

The Next Phase of Waterfront Revitalization

Presentation to the Aboriginal Affairs Advisory Committee
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Purpose

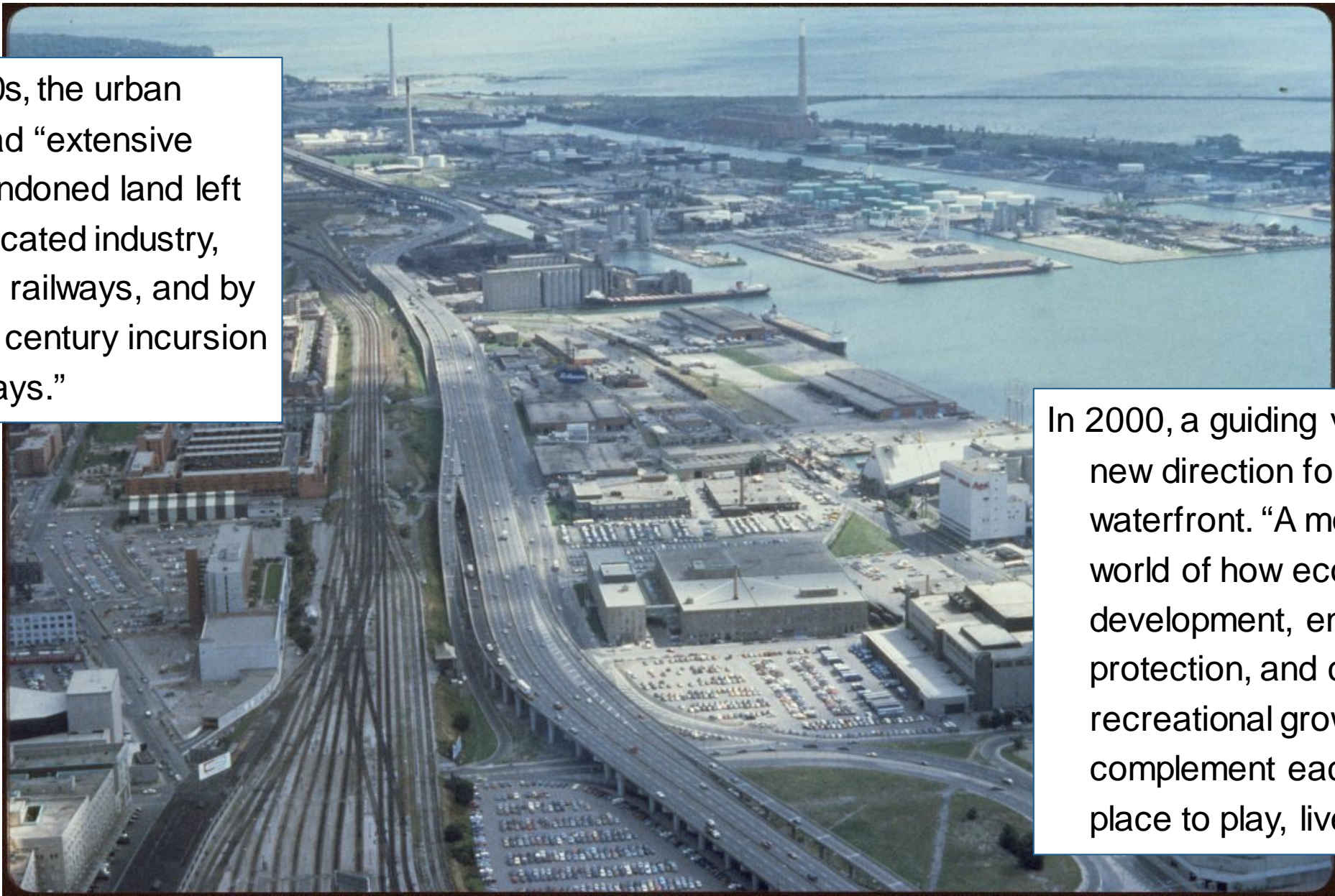
- To introduce, and receive feedback on, the next phase of waterfront revitalization, specifically:
 - the Indigenous engagement partnerships process;
 - the priorities of the renewed vision for the next phase of waterfront revitalization; and
 - opportunities to advance the Reconciliation Action Plan through waterfront revitalization.



What is Waterfront Revitalization?

