

Revitalizing Toronto's Central Waterfront



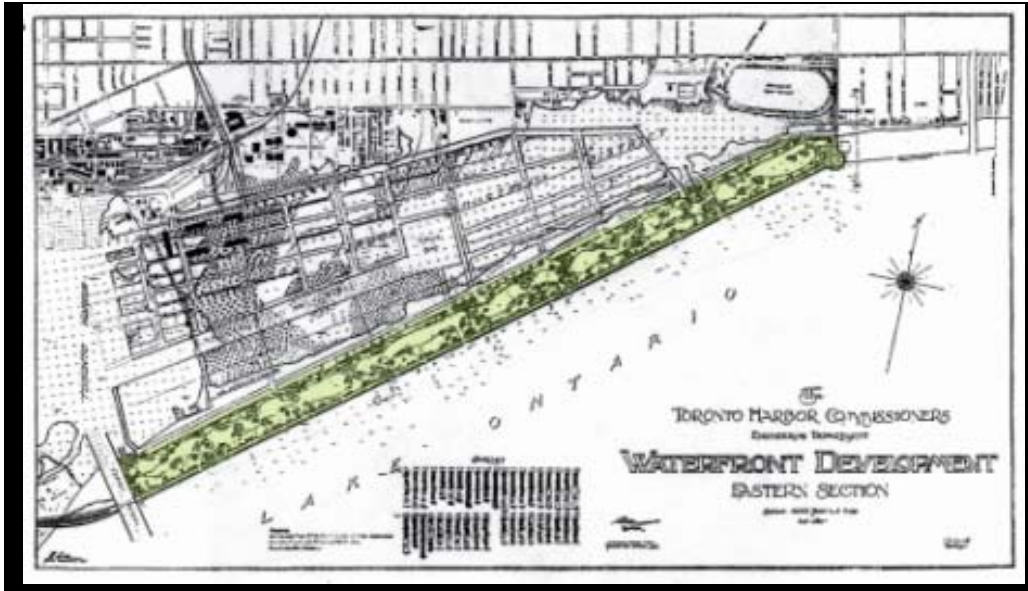
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Toronto's Central Waterfront



- 800 hectares
- 70% in public ownership

History & Chronology



- Efforts date back to 1912

November 1999 3 governments announce formation of
Toronto Waterfront Revitalization
Task Force

