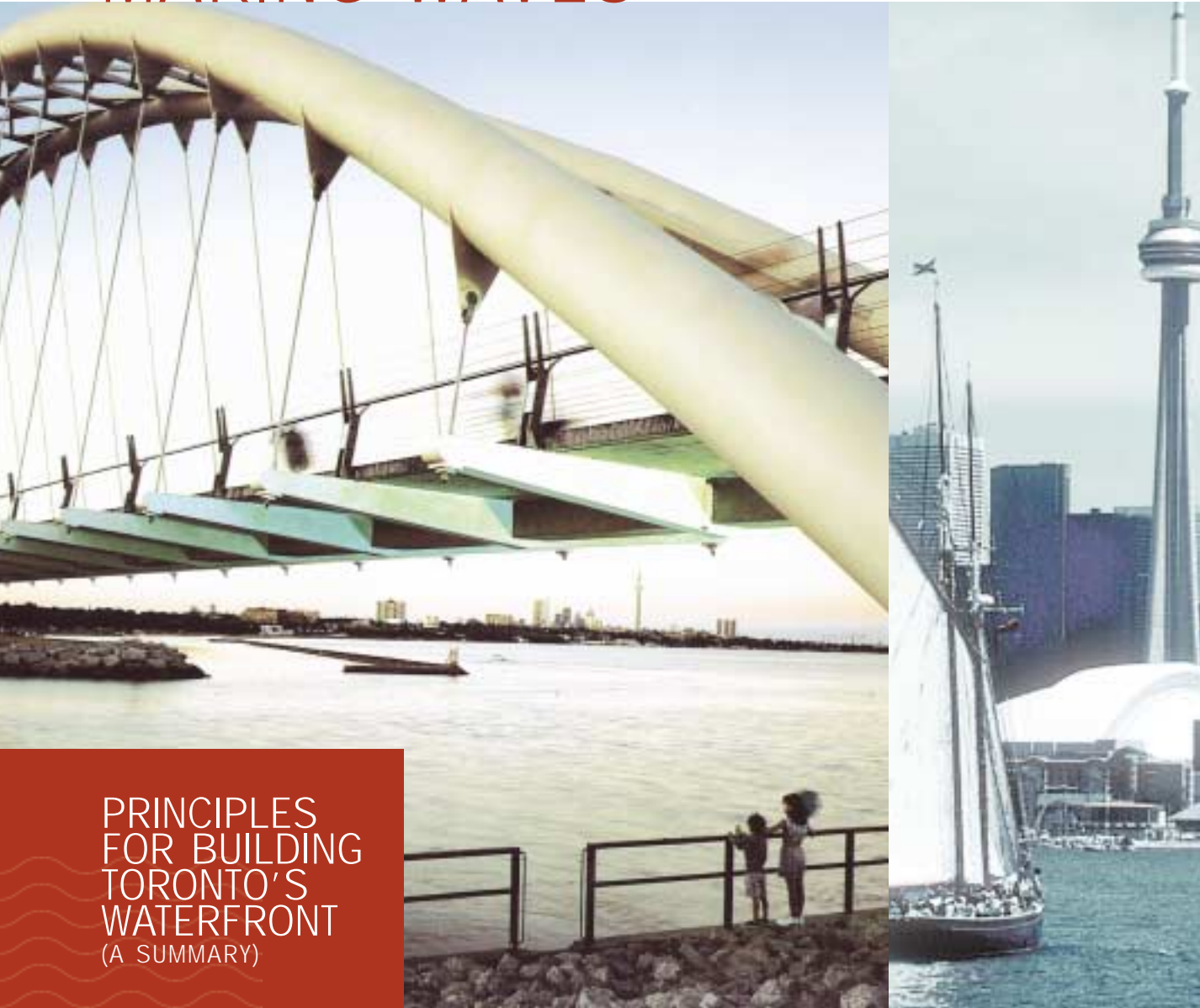


# MAKING WAVES



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PRINCIPLES FOR BUILDING TORONTO'S WATERFRONT (A SUMMARY)

## IT IS TIME TO MAKE WAVES!

Toronto has a dream. A dream of transforming and re-energizing its waterfront into one of the great waterfronts of the world. A dream of building a spectacular gateway to this city, this province and this country.

With the release of the Central Waterfront Part II Plan, Toronto begins making waves. The Plan is structured around four core principles, associated policies, and 23 "Big Moves" that will bring the principles to life.

Now is the best possible time to move ahead. Over 800 hectares of strategically located land in the heart of Canada's economic engine – Toronto's Central Waterfront – are mostly vacant and underused. With about 70 per cent of the land already in public hands, we have an extraordinary opportunity to engineer a seamless renewal and position Toronto for intense urban competition in the new millennium.