From 2000 to Today

In the 1970s-90s, the urban waterfront had “extensive areas of abandoned land left behind by vacated industry, shipping and railways, and by the mid-20th century incursion of expressways.”



In 2000, a guiding vision set a new direction for the waterfront. “A model to the world of how economic development, environmental protection, and cultural and recreational growth can complement each other... A place to play, live and work.”

City of Toronto Archives, Series 1465, File 41, Item 5



The Central Waterfront Secondary Plan (CWSP) has been the guiding document for waterfront revitalization and highlights four core principles:

1. Removing Barriers/Making Connections
2. Building a Network of Spectacular Waterfront Parks and Public Spaces
3. Promoting a Clean and Green Environment
4. Creating Dynamic and Diverse New Communities

Investment Outcomes

- Over the past 20 years, significant economic, social and environmental outcomes have been advanced through waterfront revitalization.
- These outcomes were enabled through an initial tri-government investment of \$1.5 billion (2001) and a second investment of \$1.25 billion (2016).
- Further tri-government investments are required for advancing the next phase of waterfront revitalization.





A Renewed Vision

Next Phase Priorities

Priorities for Next Phase

A renewed vision for the next phase of waterfront revitalization will integrate and advance the following priorities:



Strategic Economic Development



Truth, Justice and Reconciliation, including through Indigenous Engagement

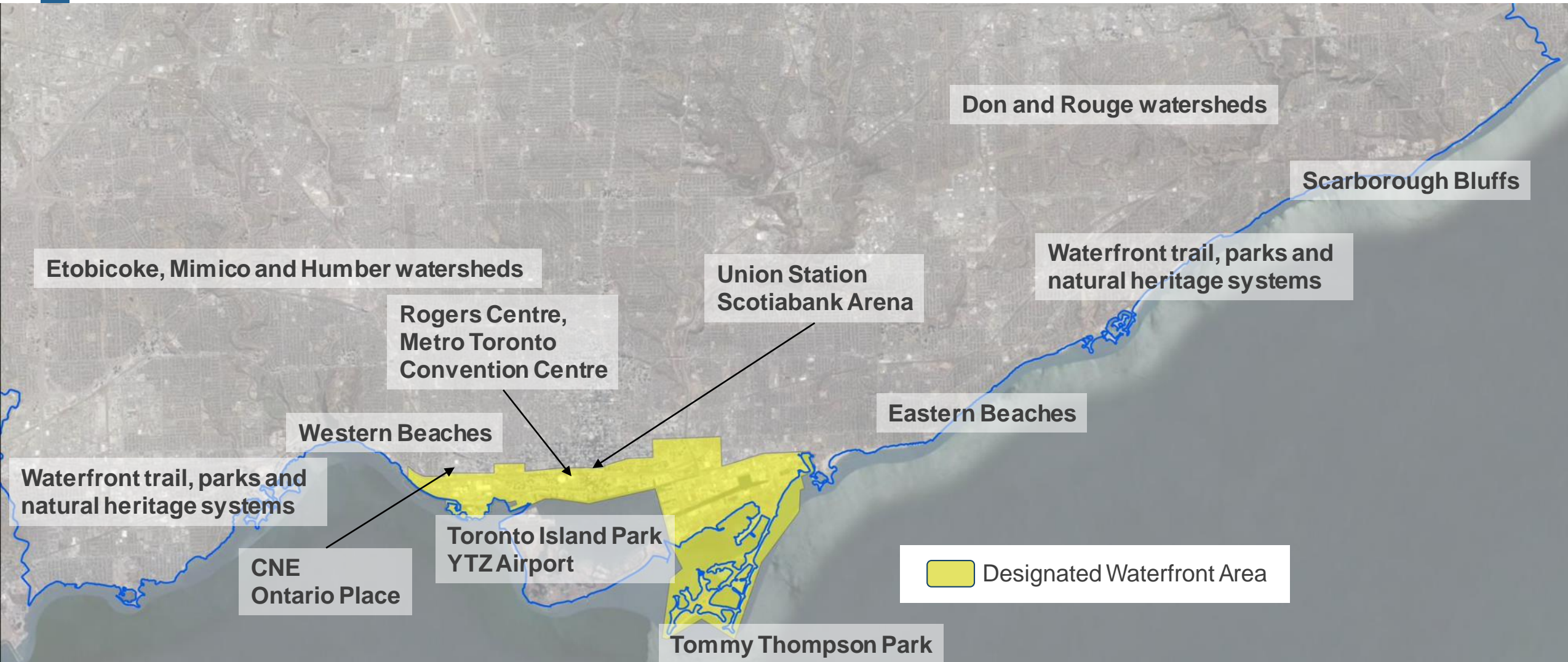


Equity, Inclusion and Access, including through Housing



Climate Resilience and Sustainability

The Wider Waterfront



Reconciliation Action Plan

Summary – Potential Opportunities for Actions along the Waterfront

Themes	Actions
Actions to Restore Truth	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enhance Indigenous Education
Actions to Right Relations and Share Power	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improve Relationships with Indigenous Organizations and Collectives• Improve Relationships with Treaty and Territorial Partners• Enhance Indigenous Civic Engagement• Advocate for Indigenous Peoples to Provincial and Federal Governments
Actions for Justice	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Promote Prosperity• Support Indigenous Health and Well-being• Increase Access to Affordable Housing• Support Indigenous Placekeeping• Celebrate Indigenous Arts and Culture• Support the Revitalization of Indigenous Languages• Improve Access to Traditional Foods and Medicines• Return Land and Stewardship Rights