March 2001 Interim TWRC

May 2003 TWRC a permanent entity

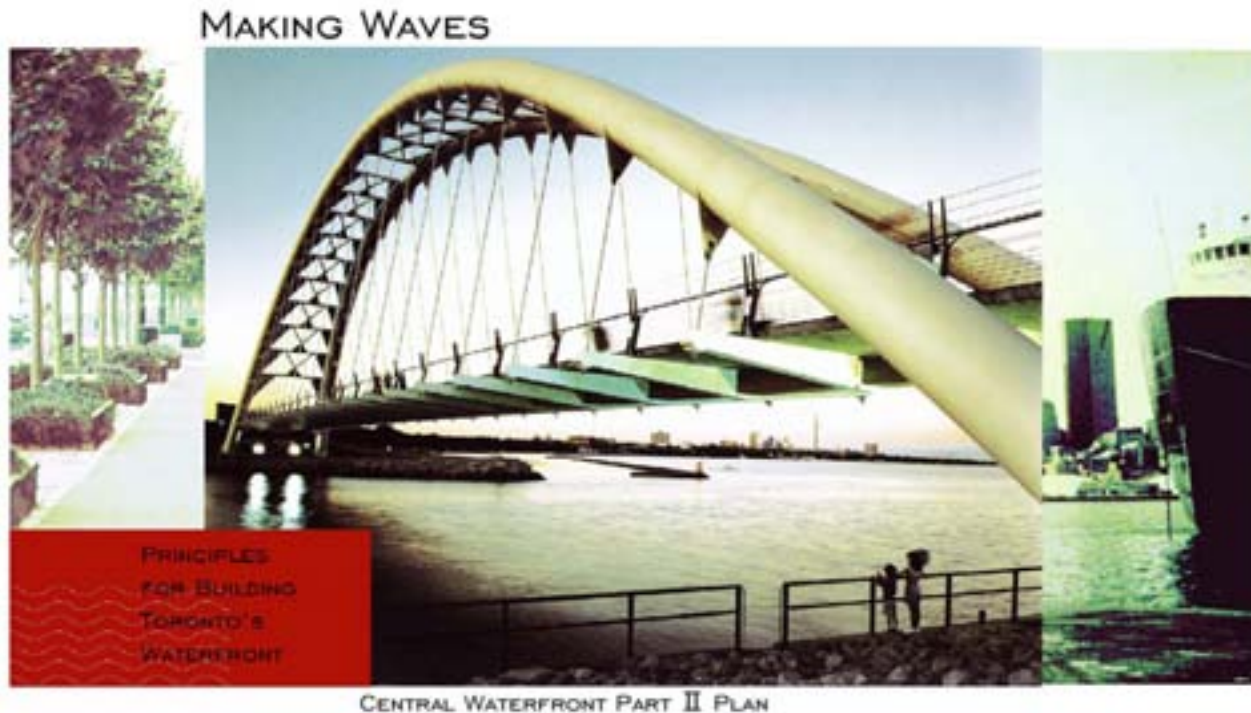
- Mandate to lead waterfront renewal

TWRC/Waterfront Toronto



- jointly appointed by 3 governments
- major decisions with consent of 3 governments
- \$1.5 billion commitment
- majority of funding for new transit, parks, promenades, soil remediation & other hard and soft infrastructure

The Vision



- contained in the Central Waterfront Secondary Plan
- Toronto City Council adopted 2003
- high-level land use vision

Four Core Principles



Removing Barriers / Making Connections

Promoting a Clean and Green Environment

Building a Network of Spectacular Waterfront Parks & Public Spaces

Creating Dynamic and Diverse New Communities

25 “Big Moves”



- organized around series of core principles
- major public initiatives which will implement the core principles
- includes improvements to public realm (plazas, parks, promenades, etc.), redesigning the Gardiner Expressway, creation of new mixed-use communities
- strong emphasis on sustainability and “transit first” (no new road capacity)

Major Precinct Activities



East Bayfront Precinct Plan



- 36 ha on Lake Ontario
- mixed-use including 6000 residential units (target 20% affordable rental)
- 185,800 m² commercial

