



January 2018

# EVERYONE IS KING: DURABLE DESTINATION PARKLETS (DPs)

**Design Build Competition Stream 2:** Request for Expressions of Interest

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# EVERYONE IS KING!

## BACKGROUND

The King Street Transit Pilot began in November 2017, exploring bold, transformative ideas on how to redesign the street and test a range of options to improve streetcar transit reliability, capacity and efficiency. In addition to the transit improvements, the Pilot also aims to improve place-making and support economic prosperity.

As part of the Pilot, numerous new curb lane public spaces have been created between Bathurst and Jarvis. Two Durable Destination Parklets (DPs) will occupy these spaces.

## EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

The 'Everyone is King' Design Build Competition is an opportunity to be part of and contribute to the rethinking of King Street. The intent of the competition is to create a series of attractive curb lane public spaces on King Street for all to enjoy.

The City of Toronto Transportation Services is requesting Expressions of Interest (EOI) to participate in the design of Durable Destination Parklets (DPs) for the King Street Transit Pilot project. This first phase of the application process, will be used to determine which two teams will be invited to proceed to the second phase of the process to develop detailed designs, build and install DPs. Two City-funded King Street Pilot parklets, one per selected team, will showcase excellence through the great design of resilient, movable and reusable public amenities.

Expressions of Interest are due on **January 29th, 2018**. A design proposal is not requested at this time.

Expressions of Interest will be evaluated based on experience, an interest statement, design/build excellence and capacity.

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# WHAT ARE DURABLE DESTINATION PARKLETS?

DPs are accessible seating areas or green spaces placed adjacent to sidewalks in the curb lanes, designed for multi-season use. DPs transform curb lanes into public places for everyone to enjoy. Parklets provide an economical solution for additional furniture, landscaping, outdoor seating and other pedestrian-related amenities.

Parklets are often comprised of, but not limited to: an elevated platform to match the sidewalk grade, and an enclosure to protect users from the adjacent traffic and seating. The City of Toronto welcomes other creative accessible design solutions.

The City would like to test two parklet designs that provide a destination and benefits businesses, residents and visitors by contributing to the street's vibrancy.



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# DURABLE DESTINATION PARKLETS

## PURPOSE

The purpose of this project is to develop attractive durable public parklets that are easily transported, resilient, movable, adjustable and reusable.

## BUDGET

- The City of Toronto is funding two DPs. **Up to \$25,000** will be provided for each DP.
- The budget for the DPs includes a design fee, construction and installation. A detailed construction budget will determine if all or part of the \$25,000 will be released.

## SPONSORSHIP AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- Additional funds may be used to enhance the City-provided funds.
- No advertising, logos and branding are permitted.
- An acknowledgement plaque no larger than 12x12" will include the names of the winning team members and sponsors.

## ELIGIBILITY

- Proponents must demonstrate the ability to submit drawings that are signed and stamped by an Ontario-certified architect, landscape architect or engineer.
- Proponents must demonstrate the team's capacity to build and install the DPs by April 15th, 2018.

## REQUIREMENTS

- Total width must not exceed 2.0m.
- Length of parklet to be determined pending design and costs. Length would ideally correspond to the length of two or more parking spaces (6.7m per parallel parking space).
- Parklets must adhere to City's guidelines dated 03/13/17, excluding the reference to the September 31st deadline for removal. An amendment will be requested by Transportation Services to extend this until the end of the Pilot.
- Must not contain any trip hazards.
- Total height of parklet edge treatment must not exceed 1.0m.
- Total height of internal parklet elements must not exceed 2.4 meters.
- Access along pedestrian sidewalk must remain unobstructed. Installation must not interfere with pedestrian or vehicular traffic or encroach upon the roadway or sidewalk.
- Parklets should enhance surroundings and not create a "blind" spot for illegal activities. No enclosed spaces in which people are concealed from public view.
- Must not contribute or create sight line obstructions impacting vehicular or pedestrian traffic.
- 3m clearance from laneway or driveway access and egress required.

- Must not to be fastened in any way to pavement, buildings, utilities or any other element within the right of way.
- Must not prevent access to public utilities for emergency or maintenance purposes for duration of the Pilot project.
- Must be accessible through either ramping, decking or other creative designs.
- Must be accessible/adjustable to different curb heights.
- Must withstand high winds and potential year-round outdoor exposure.
- Must provide access/use to multiple users at once.
- Must provide interest to a broad range of users.
- Must be a free public amenity, without advertising and commercial activities.
- Must not create conditions that restrict water drainage or cause ponding.
- Must not create an environment that attracts or collects excessive litter or debris or encourages inappropriate graffiti vandalism.
- Must be easily assembled and disassembled.
- Must be easily transported, moved and stored.
- City-supplied planters defining the public spaces can be incorporated or excluded from future design proposal if replaced with other safety measures.
- Most spaces do not have a power source.
- Vegetation can be incorporated, but allowances must be made for ongoing maintenance.
- No parklet installation or removal shall rely on the closure of abutting travel lanes.
- Parklet should last a minimum of 4 years.
- Must not present any health or safety hazard, including design, construction techniques and materials used.