Actions to Make Financial Reparations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improve Indigenous Economic Development• Establish a Commitment to Reconciliation with Businesses and Organizations• Enhance Indigenous Recruitment and Retention within Toronto Public Service

Truth, Justice and Reconciliation, including Indigenous Engagement

The Reconciliation Action Plan and broader Indigenous engagement can be advanced through ongoing and new projects.

Examples of Initiatives in Progress

- Port Lands Flood Protection monitoring
- Anishnawbe Health Toronto Community Health Centre and Miziwe Biik Training Institute
- Miziwe Biik and City of Toronto Affordable Rental Housing Partnership
- Toronto Island Master Plan



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Indigenous Engagement Process & Partnerships

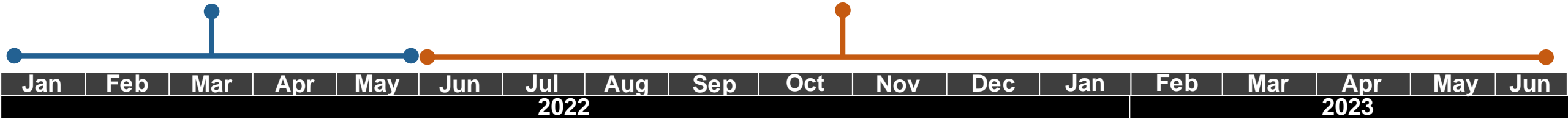
Engagement Schedule



Vision and Priority Outcomes



Project Identification and Implementation Plan



Public Meetings

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Report

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Indigenous Engagement

Stakeholder Consultation

Treaty Rights Holders & Organizations Outreach

Treaty Rights Holders

- Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation
- Huron-Wendat First Nation
- Six Nations of the Grand River

Urban Indigenous Organizations

- Toronto Aboriginal Support Services Council
- Toronto York Region Métis Council
- Toronto Inuit Association
- Anishnawbe Health Toronto
- ENAGB Indigenous Youth Agency
- Toronto Indigenous Community Advisory Board
- Native Canadian Centre of Toronto
- Native Women's Resource Centre
- Two Spirited People of the First Nations
- Miziwe Biik Employment and Training

Discussion Questions

1. How can we best engage with First Nations, Métis and Inuit communities?
2. In what ways can traditional Indigenous knowledge be meaningfully integrated into the engagement process? Into waterfront revitalization projects?
3. What are your thoughts on the following priorities for Toronto's waterfront?
 - a) Truth, Justice and Reconciliation, including through Indigenous engagement
 - b) Strategic Economic Development
 - c) Equity, Inclusion and Access, including through housing
 - d) Climate Resilience and Sustainability
4. What are the specific areas or initiatives along the waterfront that are especially important?
5. What other goals or types of waterfront revitalization projects could support First Nations, Métis and Inuit communities?
6. How will we know if we're doing well and if changes need to be made along the way?