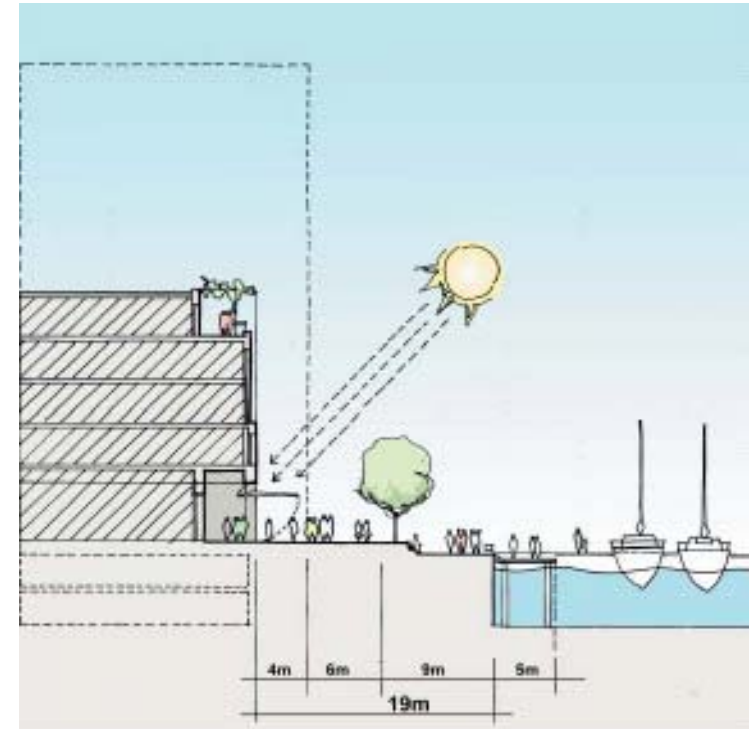
East Bayfront - Land Ownership



East Bayfront Master Plan

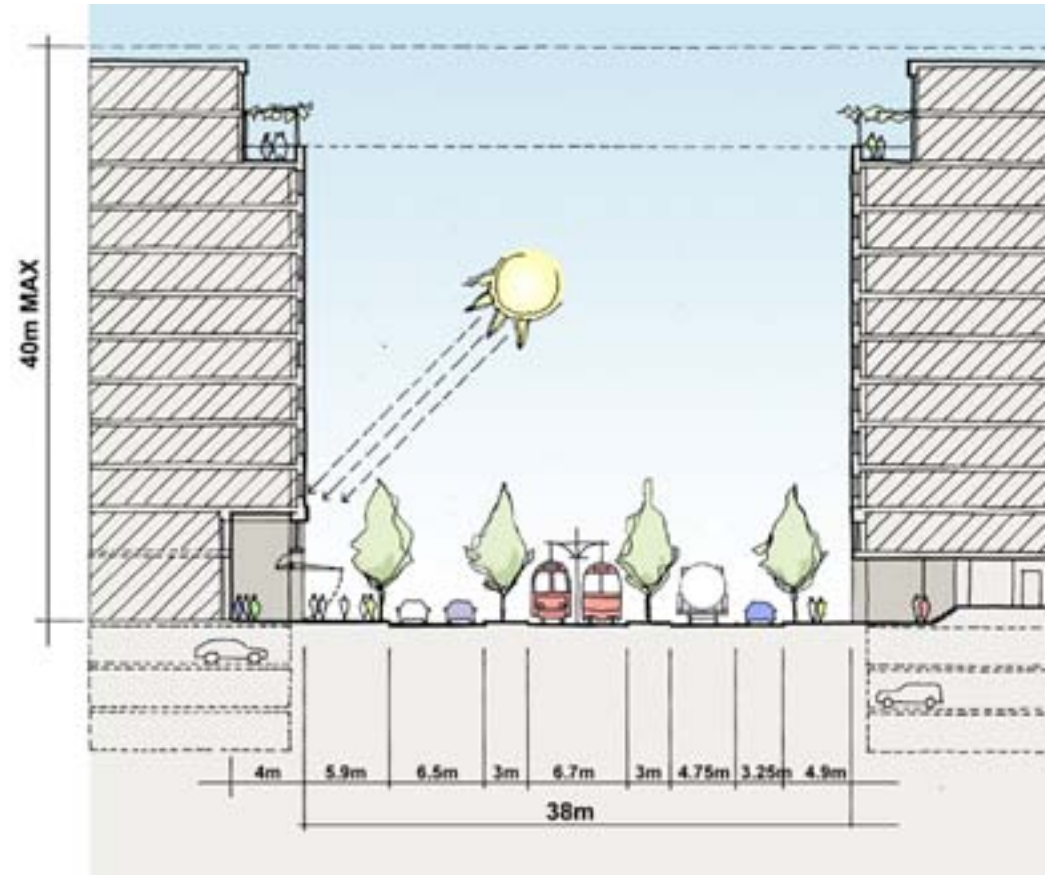


Water's Edge Promenade



- Continuous and publicly accessible
- 1.5 km
- 19 metres + 5 metre boardwalk
- Two levels to accommodate a variety of uses
- Non-residential uses at grade

Future Queens Quay Extension



Challenges:

- transportation artery or “place”?
- sustainable modes of transportation

First Waterfront Place

Corus Entertainment Corporate headquarters

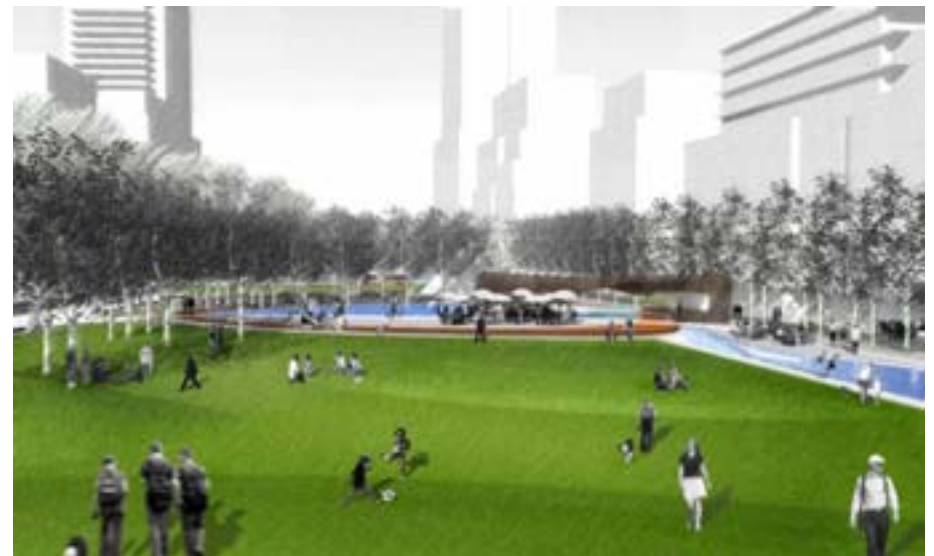
- Communications & broadcasting use
- 500,000 sq. ft.
- 1,200 jobs



