilities with drinking water.

Make the connection between Trinity Street in the Distillery under the railway and across to the Keating Channel and a bridge to Promontory Park.

Schools, daycares and youth recreational amenities; family friendly infrastructure given population growth area being a destination.

Waterfront is a part of the city that feels outside of the city, important to have spaces that continue to provide that.

Extend the west waterfront boardwalk and Lake Shore trail all the way west to Marie Curtis Park.

Great opportunity to test pilot policies for the area/affordable housing that can help low income families get out of the low income margin. Refer to UN's 17 SDG.

### Intersections/Others

More festivals. The Long Branch Tree Fest in Marie Curtis and the Bird Festival in the Spring are 2 examples to connect people to the natural environment of the waterfront.

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## What are the opportunities associated with the wider waterfront?

Fishing and recreational boating for the wider waterfront.	South Etobicoke priorities for waterside access, connecting major parks with transit and trails with sections for restaurants and patios.	South Scarborough has potential for a trail, park and natural areas; focus on the east to tame the breakwall.	Water treatment at mouth of Humber River and Lake Ontario.	Good connections to Pickering and Mississauga.
Places for nature, education, birdwatching, quiet contemplation and meditation.	Futuristic approach to energy usage, healthier lifestyle promoted through urban design and architecture, policy that encourages and promotes sustainable practices.	Underwater spaces that show commitment to water purification and marine life & ecology restoration. In addition to being a new type of space in the city.	South Scarborough has a lot of potential along strong trail, parks and natural areas with some access to water; needs work towards the east to "tame" the breakwall.	Also ensure good connections to Pickering and Mississauga where there are interesting places.
Tourism opportunities for the wider waterfront.	Ensuring equitable access to the benefits of the waterfront projects along the wider waterfront.	Transit along the waterfront to parallel the trail in Scarborough; use GO as backbone with local transit/shuttles for equitable access.	Wildlife areas, marine life and ecology restoration.	Transit and shuttles to reduce the number of cars/parking requirements; continuous LRT line along the waterfront where possible is a must.
Appropriate facilities and recreational areas for children and youth.	New connection and interaction with the waterfront.	Re-envisioning downtown access through boats as well rather land vehicle focused access.	Ensuring that all areas that encourage wildlife to live, are appropriately protected.	Ensuring equitable access to the benefits the waterfront projects will bring (environmental and economic).
Extend west waterfront boardwalk and Lake Shore trail to Marie Curtis Park.	Better transportation for those in the northern part of the city; wanting easier to the waterfront.	'Liveability' for all and appropriate facilities to support families - schools and recreational areas for children and youth.	Lake Ontario water is iffy at best but an area with a sandy beach would still be nice.	The CNE to Palace Pier is presently open and must remain that way. Public transit should also service the area so people don't need to use their motor vehicles.
Should not be used for residential development. Projects that would clean the water would be nice. Sunnyside provides accessibility to the waterfront during the summer and is always busy. Must be preserved. Also consider Indigenous opportunities.	Strong core of more urban condition at the Bluffs; it's dominated by parking at the moment.	Marie Curtis, Sunnyside could use more sand on the beach. As a child I use to swim in the lake and it was clean. Unfortunately that was 70 years ago and can only hope it can be cleaned up.	Water pumping station is a beautiful site that could have better public use of lands with some amenities for public.	
Ferry boat from Sunnyside to Niagra region or a tour along the waterfront east and west.	Tourism opportunities		Improved pedestrian access to Bluffer's Park.	
			Increased transportation and connection opportunities to the wider waterfront.	



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## Dear Future Resident: Write a short message to a future resident about your hopes and dreams for them and the future waterfront!

Dear Future Resident,  
I hope your waterfront supports your dreams: your dreams of peace, and your dreams of hope. That is what we hoped to leave to you.

Dear Future Resident,  
Toronto is always changing, adapting, innovating, and we hope and have tried to make the waterfront the best of what we have. We hope you enjoy your new home, and that you keep pushing the limits and continue making the waterfront and the rest of the city a better place to live.