The Central Waterfront will be a focal point for realizing many of our civic aspirations: economic growth and jobs; dynamic communities for people of all means, ages and abilities; prominent cultural institutions; spectacular places for public enjoyment; and a vehicle for reaffirming Toronto as one of the most livable cities in the world.

The benefits to the city and the entire GTA region will be enormous. Over 40,000 housing units and 35,000 jobs can be generated, all in the core of the city.

## THE PART II PLAN IS:

A National Initiative: showcasing Canada's ability to lead in architecture, urban design, community development, environmental awareness, technology, culture and the arts; and positioning Canada as a country of the future, ready to meet the complex challenges of the new century.

A Provincial Opportunity: promoting a magnificent capital city waterfront, featuring cultural and tourist attractions that break the mould with originality, quality and astonishment.

A Toronto Imperative: the size of this initiative, the prominence of the Central Waterfront as Toronto's front porch and the land use activities that will be attracted to this extraordinary setting will all have a profound influence on our city's prosperity, standard of living and, ultimately, our quality of life. The Central Waterfront is crucial to our city's future and wealth creation for all citizens.

## A KEY PART OF A LARGER RENEWAL

Toronto's waterfront stretches 46 kilometres from Marie Curtis Park at the Etobicoke Creek in the west to Rouge Beach Park at the Rouge River in the east. Rich in natural and cultural heritage, the waterfront contains a number of thriving neighbourhoods, and many notable cultural institutions and sports attractions. Toronto's waterfront is part of the watershed of six major rivers and a city-wide park system.

A variety of initiatives are already planned or underway in the Western and Eastern Waterfronts to increase public access, enhance the shoreline and improve the environment. These activities, as well as new ones, will be supported as part of Toronto's waterfront revitalization.

The focus of the Part II Plan is the 10-kilometres from Dowling Avenue to Coxwell Avenue. This includes Exhibition Place, Ontario Place, Fort York, the existing Bathurst-Strachan, Central Bayfront and Harbourfront neighbourhoods, the East Bayfront, the Port Lands and the West Don Lands.

## CORE PRINCIPLES

Four core principles will act as a framework for the renewal of the Central Waterfront:

### REMOVING BARRIERS/MAKING CONNECTIONS

The waterfront has to feel like and function as part of the city fabric. The first principle of the Plan relates to the removal of barriers in order to reconnect the city with Lake Ontario. This is the key to unlocking the potential of Toronto's waterfront.

### BUILDING A NETWORK OF SPECTACULAR WATERFRONT PARKS AND PUBLIC SPACES

The second principle of the Plan recognizes the significance of the public realm in transforming the Central Waterfront into a destination for international tourism, national celebration and local enjoyment. Quality public places will distinguish the Central Waterfront as a special place with spectacular waterfront parks and plazas and inviting natural settings that please the eye and capture the spirit.

### PROMOTING A CLEAN AND GREEN ENVIRONMENT

The third principle focuses on achieving a high level of environmental health in the Central Waterfront. A wide variety of environmental strategies will help shape sustainable waterfront communities and showcase the City's commitment to developing a clean and green waterfront.

# BUILDING A SPECTACULAR GATEWAY TO THIS CITY, THIS PROVINCE AND THIS COUNTRY.

## CREATING DYNAMIC AND DIVERSE NEW COMMUNITIES

The fourth principle emphasizes the importance of creating dynamic and diverse waterfront communities that are unique places of beauty and offer quality and opportunity for all citizens. New waterfront communities will be acclaimed for their high degree of social, economic, natural and environmental health and cultural vibrancy.

## A UNIQUE PLAN IN A UNIQUE ENVIRONMENT

The Part II Plan is a unique Plan that will operate in a unique environment. It is a Principles Plan concentrating on high level transportation and public realm "Big Moves" and associated policies. The "Big Moves" will be undertaken by the public sector as a means of redefining the Central Waterfront and creating an environment conducive to public enjoyment and private sector investment.

The Plan proposes three land use designations: Development Area (allows a wide variety of land uses), Existing Use Area (site continues to be governed by existing planning regulations) and Parks, Open Space and Public Use Area.

Key elements of the Plan, which are also illustrated on a number of maps, include: substantially upgrading TTC services and GO Transit; reconfiguring the Gardiner Expressway corridor in the Central Waterfront; vastly improving and expanding public open spaces; and moving ahead with public initiatives – such as soil and groundwater remediation and flood control – which will open up new areas for people to live, work, visit and play.

## MAKING IT HAPPEN

The creation of a publicly-appointed development corporation, as a catalyzing and coordinating agency, is critical to successful waterfront development. That's why the three levels of government have established the Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Corporation to steer waterfront renewal.

