

Appendix B:

April 15 Break-out Table Notes

Engagement Summary:
Ontario Place Community Consultation Meetings

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Built Form, Heritage, and Character Table Notes

City Note-taker: [Name Removed]

Built Form, Heritage, Character Session #1

- Concerned that indigenous consultation has not informed the design of the proposed built form, and concerned with the extent of indigenous consultation
- The proposed design, materials, proposed palm trees and indoor plantings, are not representative of Ontario
- The West Island is characterized by a binary split between public and private experience, with private experience being prioritized
- The proposed building is out of scale, out of proportion to the public realm
- Concerned with the rationalization of transportation uses – particularly the justification for extensive underground parking prioritizing automobile use
- Concerned with impact of building footprint on West Island and its ecology, notably bird life and migratory bird route
- Would like to see edible shrubs and trees
- Want to reduce hardscaping, amount of cement used
- Mitigate the impact of proposed building on existing bird life by reducing building footprint and conserving existing trees
- Compares Therme proposal to Bota Bota in Montreal – why does Therme have to be so large in comparison?
- Scale, obstruction of views to existing heritage mega structures (pods, cinesphere) from west and north. Reduce scale of proposed buildings to mitigate impact on heritage views
- Make proposed Therme main building much smaller to mitigate impact to existing ecology
- Entry pavilion is completely out of scale to West Island and public realm and heritage, reduce building footprint and height
- Public/private – concerned with privatization of what currently functions as public space. Concerned with a private firm building in a park
- When will the public find out about the terms of the lease?
- We want more info about cost of Therme uses, ticket costs etc.
- “Its like a private castle with a public strip around the edge” lower the height so it isn’t so dominant and so there is more equity between public and private users
- Have doubts about proposed attendance projections particularly during winter – its going to sit empty in the winter, is too large for this use
- The proposal is not responding to Canadian cultural context where people do outdoor activities in the winter
- What happens when this business fails and we’re left with this single purpose building?
- Public realm of east island generally moving in right direction

Built Form, Heritage, Character Session #2

- Taking European business model and imposing it on a city with diverse cultural heritage – how does the proposal respond to Toronto’s diverse cultural heritage?
- How has building been designed to be able to be adaptively reused if the spa business fails?
- Concerned about sustainable design issues – would like to see more walls less glass, heating and cooling issues with proposed materials/design, bird collision and wind impacts

- Concerned with “who is this really for?” – Issues of affordability and gentrification, public needs to have more info re: ticket costs especially for lower income communities such as those living in nearby Parkdale. Concerned this project won't be of use to lower income communities living nearby and could contribute to gentrification of those neighbourhoods
- Concerned with consultation process (both Provincial and City), no transparency in consultation process, feels top down, project largely decided upon and public not being given meaningful opportunity to co-create the vision for Ontario Place. Local communities not represented in current City consultation – who's not here? Why aren't they here?
- Can the City impact this development?
- Question the need for private uses to make Ontario Place “world class” – note existing world class parks across world, defined by their public uses. Would like to see greater % of public uses. Although there was a small fee to enter when Ontario Place opened, we're in a different era where public realm is more necessary, with intensification of the inner city and existing deficit of public realm
- Who's not here? Why are they missing?
- We need to look at realistic numbers of ticket prices etc., To understand how lower income folks can access this kind of use
- Looks like the rich get to climb stairs above the poor below, there's a prioritization of private uses over public ones, with an associated class dimension
- Safety concerns re: use at night, lighting
- Would like to see reuse of heritage structures proposed to be removed, specifically for sustainability
- “Way too big” building in relation to public realm – “shocked they said its bigger than the BMO”
- Existing beach works well, concerned with proposed new beaches, particularly proposed west one

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Built Form, Heritage, Character Session #1

- What makes the building world class? – Respecting heritage, what makes the building different
- Met husband at Ontario Place, long winter came and pandemic. Fully endorse improvements -> boasting, light development on island, integrating Indigenous perspectives. Better not bigger. Better for island if not spa. No private use on public land
- This is unique location -> again not the spa @ this location. Scale and preparation are just dreadful. Shoreline is losing, wrong concept for this place
- Spa would not in diagram. They are talking about flood mitigation with underground parking. What are the risks of this. Concern about flooding
- Concern about levels of parking
- Heritage design -> plastic things. The orange is unattractive. Looks like a mushroom. Sweat place for long line up
- Environment impact mean the water
- What about environmental assessment
- Who gets the revenue from 2000 parking?
- Concern about taxpayers paying for parking garage.
- How is this going to work with M Goodman trail
- How many people are going into building. I.e., paying to use the Therme location -> \$2 million per year and building capacity 7000 twice over
- Concerned about climate crisis
- Concerned about traffic congestion -> is there forethought when the problems compounds?
- Why do we need 2700 parking spots?
- Terms of lease and revenue. Ongoing -> what happens if it fails
- We do not want a spa on our land