Dear Future Resident,  
I hope you can enjoy a clean waterfront, one where we have finally figured out how to eliminate the plastics that find their way to our beaches.

Dear Future Resident,  
I hope you are exploring the beautiful ecological and built environments along Toronto's waterfront, surrounded by diverse community members. I hope you feel connected through active and public transportation options that allow you to access new parts of the city.

Dear Future Resident,  
The waterfront offers tremendous public realm options and is an exciting, vibrant and fun destination for all Torontonians and visitors - a must visit place to visit all year long!

Dear Future Resident,  
Water is life, water is us, water is sacred, water is essence - we have to respect it and bring it in our life of the city.

Dear Future Resident,  
If you could come back and chat with us, how could we have made your community a more comfortable and hospitable place to live, work and learn?

Dear Future Resident,  
Climate change may well have determined what your future will be. We don't know and hope we made the right decisions.

Dear Future Resident,  
Welcome to Toronto's best place, where we put our dreams and wishes for a waterfront for all, to represent our longing for a liveable, sustainable, resilient place. The waterfront wants to show a progressive, enlightened city, bringing people together, and also is showing the spirit of place as it has been carried over from indigenous people to the first settlers; new immigrants. This waterfront is our legacy to you and brings together nature, wildlife with human habitat - take good care of it for the future. generations to come!

Dear Future Resident,  
As a baby boomer, my generation has lived the best period of time ever. Unfortunately, it got out of hand and greed and selfish ideas transformed Toronto's waterfront into a mess. In 2022, a process began to restore the many natural items that made the waterfront pristine when it was first inhabited by the newcomers to Canada. The original inhabitants respected the land so they were included in the study to guide us back to a sustainable environment that could be preserved for future generations like yours.

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## What are your thoughts on the four priority outcomes?

### Building Back Stronger (Economic Development Post-COVID)

New developments, including Quayside, look beautiful and green in renderings, but not always as green as planned.

Added tourist attractions to the wider waterfront.

I've heard David Crombie talk about the original priorities of having the Waterfront include work, living, and recreation. Hence businesses like Redpath Sugar staying. I can see that, I think it adds to vitality of the area.

### Indigenous Reconciliation and Engagement

Really important that the developments are in collaboration with indigenous peoples to develop holistically healthy communities.

### Climate Resilience and Sustainability

Protecting the wetland areas in the Port Lands.

Advancing the Harbourfront LRT.

Maintaining existing green space, parks and the Waterfront Trail should be more important than creating another Humber Bay Shore.

All buildings need to continue the Waterfront goal of LEED Platinum certification as part of climate resilience.

Active transportation projects

Advance TransformTO objectives

Maintaining existing green space, parks and Waterfront Trail.

The lake is our number one natural asset.

Stormwater management

I would say they are interconnected, but given where we are now, we need to focus on climate resilience and sustainability.

### Equity and Inclusion, Including Housing

Possible to get rid of the Gardiner and Lake Shore.

They block trail connections need to be wide. Trail congestion is If getting rid of the Gardiner isn't realistic, can the bentway under the Gardiner become art installations or painted? And also can sound dampening infrastructure be placed around the Gardiner to mitigate noise?

Making the most of government-owned lands for affordable housing?

Look up Dusseldorf Highway Removal Hamburg is doing something similar

Ways that we can improve delivery?

Waterfront living should not be exclusively for the wealthy.

Connections appeared to be a priority for many people, but I don't see it reflected in priority outcomes.

Connections to the rest of the city; right now the Gardiner and condos are obstructions.

Waterfront Toronto needs to advance Toronto's goals of Transform TO, e.g. 75% of all trips under 5 km, should be walked, biked or by transit.

### Intersections/Others

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## What projects or types of projects would you like to see as part of the Next Phase of Waterfront Revitalization?

### Building Back Stronger (Economic Development Post-COVID)

Stable funding for big projects.

The building next to Amsterdam Brewhouse sits unused; it's a perfect location for a cultural centre or city attraction.

