

West Don Lands Committee

Citizens for the Old Town
Corktown Residents & Business
Association

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Distillery Historic District
Dixon Hall
Enoch Turner Schoolhouse
Foundation

City of Toronto Executive Committee

Friends of Corktown Common
Gooderham & Worts
Neighbourhood Association
Little Trinity Anglican Church

Dear Mayor Tory and Members of the Executive Committee,

Re: Ex34.10 Update on Next Phase of Waterfront Revitalization

St. Lawrence Market
Neighbourhood BIA

We are writing on behalf of the West Don Lands Committee to support the staff recommendations with respect to the next phase of waterfront revitalization.

St. Lawrence Neighbourhood
Association

We are encouraged to see the emphasis on Indigenous engagement. Waterfront revitalization offers tangible and symbolic opportunities to honour Indigenous culture and further the objectives of truth, justice and reconciliation. Incorporating an Indigenous lens into the project of renewing Toronto's waterfront is a long overdue step.

Within the current review of waterfront revitalization, we feel it is important to appreciate what the City has been able to achieve through its Waterfront Toronto partnership with the federal and provincial governments. After decades of paralysis, the decision to create a tripartite agency to act as the development lead for the waterfront has turned Toronto's waterfront into a success story.

The complementary decision to create the Waterfront Secretariat to channel and streamline implementation and policy relations between the City and Waterfront Toronto has been equally important to the success of revitalization.

After nearly 20 years of experience with this framework, WDLC members, many of whom have worked with directly with Waterfront Toronto and the Waterfront Secretariat over that entire period, continue to see this structure as the key to continued success.

We understand the multi-level, multi-jurisdictional challenges of waterfront revitalizations. We have dug deeply into the technical challenges of the many aspects of waterfront development. We have seen the benefits of developing and implementing a long-term vision through an agency fully dedicated to that mandate. We have observed that, after 20 years of work in this complex environment, Waterfront Toronto has built up both technical expertise and social capital that is a significant asset for Toronto. We have experienced the benefits of exemplary community engagement. Most importantly, we have seen that each successful new feature, whether a park, a neighbourhood or piece of sustainable infrastructure is a win, win, win for the City, the community and for the other levels of government who's funding we hope to attract.

Our members remain deeply engaged in and committed to positive waterfront revitalization. We look forward to continuing to contribute to the City's review of the next phase of revitalization which we hope will build on the obvious success of the past 20 years.

Yours truly,



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