- Who/how many do we know will be coming to this?
- Wellness if free when you walk in the park?
- I don't want cocktails on public land -> love free but I want it to remain public
- It seems inauthentic
- This is not world class compared to other places
- I am kind of liking this decision. I am low income; Do I want to be able to go to Mexico. I want an affordable option.
- Parking affordable package
- I am depressed with this was a brilliant place that is going to be obliterated.
- How did it fall into disrepair? Disallowed vision
- Interesting to see the built form come in
- How are we accommodating cyclists in left turning lanes? How are we designing for intersections here?
- The province is building the parking lot
- If we do it wrong, we can't get it back
- Concerned about ratio of building to land
- What is the contingency plan for this building if this anchor amenity does not work? What happens to the building, how will it be used?
- How are you representing today's cultural heritage -> not just this one white guy?
- Copied model from Europe and putting it here. How does it make sense? Especially in the most culturally diverse city?
- Most forward-thinking cities in the world are expanding their green space not privatizing it. I.e., Paris, NYC, Chicago, etc.
- Why isn't Toronto embracing this movement?
- Why are we stuck with old thinking about development on public land?
- Ignoring climate crisis impact

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Built Form, Heritage, Character Session #2

- How is today's cultural heritage/design representative of today's time? European foreign company
- Size of building in relation to size of site (scale). Suggestion: provide physical model
- Need for parking structure?
- Public space
- More pedestrian access (foot bridges)
- Limit glass – alternate energy/efficient material
- Local businesses
- Low scale buildings (2 Storey)
- West island – 22 Acres
- Proposal – 11 Acres
- General observations:
 - Residents want to hear from one another
 - Refreshments ended too soon
 - Passionate about public space and active transportation. Especially cycling infrastructure

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Built Form, Heritage, Character Session #1

- Provides free outdoor space
- Idea of revitalization and bringing more people to Ontario Place

- Privatization of public space
- Against raising of soil and destruction of trees. No need to destroy
- Like the building – all seasons
- More public space inside especially winter. Spa could be too expensive and include city-run pool
- Public integration between sauna and beach
- Revitalization is good
- Remediation and improved public access are good
- Not a place for Ontarians – not incorporating Ontario theme
- Glass is bad for birds and material is not local
- Scale is too big
- Sustainability is question
- Not seeing heritage concept
- Lots of palm trees – does not look like Ontario and is not inspired by Ontario
- Does this accommodate Ontario climate?
- Gentle density – small pockets of density/building
- Proposal is one big mass and out of proposal
- Heritage elements could be explored more
- To consider each buildings/programming separately isn't comprehensive/not fair.
- Reduction of footprint of spa building
- Public space is on periphery
- How does city space and Ontario Place be integrated?
- Welcome centre – does not respond to location and not necessarily world class
- Will Japanese bell remain or relocated? Should be maintained.
- Continuous bike lane
- Reduction of scale
- Bird habitat, species -> glass as a material. **Materials are very important.**

Built Form, Heritage, Character Session #2

- Scale is important
- Next time a physical model would be helpful.
- Relationship between Therme building and public space very important
- Support for terracing
- All public land -> now only a percentage left -> not clear on how much public land on west island?
 - Not been answered.
 - Not a lot of transparency on proposal
 - What happens if this fails. Can't get answer from IO
- Can it be called a park? If development application
- OK for some buildings to pay for revitalization
- How affordable will Therme be?
- Not a lot of public assets/open space.
- Shrinking building far more public realm. Public access -> not just through my balconies
- How much is the land expanding? Map shown by Urban Strategies
- 20m is not enough for a park, it's a promenade (Corus), not suitable for all seasons
- Support for remediation and revitalization
- Separate bike and pedestrian path
- "Parks should have to pay for themselves"
- Scale – should be reduced but by how much is difficult to say as its difficult to understand renderings. Visuals are not clear

