



# STAFF REPORT INFORMATION ONLY

## Port Lands Acceleration Initiative – Final Report

<b>Date:</b>	September 26, 2012
<b>To:</b>	City Council
<b>From:</b>	Deputy City Manager, Cluster B
<b>Wards:</b>	Ward 28 Toronto-Centre Rosedale, Ward 30 Toronto-Danforth Ward 32 Beaches-East York
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### SUMMARY

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The Executive Committee has recommended that City Council adopt various actions related to this item. Under "Decision Advice and Other Information", the Committee referred the issues raised by the deputants to the Deputy City Manager responsible for the Waterfront Initiative, with the request that he report directly to Council on the staffing model for the precinct planning that ensures the most effective and efficient timelines are established for the work plan.

#### Financial Impact

The recommendations will have no financial impact beyond what has already been approved in the current year’s budget. The City is committed to this initiative and required City resources will be included in the 2013 budget.

The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

#### DECISION HISTORY

Executive Committee requested that staff report directly to City Council on the precinct planning process. The link to the Community Council request is:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2012.EX22.1>

#### ISSUE BACKGROUND

Executive Committee received 9 communications and heard 15 deputants at the committee meeting. The public consultation for the Port Lands Acceleration Initiative was extensive and consisted of a Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC), a Landowner and User Advisory Committee (LUAC), individual one-on-one meetings, and 6 public

consultation meetings. A project website was launched in February 2012 to solicit further feedback and post relevant information for the public and stakeholders.

Key next steps include:

- Completing the Don Mouth Naturalization and Port Lands Flood Protection Project Environmental Assessment (DMNP EA) based on the 2012 4WS plan realized through the Port Lands Acceleration Initiative;
- Amending Official Plan Amendment 388, the amendment to the Central Waterfront Secondary Plan approved by City Council in 2010, to ensure consistency with the results of the Port Lands Acceleration Initiative;
- Initiating precinct planning for Cousins and Polson Quays and the Film Studio District;
- Establishing a land owners group, as part of the precinct planning process, to begin discussion on cost sharing and financing of infrastructure required to support development; and
- Establishing an area specific development charge for land the benefit from the implementation of flood protection measures in the flood plan.

## **COMMENTS**

There is a great deal of public interest in this initiative and we have heard clearly that the public wants to remain involved and engaged as work continues.

Staff has recommended that the Executive Steering Committee for the Port Lands Acceleration Initiative continue to meet to provide oversight for future work and direct inter-agency cooperation between the City of Toronto, Waterfront Toronto and TRCA.

Staff from each agency continue to meet to clearly map out the next steps, including the Terms of Reference that will outline the precinct planning process and a staffing model that ensures the most effective and efficient timelines are established for the work plan precinct planning delivery model. This will be an integrated process that will move forward concurrently with other key components such as completing the DMNP EA. The City is committed to this initiative and required City resources will be included in the 2013 budget.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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