I think it is important that architecturally, the cultural centre be built next to the Parliament Slip; it is truly unique. This building could become an iconic piece of Toronto's built form, given its location right on the water and act as a key piece of advertising for the city on a global level.

Destinations, could be places like a new planetarium, science centre. There are great restaurants in Etobicoke and Scarborough; we need to promote these areas so more people will want to explore these areas.

Coupled with the Parliament Slip and Aqualuna, the museum has the potential to be a magical place.

I think we have a lot of places like the Science Centre (which is great). I believe the focus should now be on places that people keep coming back to over and over again. You don't need a massive event to draw them in, people just come because they want to be there.

If a children's museum is built in this city (like Pittsburgh for example), I think the waterfront would be the perfect place for it.

Destinations can also be walking tours, biking tours, Heritage Toronto tours, Jane's walk tours.

### Indigenous Reconciliation and Engagement

Indigenous-led design

### Climate Resilience and Sustainability

Green innovations in all residential and businesses - eg waste reduction, as part of sustainability.

Innovations in waste reduction, for corporate and Parks that are really green. Downtown dwellers need trees, grass, gardens as well as cool plazas.

Stormwater management

Beach protection and shoreline restoration.

Innovations in waste reduction, reuse in all buildings; corporate and residential. Stormwater management upstream to prevent a problem on the waterfront.

### Intersections/Others

A trail from Mississauga to Pickering.

Cultural places and public art.

Public access for all types of activities where we can engage with and be active with the water.

Recreational spaces

Personal watercraft storage.

Limit heights close to the Waterfront Trail and the lake.

Sculptural bridges in the Port Lands (wooden bridges).

Would love to see more of the sculptural bridges in the Port Lands (especially for additional LRT bridges). Also, wooden bridges (as proposed for the Waterfront Walk) would be awesome.

I also am completely in love with the Parliament Slip project. It'll be spectacular. A nice cherry on top is the use of natural boulders; adds texture and an organic feel to the city that mimics the Canadian Shield.

### Equity and Inclusion, Including Housing

Protected bike infrastructure from Quayside to the East Donlands.

Safety improvements as part of active transportation, e.g. protected intersections in areas that are unsafe, like Parliament and Lake Shore.

Ensure public access and connections avoid privatization of public assets (Ontario Place), prioritize LRT in Port Lands before buildings built.

The area around Sugar Beach near Parliament has a lot of public space, but from Yonge to near Lower Jarvis, there is a lack of public space. The Waterfront Walk would solve that!

Active transportation safety improvements.

Affordable Housing

Recreational spaces

Safe bridges over the rail corridor and Gardiner when traveling to and from the waterfront.

We need multi-use active transportation connections to the waterfront. Create enhance pedestrian cycling connection.

Secure public ownership of the waterfront wherever & whenever possible.

A waterfront basketball court would be AMAZING. Located somewhere in the Port Lands, the views of the skyline in the background would be incredible and lead to a lot of opportunities for photos and photoshoots.

Waterfront should be a people place; should mix land uses, not separate them.

Multi-use active transportation connections to the waterfront.

Create mixed use housing and public space in etobicoke and scarborough.

Removal of the bridges over roads and rail should accommodate

cyclists as well. No single family homes on the waterfront. If there are homes on the waterfront, they should be mixed use with a minimum private owned public space (but preferably publicly owned).

Extending the MGT to Scarborough.

More community centres and libraries on the

Prioritize the the Harbourfront LRT and get it funded.

Would love to see the bridges over the end of the slips built!

Protected bike lanes on Yonge St which will connect the northern areas of the city to the waterfront-MGT.

Since housing affordability is a key issue, emphasis should be placed on rental rather than condos.

More community centres and libraries on the waterfront and more amenities, e.g. West Don Lands is a planned community but has not grocery stores or community centre, schools or libraries.

Low- or mid-rise buildings set back from the water and parks next to the lake. more room for the waterfront trail.

Waterfront amenities

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## What are the opportunities associated with the wider waterfront?

