

Terms of Reference for the Eglinton Park Master Plan Implementation Indigenous Advisory Group

The Terms of Reference (**ToR**) outline the roles and responsibilities of the Indigenous Advisory Group (**IAG**) members and staff.

These terms of reference are to be confirmed by all IAG members. Any changes to the ToR will be made through consultation with the Project Team and IAG members, and an updated ToR will be circulated for confirmation if needed.

1. Mandate

The Indigenous Advisory Group (IAG) will act as an advisory body at key decision points as the project develops to ensure the perspective and needs of the neighbourhood are reflected in the designs. The IAG will review, deliberate, and discuss key project elements.

2. Membership

The IAG will include members who spend free time and primarily reside in the community around the new Park District. Effort has been made to select members who represent a range of lived experiences and relevant expertise.

3. Meetings

There will be two, 1.5-hour virtual IAG meetings in the Spring and Summer of 2023. Specific dates of future meetings will be confirmed based on the availability of Group members. Advance notice of at least two weeks will be given to call IAG members for any scheduled or proposed meeting date/time.

4. Recommendation-Making

The IAG is an Advisory Group, not a decision-making body.

The IAG is not responsible for the decisions made by the Project Team or City Council.

As an Advisory Group, the IAG will operate using a consensus-based approach, where members seek general agreement on guidance and advice to the Project Team. A consensus-based approach assumes that participants can openly discuss ideas, perspectives and viewpoints, and are willing to work together to develop common ground and minimize areas of disagreement to the best of their ability.

Differing viewpoints and opinions will be documented in the IAG meeting notes.

5. Reporting

Staff will compile a written summary of each IAG meeting and distribute this to members. IAG members will have one week to provide suggested edits to the draft summary.

6. Roles

IAG members will:

- Review and agree to these Terms of Reference;
- RSVP in advance of meetings;

- Attend and actively participate in IAG meetings;
 - If unable to attend a meeting, members may review the meeting presentation (PDF) and meeting summary and provide feedback through email within a week of receiving the documents.
- Review meeting summaries to confirm accuracy;
- Promote opportunities for wider community engagement within their networks.

7. Roles

Project Team members (City staff & Consultant team) will:

- Identify what is open for community influence and what is not (and why);
- Strive to provide accurate, easy to understand information to IAG members;
- Listen carefully to the advice and perspectives of IAG members and, where feasible, incorporate advice into the project; and where not feasible, provide a clear explanation of how the feedback was considered and why it is not feasible;
- Follow-up as required to respond to any questions that could not be answered during the meeting. Follow-up responses will be included in meeting summary reports.
- Circulate, revise, and post summary reports of each IAG meeting on the project website.

8. Media Contact

- IAG members may speak to the media about their **individual** perspectives about this Project. Individual IAG members' opinions are not necessarily representative of the views of the entire IAG. In the event that IAG members receive media inquiries about the new Park District and/or the IAG, **inquiries should be referred to** Daniel Fusca, Manager, Public Consultation, at Daniel.Fusca@toronto.ca.

9. Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy

- Please note that all information will be used in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. With the exception of personal information, all information provided through the IAG process will form part of the public record including only the first names of IAG members (further anonymity can be provided) .

10. Contact

The point of contact for all IAG correspondence is:

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