TEDCO-CORUS South Elevation—Diamond + Schmitt Architects

Sherbourne Park

- 2 ha site
- site preparation end of this year



Jarvis Sugar Beach

- recent design competition winner



West Don Lands



- 32 ha adjacent to Don River
- mixed-use, building on surrounding community character
- 6000 residential units (20% affordable rental)
- 92,900 m² commercial
- obstacles to date soil remediation & flooding

Flood Protection



- flood protection landform
- 8 ha park on landform plus development
- construction of landform underway
- Don River Park



Built Form and Character



Front Street Neighbourhood



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Mill Street Neighbourhood



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Don River Park Neighbourhood



Don River Park Neighbourhood



River Square Neighbourhood



Lower Don Lands Precinct Planning

- Precinct Plan being prepared in conjunction with Mouth of Don River naturalization
- Communities set amidst parks & river
- Will determine extension of Queens Quay East
- Home Depot & other private lands but mainly public (brownfields)



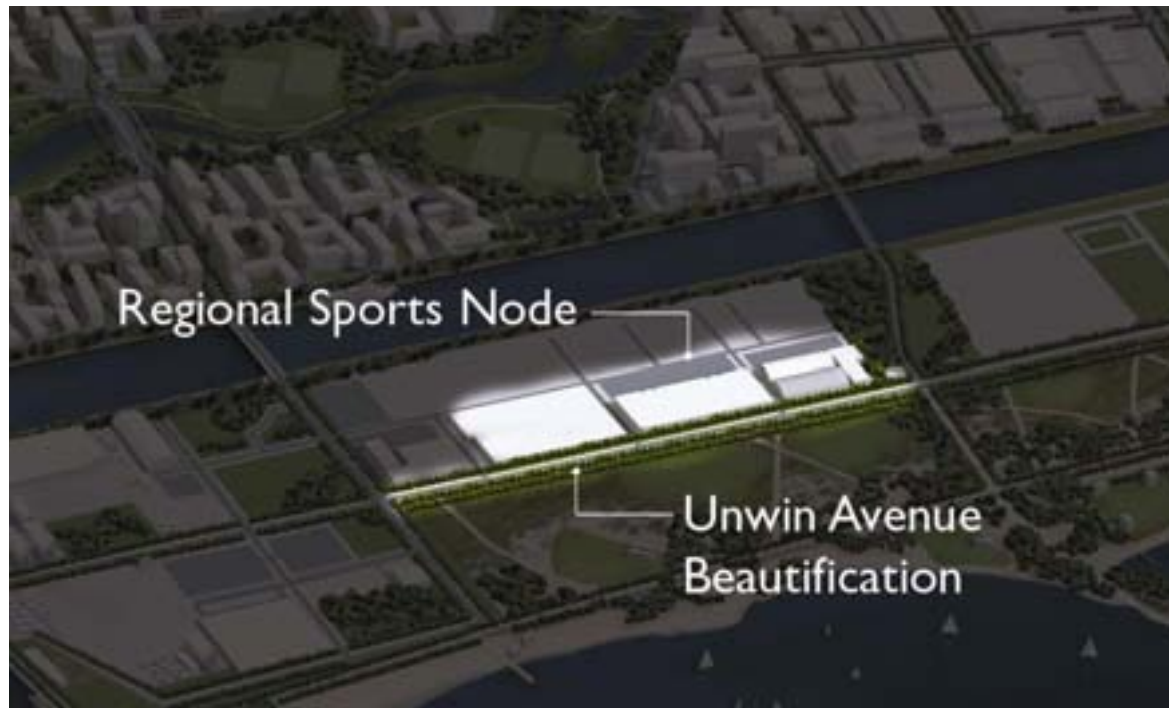
Port Lands