The reference to retaking the public waterfront that has been taken over fits in with the idea of a walk all along the Etobicoke waterfront.

Bridge from the waterfront Trail in Mimico to the dog park space in Humber Bay East.

### Motorized boats

Ability for people to access the Don mouth naturalization.

Continuing the MGT all the way to Scarborough. This will link the waterfront for all of the city.

Better connection along the waterfront from the centre to the east. So you can walk all the way down. I know this has been discussed before thinking of adding bridges etc.

Fix the road down to Bluffers Park. Widen it and make it safer.

Also, a renewed focus on the Scarborough Bluffs (better restaurants, vibrancy, better landscaping, viewing platforms).

Protecting our beaches; our western beaches are eroded to the boardwalk (breakwall).

Agree with continuing the MGT through Scarborough. Also, it's now so heavily used that we need to consider more expansion/wider and separation of walking and biking.

More 'destinations' on the far west and east of the waterfront. This will encourage people to explore the whole of the waterfront and not just the central waterfront.

Etobicoke and Scarborough has a lot of limiting access to the waterfront. Let's rezone these neighbourhoods and create mixed use housing and public space. A trail from Mississauga to Pickering.

Create/enhance active transportation links, especially in the valleys: Etobicoke Creek, Mimico Creek, Humber River, Don Valley.

Renewed focus on the Scarborough Bluffs.

More storage for personal watercraft (canoes/ kayaks) given more people live in condos. Increased access to the waterfront for all Torontonians (also means increasing parking). Speaking to the western beaches.

Extending Martin Goodman Trail and keeping the waterfront trail actually on the waterfront. A public waterfront from Mississauga to Pickering.

Added tourist attractions like the Toronto Aquarium type, something that will bring more people in to the eastern part of the waterfront.

Better connect the central waterfront into Liberty Village, the Exhibition grounds, western parkland, Ontario Place.

Build a bridge across from the Waterfront Trail in Mimico to the dog park space in Humber Bay East.

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## Dear Future Resident: Write a short message to a future resident about your hopes and dreams for them and the future waterfront!

Dear Future Resident, I hope you can look back with happiness at what people are now working toward. Open green spaces, recreational opportunities and shoreline protection and accessibility to all.

Dear Future Resident, I hope you are enjoying access to the water, and benefiting from the healthy life that living near water can bring!

Dear Future Resident, I hope you are enjoying taking the waterfront LRT from the Portlands to Port Credit.

Dear Future Residents, I hope we have created a great, inclusive neighbourhood for you!

Dear Future Resident, I hope that you will be able to see the lake and that we will have less obstructions and not more.

Dear Future Resident, I hope we have created a great, inclusive neighbourhood for you!

Dear Future Resident, People cared and thoughtful planning was done which is why you live in a place worth caring about.

Dear Future Residents, I hope that you will be able to access the waterfront without getting into a car and find a clean and green place to relax and recharge.

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# Survey Results







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Some of the main themes and commonalities among the responses include:

- ◆ **Accessible** – Continuous access to the waterfront and natural features, through the removal of physical barriers, by being well-connected (for cyclists, public transit and by foot) and a destination for all people (families, differently abled, young and old).
- ◆ **Natural** – Lots of parkland, green spaces, wilderness that protects biodiversity and provides a natural oasis within the City.
- ◆ **Walkable** – pedestrian-friendly and human-scale.
- ◆ **Clean** – Clean water, beaches and parks.
- ◆ **Destination** – a vibrant place that people and tourists will want to visit, with stores and restaurants, recreation, events and activities.