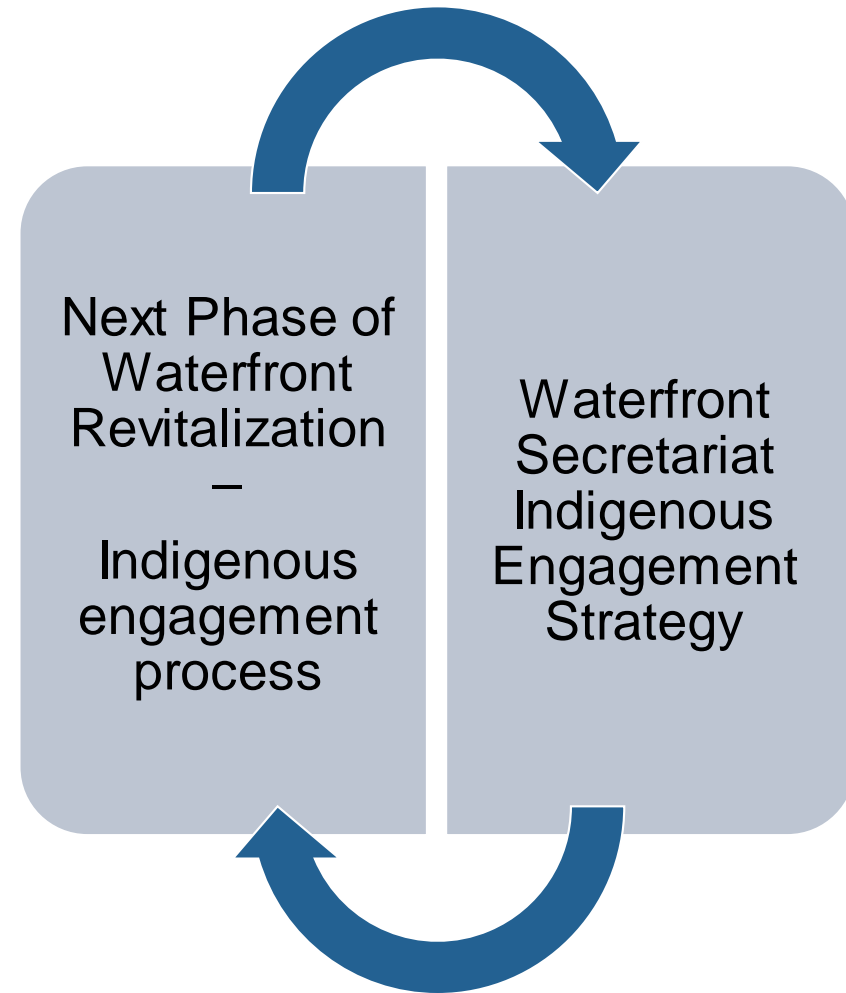
What We've Heard

Select feedback:

- Build relationships early and take your time – **pre-engagement** is a good approach for strengthening trust, gauging interest and developing appropriate engagement processes
- Seek ways to implement **Indigenous-owned affordable housing**
- Explore tiered **procurement processes** that prioritize Indigenous businesses and/or social enterprises
- Build **accountability** into projects with measurable goals, monitoring frameworks and report backs on Indigenous community impacts, benefits and barriers
- Identify potential **direct benefits** of projects to First Nations, Inuit and Metis communities and be clear about the substantive questions/topics for requested input

Improving Long-term Indigenous Engagement

The input and learnings from the “next phase” Indigenous engagement partnerships process will inform longer-term Indigenous engagement that is better coordinated across waterfront projects, City Divisions, Agencies and partners.



Coordinating to Learn from What We've Heard

We are coordinating with City Divisions and external partners to learn from and align engagement approaches. Some examples include:

City Divisions/Agency Lead, Project

Indigenous Affairs Office, Reconciliation Action Plan, Indigenous Placemaking Advisory Circle

City Manager's Office, Public Engagement Review

Parks, Forestry & Recreation, Toronto Island Master Plan

City Planning, Indigenous Heritage Engagement Project

Waterfront Toronto & City Planning projects:

- Quayside
- Villiers Island
- Port Lands Production, Interactive and Creative (PIC) Core Urban Design Guidelines

Shelter, Support & Housing Administration, Meeting in the Middle Strategy

Toronto & Region Conservation Authority

Questions for Consideration

What advice do you have on:

- Advancing the Reconciliation Action Plan through the next phase of waterfront revitalization work?
- Engaging First Nation, Inuit and Métis communities through the next phase of waterfront revitalization?
- Anything else?

Thank you!

For more information:

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