

April 11, 2023

**TO:** Toronto and East York Community Council

**RE:** Ontario Place - Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment - Status Report

**AGENDA ITEM:** TE4.36

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. The St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Association (SLNA) supports reinvestment in Ontario Place which honours its heritage and leads to its reinvigoration as a spectacular public amenity and a resource for all Ontarians;
2. SLNA endorses the information contained in the Staff Report of March 23, 2023 from the Acting Director, Community Planning and supports the concerns raised therein in each of the following areas:
  - a. West Island redevelopment concerns, including scale and appropriateness;
  - b. shoreline work and lake filling concerns, including environmental assessment;
  - c. sustainability and resilience concerns, including resilience of public and private areas;
  - d. public realm and mobility concerns, including need to optimize transit infrastructure investments and ensure transit supportive development patterns and concerns over the proposed five level subsurface parking structure;
  - e. concerns around transit connections and integration with Exhibition Place, including safety;
  - f. infrastructure and servicing concerns;
3. SLNA encourages continued discussion between the City and the Province to address and resolve the concerns identified in this Staff Report (in particular those associated with the West Island redevelopment) while preserving those desirable elements that further the city building objectives for the site and for Toronto's waterfront.

Dear Members of Community Council,

The subject staff report is an excellent, thorough and thoughtful *Report for Action*. SLNA fully supports its conclusions and the future steps outlined. The Association encourages Community Council to provide strong direction to Staff to work to resolve the very real concerns that the plan, in its current state, raises.

The St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Association (SLNA), incorporated in 1983, represents over 35,000 residents living in the St. Lawrence Neighbourhood of Toronto. The neighbourhood – bounded by Yonge St., Queen St. E., Parliament St. and the rail corridor to the south – is a mixed-income, ethnically diverse residential and commercial community adjoining the Central

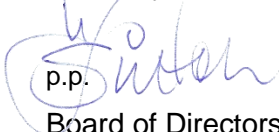


Business District. It contains the oldest neighbourhood in the (now) City of Toronto, the *original ten blocks* of the Town of York (dating from 1793). The Association is a founding member of Ontario Place for All.

This represents a unique opportunity to revitalize Ontario Place – a Provincially significant heritage and tourism attraction. SLNA supports the need to seize this opportunity, while strongly emphasizing the need to get it right!

The Board of Directors of the St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Association appreciates your consideration of this input.

Sincerely,



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St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Association

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