## Toronto's Downtown Waterfront

Respondents were asked about their level of familiarity with specific projects along Toronto's downtown waterfront. Overall, the results indicated that respondents were generally familiar with the majority of the projects listed. Respondents were most familiar with the following projects:

1. Sugar Beach – 93% at least somewhat familiar
2. The Bentway – 91% at least somewhat familiar
3. Queens Quay West Revitalization – 91% at least somewhat familiar
4. Garrison Cross (Fort York Bridge) – 77% at least somewhat familiar
5. Corktown Common – 71% at least somewhat familiar

The least familiar projects were the following:

1. Dock Walls – 25% at least somewhat familiar
2. Rees Park – 38% at least somewhat familiar
3. East Bayfront – 43% at least somewhat familiar
4. LEED Platinum Buildings – 52% at least somewhat familiar
5. Villiers Island – 52% at least somewhat familiar

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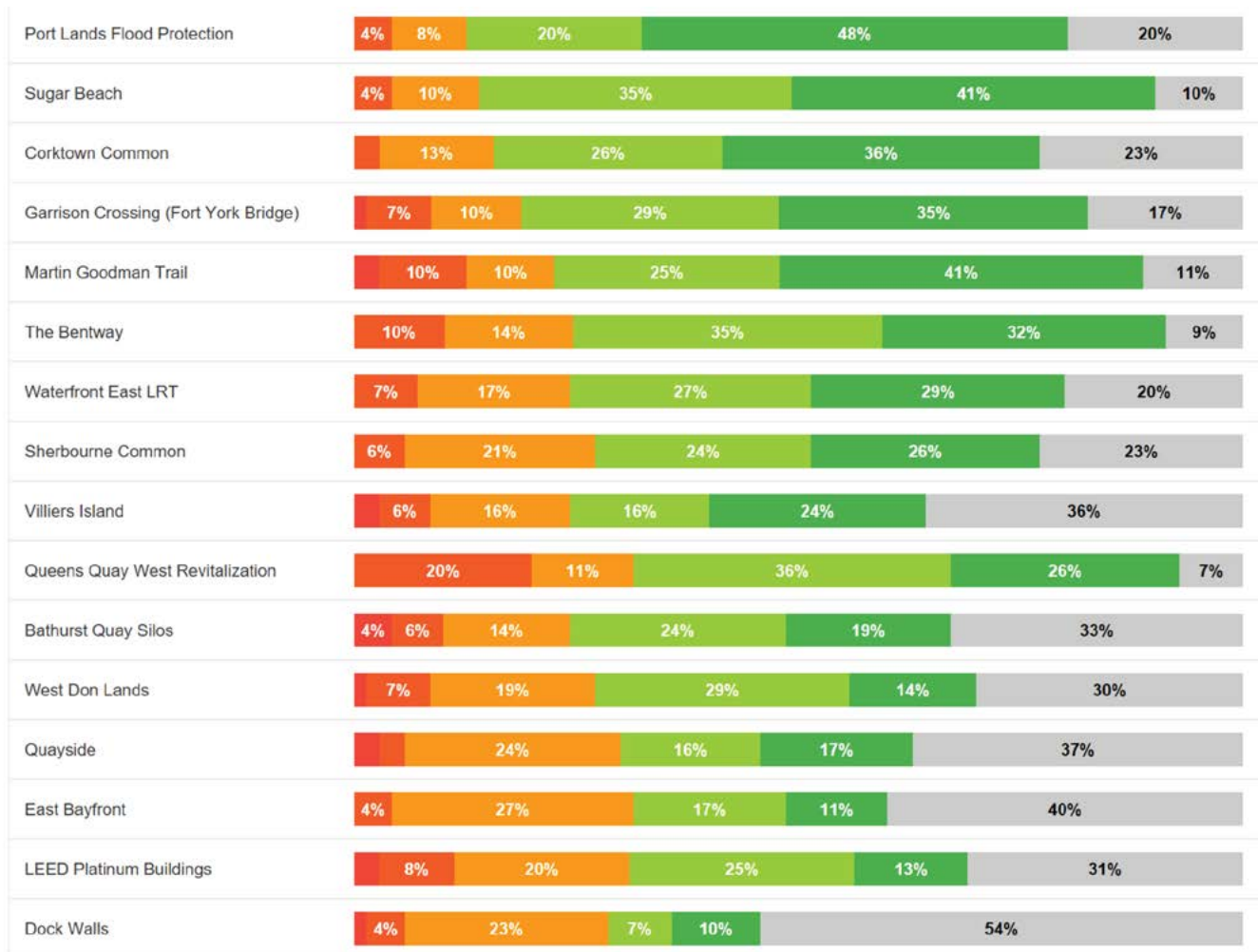
Survey respondents were asked how well they think these projects advance the City's waterfront principles, which are:

- ◇ Remove barriers/make connections
- ◇ Build a network of spectacular waterfront parks and public spaces
- ◇ Promote a clean and green environment
- ◇ Create dynamic and diverse new communities

The following graph shows the order of projects, based on how well respondents believe that they advancing the City's waterfront principles. As the graphic shows, that respondents identified as advancing these principles the most are:

1. Port Lands Flood Protection (Promote a clean and green environment)
2. Sugar Beach (Build a network of spectacular waterfront parks and public spaces)
3. Corktown Common (Promote and clean and green environment)
4. Garrison Crossing (Fort York Bridge) (Remove barriers/make connections)
5. Martin Goodman Trail (Remove barriers/make connections)

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## Partnerships

To date, waterfront revitalization has been successful due to partnerships across three levels of government, and collaboration with a community of partners. Respondents were asked whether they agreed with the following statement:

Waterfront revitalization is the result of a successful tri-government partnership and is advanced with the support of its waterfront partners, organizations and communities to plan, design and implement waterfront projects. The future of Toronto's waterfront will be a place for all Torontonians and Canadians to live, work, learn and play for generations to come.

The results show that **82% of respondents either agree or strongly agree** with this statement, while **14% disagreed or strongly disagreed**. For those who disagreed with this statement, changes were proposed to the above statement. These include:

- ◇ Not just focusing on the human outcomes (a place to work, learn and play), but also focusing on and including the environmental outcomes (protecting natural spaces, healthy environment, sustainability)
- ◇ The lack of emphasis on Indigenous partnerships, and the need to work closely with these groups as partners moving forward
- ◇ The use of "Torontonians" and "Canadians" seen as exclusive, as tourists and non-citizens should be able to enjoy the waterfront – perhaps use "all visitors" or "all users"

In addition, some of the comments noted a concern with private partnerships and how this may favour private interest groups over the public interest. The need for better cross collaboration between partners was also noted.

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## **Building Back Stronger – Strategic Economic Development**

Survey respondents were asked to state their overall agreement with the priority outcome description for the Building Back Stronger priority. The following is the priority outcome:

A renewed vision will identify specific economic themes that support post-pandemic recovery and deliver on economic, social and environmental outcomes. To date, waterfront revitalization has incorporated innovative approaches to city-building and these approaches will continue to inform precinct planning for future waterfront neighbourhoods, communities and industrial sectors.

The results show that **61% of respondents either agree or strongly agree** with this statement, while **20% disagreed or strongly disagreed**. For those who disagreed with this statement, changes were proposed to the above statement. These included:

- ◇ Given that this is a potential long-term vision, the reference to “post-pandemic recovery” may not be needed, as this a short-term notion and message
- ◇ This statement is broad and vague, and lacks focus. For example, “economic, social and environmental outcomes” do not reveal much, nor are “innovative approaches” defined.
- ◇ Creative industries should be more than just film studios, there should be a broader focus

Some respondents also indicated a concern for locating economic development projects next to the lake, as the waterfront should be reserved for community, tourists, parks, and people. Setbacks were noted as a recommendation to address this concern.

