

West Don Lands Committee

Citizens for the Old Town
Corktown Residents & Business
Association

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By email: exc@toronto.ca

Distillery Historic District

Dixon Hall

City of Toronto Executive Committee

Enoch Turner Schoolhouse
Foundation

Friends of Corktown Common

Goederham & Worts
Neighbourhood Association

Dear Mayor Tory and Members of the Executive Committee,

Little Trinity Anglican Church

Re: Ex34.11 Quayside Business Implementation Plan

St. Lawrence Market
Neighbourhood BIA

St. Lawrence Neighbourhood
Association

We are writing on behalf of the West Don Lands Committee (WDLC) in support of the Staff recommendations for next steps in the implementation of the Quayside neighbourhood.

Based on what has been made public so far, the Quayside development will continue Waterfront Toronto's spectacular revitalization of the eastern waterfront, bringing a new neighbourhood to life with a strong commitment to equity and inclusion as well as unprecedented levels of sustainability and design excellence

The WDLC supports the recommendations for affordable rental housing (ARH) including the joint City/Waterfront Toronto contribution to capital costs and the use of an RFP process to secure operators for the affordable housing. This latter strategy was very successfully employed in the West Don Lands, and we are pleased to see the City adopting the same approach.

Although the ARH targets for Quayside are consistent with the both the Central Waterfront Plan and East Bayfront Zoning by-law, we feel that it is crucial that the City and Waterfront Toronto aim higher. To achieve the 30% target set by the City, significant financial contribution by the provincial and federal governments is obviously needed. We urge that securing this funding be a crucial priority.

We are also supportive of the recommendations regarding the public realm. The importance of the public realm in waterfront revitalization cannot be underestimated. Massive private sector investment has shown that Waterfront Toronto's strategy of leading with award-winning parks and public realm is the key to high quality transformation.

As part of the plans for public realm, our communities are enthusiastically awaiting the transformation of Parliament Slip. The stunning design for the Slip will finally give the near-waterfront St. Lawrence, West Don Lands and Corktown neighbours access to phenomenal waterfront amenities. It will also provide a regional and tourism destination that we predict will rival the success of iconic features such as Sugar Beach.

The collaborative work of City Staff and Waterfront Toronto in bringing the Quayside development to this stage is greatly appreciated by the WDLC members and the communities they represent. We look forward to seeing this new neighbourhood and its public amenities become a reality.

Yours truly,



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