



**RE. 34.4: Priority
Downtown Parks and
Public Realm
Opportunities**
Bathurst Quay Signature
Waterfront Park

TO.

Mayor John Tory and
Councillors Ainslie,
Bailão, Crawford,
McKelvie, Minnan-Wong
and Pasternak.

DATE.

12 July 2022

Dear Mayor Tory and Members of the Executive Committee,

The Waterfront Business Improvement Area (BIA) is writing in support of the proposed Bathurst Quay Signature Waterfront Park at Spadina Pier and the Portland Slip. The site has been an underutilized location that we have been encouraging improved use of. We strongly support new and unique publicly accessible attractions to the inner harbour as part of this redevelopment.

The west end of the harbour around this site has seen a number of improvements planned in recent years. Canada Ireland Foundation's new Corlick Building, OCAD's proposal for a Global Centre for Climate Resilience, Summer Music in the Garden concerts by Harbourfront Centre, and a new monument to Terry Fox are all in place or coming soon. *See our map on the following pages.*

We are also excited about details of this new park including the potential to develop infrastructure for projection mapping all around the Canada Malting Silos. We believe this can truly become a City of Toronto landmark, and images are included following this letter showing recent lighting tests and projection pilots. We worked with the City of Toronto, Canada Ireland Foundation and Moment Factory to develop lighting vision and infrastructure plan for the site.

We look forward to taking part in further design consultation and planning alongside local businesses and marine users to address operational issues, including:

- **Loss of additional parking requires improved parking signage solutions along Queens Quay.** Our [2019 Parking Strategy](#) identified the loss of parking in this area as an issue as it is not being replaced or expanded on with new development. We encourage new signage solutions to highlight parking locations near the park as suggested in the this strategy.
- **Continued operation for commercial marine users** who may be displaced through improvements here and at Parliament Slip. Current users must be accommodated in other areas of the waterfront, in tandem with berth space and finger piers planned in the City of Toronto and Waterfront Toronto's [Marine Use Strategy](#). ([Map of current commercial berths](#))



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We are committed to advocating for these infrastructure improvements, introducing increased opportunities for visitors to access to the lake, supporting an engaging lineup of programming for the public, and an expanded marine presence. To ensure success in all of these areas, we encourage close collaboration with neighbourhood stakeholders, including Harbourfront Centre, PortsToronto, Waterfront Toronto, Canada Ireland Foundation and OCAD University.

Thank you and please contact me at tkocur@waterfrontbia.com with any questions.

Sincerely,

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Emerging arts, culture and recreation hub

OCAD UNIVERSITY

OCAD UNIVERSITY AND CITY OF TORONTO PROPOSE PLAN FOR CANADA MALTING SILOS

Global Centre for Climate Resilience coming soon



Summer Music in the Garden (tomorrow night)
Programmed by Harbourfront Centre



The Legacy Project, 'Inspired by Terry Fox' memorial park coming soon

Bathurst Quay
Signature Waterfront Park
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Canada Ireland Foundation's Corlick Building coming soon
(Photos from Miotais/Myth exhibit, 2021, prior to construction)



Landmark Opportunity for Toronto



Silos visible at night from harbour, around downtown

Projection mapping lighting infrastructure as part of this Bathurst Quay Signature Waterfront Park would light up the Malting Silos.



Lighting test
by City of Toronto, 2021



Lighting Projections
The Bentway and artist Erika Defreitas showed the area's potential, 2020