The survey also asked respondents to identify how well they think the following project types advance the Building Back Stronger priority outcome. The results were:

- ◇ Culture and creative industries (65% good or excellent)
- ◇ Climate change and cleantech (60% good or excellent)
- ◇ Health and well-being (55% good or excellent)

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Respondents were provided with an opportunity to suggest other project types that they think would help advance the Building Back Stronger priority outcome in the next phase of waterfront revitalization. The following are common suggestions:

- ◇ Cultural institutions (galleries, music venues, performance spaces, art spaces)
- ◇ Biotechnology, fintech, aquaculture
- ◇ Architecture and urban design that is unique, creative and interesting
- ◇ Tourism and recreation
- ◇ Spaces for creative workers and young entrepreneurs, that allow them to practice their crafts and thrive creatively

## Indigenous Reconciliation and Engagement

Survey respondents were asked to state their overall agreement with the following Indigenous Reconciliation and Engagement priority statement description:

A renewed vision will address the importance of the waterfront to Indigenous communities and advance City commitments to take meaningful action to advance truth, justice and reconciliation. The next phase of waterfront revitalization will build on engagement with Indigenous rights-holders, and urban Indigenous communities, people and organizations that represent First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples and Treaty and Territorial partners such as the Mississaugas of the Credit.

The results show that **75% of respondents either agree or strongly agree** with this statement, while **8% disagreed or strongly disagreed**. There were some changes proposed to the statement, including:

- ◇ Defining “meaningful action”
- ◇ Ensuring full consultation with indigenous stakeholders, not just lip service
- ◇ Vague – give the vision more teeth with specific examples

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The survey also asked respondents to identify how well they think the following project types advance the Indigenous Reconciliation and Engagement priority outcome. The results were:

- ◇ Increased opportunities to celebrate Indigenous history and culture (e.g. Indigenous Heritage Engagement Project) – 72% good or excellent
- ◇ Increased access to land, water, sacred fire and ceremonial space (e.g. Toronto Island Master Plan) – 72% good or excellent
- ◇ Opportunity to attend large celebrations of arts and culture – 69% good or excellent
- ◇ New supportive housing, family housing and deeply affordable housing for Indigenous communities (e.g. “For Indigenous, By Indigenous” affordable housing project) – 63% good or excellent
- ◇ Enhanced support for business and community services development (e.g. Indigenous Centre for Innovation and Entrepreneurship) – 60% good or excellent
- ◇ Strong Indigenous voice in City operations and decision making – 57% good or excellent

## **Equity and Inclusion, including Housing**

Survey respondents were asked to state their overall agreement with the following Equity and Inclusion, including Housing priority outcome description:

A renewed vision provides the opportunity to create a more inclusive waterfront in alignment with City strategies that advance equitable outcomes related to affordable housing, accessible design, racial equity, pedestrian and cycling connections, transit infrastructure and community services. The next phase of waterfront revitalization could be used to ensure that City services, spaces and programs along the waterfront continue to be inclusive and accessible to all Torontonians.

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The results showed that **87% of respondents either agreed or strongly agreed** with this priority outcome description, with only **4% in disagreement or strong disagreement**.

There were some proposed changes to the statement including:

- ◇ Changing “could” to “will” or “must”
- ◇ Defining “affordable”

The survey also asked respondents to identify how well they think the following project types advance the Equity and Inclusion, including Housing priority outcome. The results were:

- ◇ Transit Infrastructure (e.g. Waterfront East LRT extension) (77% good or excellent)
- ◇ Accessible Design (e.g. Toronto Accessibility Design Guidelines) (77% good or excellent)
- ◇ Pedestrian and Cycling Connections (e.g. Lake Shore Boulevard East Public Realm) (73% good or excellent)
- ◇ Affordable Housing (e.g. Toronto Community Housing development) (71% good or excellent)
- ◇ Community Services (e.g. Indigenous Hub) (68% good or excellent)

Respondents were provided with an opportunity to suggest other project types that they think would help advance the Equity and Inclusion, including Housing priority outcome in the next phase of waterfront revitalization. The following are some of the suggestions:

- ◇ Affordable housing options at a greater scale and beyond what is being proposed
- ◇ Fully separated cycle tracks
- ◇ The maintenance of waterfront spaces, to keep them welcoming and inviting
- ◇ More public parks



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## Climate Resilience and Sustainability

Survey respondents were asked to state their overall agreement with the following priority outcome description for the Building Back Stronger priority.