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- Don't agree with going a spa
- How is the building sustainable?
 - LEED platinum compliant (CA from applicant)
 - Geothermal natural ventilation (CA from applicant) [roover upen]
 - Triple glazing for heat retention, 40% green roof
 - Habitat and stormwater retention
- How much energy does it use, what modelling has been done/how much carbon produced? A from applicant: will meet Tier 4 of City's sustainability standard
- TD Centre has problem with birds hitting windows – how is this addressed? A: bird friendly glass
- Why does the building have to be 40m tall? "Obscene height for a building on the shoreline. A from applicant – only a small portion is that tall, it has 3 tiers due to smaller footprint of the site
- Why do we have to expand the lake with fill?
- Who is paying for construction of public realm on the East Island?
- Is public via province subsidizing the construction of the parking garage to be used by Therme, how is that fair? A lot of the people using the garage will be those driving to go to Therme.
- There is nothing for me as an elderly person in Therme. I would like to go to Ontario Place to have outside fun in the winter. Don't see skating rinks or other outside amenities for the public.
- Would like shelter for if it rains, wind protection. More planning for bas weather which is most of the year
- Walking from the GO station to the lakefront will be brutal in winter. Should be weather protected way to access especially in winter
- Where does data for visitor numbers come from? How did they determine 40,000 visitors? Seems very high compared to 5,000 for Canada's wonderland.
 - Not sure about parking number and how often visitors besides those who drive would get there
- Studies of congestion? Worry about streets closing for summer, congestion that happened. Can the streets accommodate the amount of travel activity to the site?
- Most access seems to be from the East. How can you access from the west – people want to be able to know they can access without paying the Therme fee. Can you put a bridge at the waters edge of west island?
- Has Therme ownership been screen by City/Provincial standards to ensure that they are not on any current [sonetiar lift]
- Affordable is a relative term – not sure what the definition of affordable is. Would be nice to have concessions for resident's vs tourists. The definition f what is affordable varies from each person's situation
- How long is the lease and what happens to the buildings after the lease ends? Don't want it to become rundown like the cement buildings that became abandoned
- Summary report back:
 - Building and height
 - Access for public winter activities for all ages
 - How is affordable defined – what residents are able to use it
 - Concern around funding – province building the parking lot to be used by Therme
- Transport –
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 - Congestion and numbers of visitors
- Q – how long is the lease and what happens to the building at end of lease

Built Form, Heritage, Character Session #2

- Size is massive
- Don't want it in the first place
- Why on the waterfront

- Uses up a lot of public space
- Large space for people with tickets looking out at the rest of people
- Feels pushed to the margins for the public
- Front door feels like entering a ticketed building to enter a park. Agree with the City's note in the report about the lobby
- Who is paying? Unclear, don't agree with taxpayer subsidizing. E.g., Parking lot. No specific benefit to Torontonians
- Looking at province – will it take customers from the other water park? Why on the waterfront?
- Heritage – how is it a public spa our heritage? Why not use an Ontario business?
- Not clear how this really celebrates heritage
- Brookfield comparison – doesn't feel like a public space to hang out. Feels like a business lobby
- Scale is too large – could be okay if maybe 1/3 the size
- Beach – existing beach is beautiful. Would be nice
- Scale is totally out of proportion
- Sense of disconnect between who can afford to be inside vs those on the outside
- "Celebration of water" is claimed but the building has no access to the water. Seems disconnected. The building cuts off the water
- My family are lucky to have backyards but their friends in Parkdale and Liberty Village all rely on Ontario Place park. There are no other parks and public space for those condo neighbourhoods. Should always be an outdoor space here for public. Where else are people supposed to go? This is our backyard.
- Everyone is being considered except for the people who actually live nearby
- We use the entire park. Just the East Park are full on weekends - not enough. We need the whole space. Outdoor space needs to have peaceful calm areas too.
- There should be more footbridge access to the islands. E.g., on west edge of the west island
- Instead of spending on a parking lot, better to renovate at Sunnyside or something people can actually swim too
- Upgrades to Trillium Park should happen with or without Therme
- The beach existing location is much better than the proposed one. More possibility of it stagnating.
- What's the oldest Therme site? How do we trust them to run it in perpetuity? When we don't know the details of the lease? How do we know the business will be sustainable, what happens if it fails, we're stuck with this building? Doesn't make sense to shrink the public space and use this waterfront space for the business?
- Lobby entrance – Don't like any of the design for the west island
- This is the backyard for all people who live in condos and have no backyard
- We use the existing west island with my kids now, hiking, hide and seek, and playing
- We agree west island needs some upgrades and servicing. But Therme is not the answer
- Summary report back:
 - Size of building is too massive. Users of public space, especially Waterfront which has limited availability.
 - Entrance pavilion – doesn't feel public and welcoming. Like entering ticket building. Brookfield building lobby companion as negative.
 - Heritage not reflected – don't agree that a private spa from a non-Ontario company reflects or creates satisfactory heritage
 - Existing beach location preferred
 - More pedestrian bridges for access
 - Fundamentally – this is our backyard, should be public

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Built Form, Heritage, Character Session #1

- Climate emergency
 - IPCC report
 - Materials glass is energy intensive
 - Sustainability
 - Waste – re-use and materials
- Scale of building – balance of public and private
 - Out of context in existing iconic buildings
 - Traffic is too much
 - Worried about construction management
 - Too much parking
 - Bring streetcar to site – better last mile transit options
 - Size impacts at environmental concerns
- Therme – Outdated theme and palm trees?? Why
 - Cookie cutter and doesn't reflect Ontario. Doesn't respect what's there
 - Where is ice rink?
 - Not a restaurant business model
 - What happens if Therme goes out of business
 - [Suarandes] public access through Therme site – which taken up a lot of space
- Process – Not enough time in presentation on contentious sites. More time should be spent on Therme. Better use of technology. Use VR to show scale of building and 3D vs heritage
 - Where can we provide feedback regarding land use plans that have already been decided?
 - Consulted too late in the process

