

# West Don Lands | Committee

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Hon. Merrilee Fullerton, M.P.P.  
Minister of Long Term Care  
400 University Ave., 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Toronto, ON M7A 1T7

Dear Minister Fullerton:

**Re.: The Reikai Centre at Cherry Place: Proposed Long Term Care Facility**

We are writing on behalf of the West Don Lands Committee (WDLC) to express strong support for the Reikai Centres' proposal for the Reikai Centre at Cherry Place, a 348-bed LTC facility to be located in the West Don Lands in Toronto. The need for new and high quality LTC in Toronto is more urgent than ever, and our communities are delighted to have an operator with Reikai's strong reputation established in the West Don Lands.

Both Reikai, Waterfront Toronto and Toronto City Planning have consulted with the WDLC over several years as the plans for a LTC facility have evolved. On August 24<sup>th</sup>, the Reikai Centres made a full presentation to a WDLC meeting. The presentation was received with enthusiastic support by committee members and members of the public present at this virtual meeting. Participants were supportive of both the well-designed architectural plans and the overall program in which Reikai intends to include four innovative components to the LTC facility: Dementia and Alzheimer focused space; the Seniors Assessment Centre; a Dialysis Centre; and the College for PSWs. The total program will be an outstanding addition with significant benefits for the broader community.

The West Don Lands Committee is a coalition of community-based resident, business, service, environmental and heritage organization committed to positive, sustainable, inclusive development of the West Don Lands and Toronto's central waterfront. Our member organizations represent more than 40,000 residents and hundreds of businesses in the east downtown core of Toronto.

We have actively promoted our objectives since 1997, and have encouraged and collaborated with Waterfront Toronto, Infrastructure Ontario and the City of Toronto in achieving an award-winning Precinct Plan, remarkable developments spurred by the Pan/Parapan-Am Athletes' Village, the Provincial Affordable Housing Lands development (currently under construction), and an Indigenous health centre and hub led by Anishnawbe Health Toronto (in development).

A longstanding goal of our coalition has been to ensure that the West Don Lands is accessible to anyone including at all stages of life. The Re kai Centre at Cherry Place will be a greatly needed and valuable addition to what is becoming a model complete and sustainable community.

We look forward to your support of this crucial project.

Yours truly,



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