The City will work with the Corporation, other levels of government, major stakeholders, and the public to prepare detailed development strategies for each Central Waterfront precinct. The strategies will deal with such matters as street and block patterns, building heights and massing, urban design, community services and facilities, local parks, and affordable housing. Precinct development strategies are proposed to be implemented through a Development Permit system, which consolidates existing planning processes into one approval process. City Council will be the approval authority for the Development Permit By-laws.

## NEXT STEPS

Now that the City has released the Central Waterfront Part II Plan, we are eager to hear what the public thinks before it is considered for approval by City Council. The plan will be discussed at a series of local and city-wide public meetings.

THE CITY OF TORONTO, PROVINCE OF ONTARIO AND GOVERNMENT OF CANADA ARE COMMITTED TO MAKING THE REVITALIZATION OF TORONTO'S CENTRAL WATERFRONT A REALITY.

## TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

To obtain a copy of the Plan, ask questions or give us your comments, please contact us in any of the following ways:

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## CENTRAL WATERFRONT PART II PLAN



### 23 "BIG MOVES" – REDEFINING TORONTO'S FUTURE

The following "Big Moves" will ensure that Toronto takes its place with other great cities like Barcelona, London, Sydney, New York and Chicago who have used waterfront revitalization as a means of focusing world attention on their city:

#### A) REMOVING BARRIERS/MAKING CONNECTIONS

A1\_Once funding for major improvements to the road system and GO Transit/TTC services including Union Station is in place, and once these improvements have been substantially completed, the elevated Gardiner Expressway will be replaced.

A2\_A Waterfront Light Rapid Transit line will stretch across the Central Waterfront from Exhibition Place to the Port Lands.

A3\_Lake Shore Boulevard will be transformed into a grand waterfront boulevard.

A4\_Queens Quay will become a scenic waterfront drive from Bathurst Street to the Port Lands.

A5\_The Martin Goodman/Waterfront Trail will be completed through the Central Waterfront and connected to the city-wide trail system.

A6\_Key cultural and heritage corridors which link the assets of the city with the water's edge will be promoted and reinforced.

#### B) BUILDING A NETWORK OF SPECTACULAR WATERFRONT PARKS AND PUBLIC SPACES

B7\_A continuous band of green will be reserved along the water's edge for public use.

B8\_A dramatic new Yonge Street Pier will be built at the foot of Toronto's historic main street (see map).



## PUBLIC REALM PLAN

### MAP INDEX:

- PARKS AND OPEN SPACES
- PLAZAS AND PROMENADES

B9\_Harbourfront Centre will become an even stronger draw with a new public plaza between Queens Quay Terminal and York Quay Centre and an integrated nautical centre on John Quay (see map).

B10\_A bold new East Bayfront Park, reflecting the industrial heritage of the area and anticipating its extraordinary future, will be created (see map).

B11\_A new green corridor, the Don Greenway, will be developed in the centre of the Port Lands (see map).

B12\_A new Lake Ontario Park, from Clarke (Cherry) Beach to Balmy Beach, will give Toronto a much-enhanced continuous urban park system (see map).

B13\_The Ship Channel through the Port Lands will become a powerful focal point around which new mixed-use communities will be built (see map).

B14\_A new Fort York Park will be larger and more visible, re-establishing the Fort's status as Toronto's most significant heritage site (see map).

B15\_Almost three hectares will be added to Marilyn Bell Park, which will be redesigned and improved as a gateway to the waterfront (see map).

B16\_Ontario Place will be woven into the waterfront park system with better access for the public to enjoy its facilities and paid attractions (see map).

### C) PROMOTING A CLEAN AND GREEN ENVIRONMENT

C17\_A next generation transportation system will give priority to transit, cycling, walking and water transport.

C18\_A flood protection berm will be built along the Don River to eliminate flooding problems in the West Don Lands and surrounding neighbourhoods (see map).

C19\_The mouth of the Don River will be re-routed and re-naturalized, thereby improving the ecological function of the river, and providing flood protection and an important open space and recreational link to adjacent parklands (see map).

### D) CREATING DYNAMIC AND DIVERSE NEW COMMUNITIES

D20\_The vast Port Lands will be cleaned up and opened to a range of urban development opportunities including new urban communities, an international convergence district, "green" industries and a rich infrastructure of recreational, cultural and tourist amenities (see map).

D21\_The West Don Lands will be given a new life as diverse mixed-use communities emerge (see map).

D22\_The East Bayfront will become a prominent waterfront address for working and living (see map).

D23\_Building on its historical role as a place for celebration and exhibition, Exhibition Place will be expanded into a dynamic area where people work, play, visit and live (see map).