*The next phase of waterfront revitalization will embed climate resilience and TransformTO greenhouse gas reduction targets into infrastructure projects (i.e. transit, flood protection) and set a precedent for climate positive design. Ongoing precinct development will advance climate positive design and aquatic habitat restoration while advancing public realm improvements and demonstrating how climate resilient initiatives can flourish along Toronto's waterfront.*

Overall, the majority of respondents, **77% agreed or strongly agreed** with the priority outcome description, while **14% disagreed or strongly disagreed**. The following are some of the proposed changes to the description:

- ◇ Does not seem ambitious enough, particularly as we are in a climate crisis
- ◇ Add mention to natural habitat restoration and enhancement (not just aquatic)
- ◇ There is no mention of wildlife

The survey also asked respondents to identify how well they think the following project types advance the Climate Change and Sustainability priority outcome. The results were:

- ◇ Flood Protection (e.g. Portlands Flood Protection) (78% good or excellent)
- ◇ Habitat Restoration (e.g. Cherry Street Stormwater and Lake filling project) (76% good or excellent)
- ◇ Climate Positive Design (e.g. Aqualina at Quayside) (70% good or excellent)
- ◇ Servicing Infrastructure (e.g. Stormwater treatment system) (66% good or excellent)
- ◇ Transit Infrastructure (e.g. Martin Goodman Trail) (67% good or excellent)

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Respondents were provided with an opportunity to identify other project types that they think would help advance the Climate Resilience and Sustainability priority outcome in the next phase of waterfront revitalization. The following are some of the recommendations:

- ◇ Renewable energy (solar panels, geothermal energy projects)
- ◇ Raingardens, bioswales, planting of native plants
- ◇ Greenspaces (gardens, parks, rooftop urban agriculture, living walls)
- ◇ Ecosystem and wildlife protection
- ◇ Removing the Gardiner and airport\*

### The Wider Waterfront

Survey respondents were asked to state their overall agreement with the following statement regarding the wider waterfront.

The next phase of waterfront revitalization will expand the vision to include all 43 km of Toronto's waterfront from Etobicoke to Scarborough. The wider waterfront will continue the success of waterfront revitalization, with the support of government and waterfront partners, with a focus on parks, trails, natural heritage and shoreline restoration.

Overall, respondents were extremely supportive of this statement with **95% either agreeing or strongly agreeing with this statement**. Despite this high level of support, suggestions were put forth on how this statement should be changed:

- ◇ Including arts and culture as a focus of the wider waterfront
- ◇ Including the creation of new waterfront neighbourhoods as part of the focus of the wider waterfront
- ◇ Including wildlife protection as a focus
- ◇ If the goal is expansion, connections to the wider waterfront areas should be mentioned

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The survey also asked respondents to identify how well each of the following project types expand the vision to the wider waterfront. The following are the results:

- ◇ Parks and amenities (e.g. Toronto Island Master Plan) (88% good or excellent)
- ◇ Shoreline restoration and resilience (e.g. Rouge Beach Shoreline Protection, Tommy Thompson Park Shoreline Stabilization) (87% good or excellent)
- ◇ Natural heritage (e.g. Humber Bay for All) (87% good or excellent)
- ◇ Active transportation (e.g. Waterfront Trail Connections: Marie Curtis Park and Jim Tovey Conservation Park) (85% good or excellent)

Respondents also provided other project types that they would like to advance in the wider waterfront in the next phase of waterfront revitalization. The following are some of the recommendations:

- ◇ Access to the water (for all users – cyclists, pedestrians, canoeing, kayaking, etc.)
- ◇ “Connection projects” that provide better connections to the waterfront and to other parts of the City
- ◇ Festivals, events and entertainment hubs that draw Torontonians to other parts of the waterfront (the wider waterfront), rather than just the downtown area where these opportunities are located
- ◇ Public space amenities such as drinking fountains, washrooms, recreational courts and spaces, outdoor fitness equipment
- ◇ Public art
- ◇ Separated bike paths
- ◇ Trail connections
- ◇ More beach areas with clean water