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# DP KEY DATES

## Phase I – Expressions of Interest

The purpose of the EOI is to establish compliance with the eligibility requirements and determine which two teams will be invited to proceed to the second phase of the process, to develop detailed designs, build and install DPs.

**January 9 DP EOI Issued**

All EOI documents can be found at [toronto.ca/kingstreetpilot](http://toronto.ca/kingstreetpilot)

**January 22 DP Pre-submittal Meeting**

A non mandatory pre-submittal meeting will be held on January 22, 2018, 7:15pm until 8:15pm. Location: Metro Hall, Room 308, 55 John Street, Toronto, M5V 3C6.

**January 25 DP Deadline for submitting questions**

Questions will be accepted until 11:59pm on January 25, 2018. Please email [EIK.DBCompetition@toronto.ca](mailto:EIK.DBCompetition@toronto.ca).

**January 29 DP EOI Due**

Proponents interested in designing, building and installing a DP shall submit an EOI Submission Package to [EIK.DBCompetition@toronto.ca](mailto:EIK.DBCompetition@toronto.ca) by 11:59pm on **January 29, 2018**.

**Early Feb. DP Two Teams Invited to Phase II**

The two teams with the highest scores will be invited to continue to Phase II of the project. If a team chooses to withdraw from the project, the teams with the next highest scores will be contacted.

## Phase II – Detailed Design and Construction

The two successful teams will be invited to sign an agreement with the City of Toronto to produce the following\*:

<b>February 12, 2018</b>	<b>Schematic Design Submission</b>
<b>February 26, 2018</b>	<b>Design Development Submission</b>
<b>March 12, 2018</b>	<b>Construction Documents Submission</b>
<b>March 15, 2018</b>	<b>Meeting with City to Move Forward with Construction</b>
<b>March 16-April 14, 2018</b>	<b>Construction/Fabrication Period</b>
<b>April 15, 2018</b>	<b>'Everyone is King' DP Installation</b>
<b>December 2018</b>	<b>'Everyone is King' DPs Conclude</b>

\*The Phase II dates are to be developed and confirmed with the individual teams.



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# GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- Successful teams will agree to design, build and install a DP for an approved budget up to \$25,000.
- Winners are responsible for keeping the parklet in a state of good repair due to regular public use until December 2018.
- The City of Toronto assumes the responsibility for obtaining and absorbing the cost of all necessary permits required for the installation of the DP.
- Insurance is covered under the umbrella of the City of Toronto.
- The City of Toronto will be responsible for moving the DP with guidance from the winning team at the end of the King Street Pilot.
- The City of Toronto will have ownership of the DP, and has the right to reproduce the DPs based on the drawings.





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# DP EXPRESSION OF INTEREST SUBMISSION PACKAGE

Packages are to be submitted as **one PDF, maximum 10MB**, including the following:

## 1. Experience (8.5x11", 6 page maximum)

- Form: Team Name, Main Contact
- Bios, resumes for all team members.
- Demonstrate how the team's qualifications and professional experience are appropriate for the scale and complexity of the project.
- Demonstrate the ability to submit drawings that are signed and stamped by an Ontario-certified architect, landscape architect or engineer.
- Ability to respect the Occupational Health and Safety Act, Ontario Building Code and Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act.

## 2. EOI Statement (8.5x11", one page maximum)

- A general concept for the DP, including ideas for ease of assembly, install, transport and storage.
- The team's approach to creating a DP in a narrow public space.

## 3. Design and Build Excellence (8.5x11", one page per project)

- Images and descriptions of past work.

## 4. Building Capacity (8.5x11", one page maximum)

- Proponents must demonstrate that they are capable of producing detailed drawings, building and installing the DPs by April 15th, 2018.

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# DP EXPRESSION OF INTEREST EVALUATION

Submissions will be reviewed by a Selection Committee composed of local Business Improvement Areas and staff from Transportation Services and City Planning. Expressions of Interest will be evaluated based on:

## 1. Experience: 5 points

- Relevance of past experience

## 2. EOI Statement: 10 points

- Innovative merit
- The ability of the concept to foster a sense of neighbourhood and community pride
- The concept's ability to balance pedestrian amenities

## 3. Design and Build Excellence: 10 points

- Quality, originality and excellence of projects
- Appropriateness of design expression in relation to the proposed project

## 4. Building Capacity: 5 points

**Total available points: 30 points**

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# PSI SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Please submit an electronic copy of your EOI, compiling all sections of your application into **one PDF** document, maximum of 10 MB, by email to: **[EIK.DBCompetition@toronto.ca](mailto:EIK.DBCompetition@toronto.ca)**

**EOI Submissions** must be received by **11:59pm, Monday, January 29, 2018**. Submissions will not be accepted past the deadline.

For further information or general questions, please email [EIK.DBCompetition@toronto.ca](mailto:EIK.DBCompetition@toronto.ca). Please note that questions specifically related to the EOI must be submitted by 11:59pm, January 25, 2018.



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# RESOURCES

<http://pavementtoparks.org/parklets/>

<http://vancouver.ca/streets-transportation/parklets.aspx>

<http://www.nyc.gov/html/dot/html/pedestrians/streetseats.shtml>

<http://minneapolismn.gov/pedestrian/projects/WCMS1P-137752>

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