



## Exhibition Place

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Dear Committee Members:

**Re: Infrastructure and Environment Committee - Meeting 12  
March 27, 2024 @ 9:30 AM  
Agenda Item IE12.5 - Under Gardiner Public Realm Plan**

On behalf of Exhibition Place, I am writing to express my support of the Under Gardiner Public Realm Plan (PRP), a transformative initiative that establishes shared principles and identifies opportunities that will help redefine the identity, access, and experience of Toronto's Central Waterfront.

As Chief Executive Officer at Exhibition Place, I can attest to the importance of this work.

The Exhibition Place grounds, and surrounding areas continue to transition, with numerous projects in progress and many infrastructure projects in the planning stage. There are opportunities as we revitalize the site for enhanced pedestrian and cyclist connections for and collaborative planning to promote the adoption of complementary uses between the Bentway and Exhibition Place. Our future will involve working closely with our partners like the Bentway to prepare for the area's transformation. The core of this will be supporting the increased movement of transit users and pedestrians through the adjoining northern access points under the Gardiner.

Exhibition Place has recently completed phase 1 of a multimodal and logistics study. As stated above, the pressing need for our study is the upcoming transit terminal linked to the northern gateway under the Gardiner. The study's goal was to better understand how to develop this emerging entryway onto the grounds, improve connectivity for non-vehicle users, and provide flexibility for goods movement and event logistics.

The Under Gardiner PRP findings and recommendations were incorporated into our study results.

As a major stakeholder in the Under Gardiner PRP, the Bentway has ensured Exhibition Place was consulted and updated through the engagement process. Seeing the commitment to innovation, sustainability, connections, and community-centric design is reassuring. The plan details a comprehensive vision for repurposing the underutilized spaces beneath the Gardiner Expressway into a cohesive, active corridor of dynamic, inclusive, and environmentally responsive public spaces. As Toronto continues to densify, this plan responds to the growing demands of communities along the corridor. It ensures that we are collectively creating affordable, livable, and accessible neighbourhoods across the waterfront.

The PRP's guiding principles of safety, ecological stewardship, connectivity, active transportation, and cultural enrichment, align with the Exhibition Place Strategic Plan.

Exhibition Place supports the Under Gardiner Public Realm Plan and hopes that the Infrastructure and Environment Committee will do the same.

Sincerely,



Don Boyle  
Chief Executive Officer  
Exhibition Place