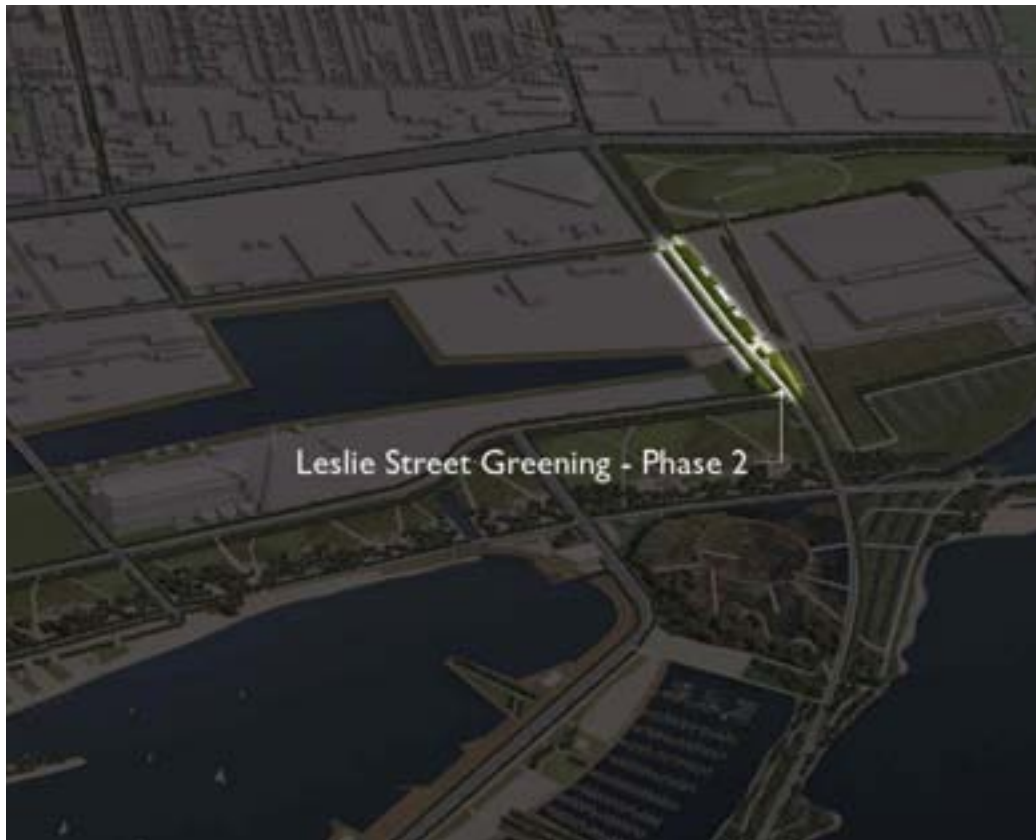
- biggest revitalization opportunity
 - over 162 ha of developable land
 - hundreds of acres will be “improved” parkland
- leading with parks, recreational facilities & public realm improvements
- film studio complex (Filmport)
- comprehensive redevelopment 5 years away



Port Lands Sports Node



Port Lands “Greening” Initiatives



Lake Ontario Park



EA Master Plans



- Each precinct has an EA Master Plan
- Innovative approach to required EA's
- Consolidates all requirements into a single Master Plan
 - water service
 - sewers
 - stormwater management
 - roads

Transit



- Transit First approach
- Waterfront transit: within 5 minute walk of all residences
- Cherry Street EA (WDL) just completed
- East Bayfront EA underway

Central Waterfront Transformation



Redesign of Queens Quay (Toronto's Waterfront Street)

Central Waterfront Transformation



- Continuous water's edge
- First project Spadina platform under construction



Sustainability

- Major tenet of waterfront revitalization:
 - LEEDS Gold (WT development)
 - LEEDS Silver (private development)
- All projects will be serviced by district energy