Built Form, Heritage, Character Breakout Session #2

- Climate emergency – ensure EA is accessible in plain language
 - Concerns with materials glass -> heating/cooling/maintenance
 - Water required to maintain tropical climate
 - How is water treated and sewage managed?
 - Should be self supporting in services e.g., food – grow food on site as business back up
- Therme – supports for use
 - Split – some supported locals at lakefront, others did not
 - West Island should remain an open space
 - Any redevelopment should require space outside feel
 - Should reflect on local flora and fauna – no invasive species
 - Should include food productions (farm) – grow what they serve
- More information on children's area
- Safety of facility – should the City be training enough lifeguards -> guarantee free public programs
- More connection to year long aquatic life
- Universal design – critical AODA is not enough
- Ensure litter is managed in adequate waste receptacles - Incorporate innovative ways to reduce waste

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Built Form, Heritage, Character Breakout Session #1

- No Therme – scale, style, views
- Repetitive
- Public access through
- Whole place
- Throw a back on the west island, be active, more public space inside
- Village like
- Indigenous ideas
- Birds
- Energy required
- Trees
- Island public parks %
- Last mile connection

Built Form, Heritage, Character Breakout Session #2

- Conditions of present businesses / water slide
- Giant glass structure is out of place considering history of waterfront
- River bank – what happens
- Access
- Background business deal
- Energy
- Size – have to be big
- Parking
- We don't need a water park
- Remediation / promote investment
- Percentage travel % - includes what
- Nature
- Too big and does not respect the concept of what OP was initially designed by Zeidler, no pods, village clusters and space around them
- Elitist – at a time of great inequality.
- Looks like the public are invited in to watch the rich play
- Traffic
- How did Therme get the contract? Frustrated with the process and is not transparent. Lack of public consultation
- Too big – not in keeping with OP as we have it – pods/ small masses and lots of open space
- Not compatible and not paying homage to Ontario Place
- Not want Therme – not want this facility on the waterfront
- Does not respect Zeidler design
- Connections to water is impacted – already a beach acts as a spa because its beautiful and supports health. Don't touch west island and improve nature here
- Preserve heritage, improve accessibility and improve [intmshe]lve]
- Large beautiful green area – runs a log flume in centre of west island
- Too much parking – likely a casino here
- Spa fails
- Not sustainable
- Existing landscaping is fabulous at the moment but it can be improved
- Spa is too big and is disproportionate

- Not a private wellness spa on public land. Should not be so big
- Traffic study on environmental impact and more traffic already very busy and even worse – already too congested
- What happens if spa fails? Not transparent and what does the public get for this public investment?
- Does building give public access? How?
- Greenhouse gas emissions
- Want an alternative approach to change the west island
- Need nature for apartment dwellers
- Elitist –affordability concerns
- Cultural heritage landscape includes pods and spaces around, huge bridge that blocks views – obliterates views of pods and Cinesphere and how you move around the west island
- Changes grow experience of the entire Ontario Place and 2 islands.
- Ontario Place was affordable and was educational, diversity, interesting experiences
- Ontario Place was not fancy in the past and it was for everyone
- Not entire children to the public realm is left
- Too flashy and not in keeping with the lake and will block views to entire people to Therme
- Poor can come in and elitist watch the uses. Play exacerbates inequality and manipulate inequality
- Increased traffic and safety concerns about right turns into Ontario Place will lead to more accidents
- Ecological impact – rare specific will be lost through construction
- Bird migration – redefine in way of birds, for many species with bird migration will rest on the island.
- Money – not clear in terms of the lease and clauses if Therme leaves. Is it 75-90 years?
- Parking too much – underground parking should not be allowed
- Pods – what will happen there? Should be creative with what can go there
- Marina – want more
- Entrance to building is huge, Therme is too tall.
- Will you have to pay to rent a towel?
- Is there bike parking?
- Spirit of Ontario Place will be lost
- What is a welcome pavilion? This is not Disney world. This is excessive and it is a ticketed gate not a welcoming gate
- Want to keep pods - not in the welcome pavilion
- Science pavilion – not in pods, want more impact
- Why does Live Nation need so much land?
- What is given public on Ontario Place through revitalization
- Likes Science Centre there – could work well with Cinesphere
- Energy inputs carbon footprint, waste use facility – not energy efficient
- More parking is not sustainable and polluting
- Outdoor education about the lake in the pods. Children need place as an education resource including lake programs
- Swimming – new rocks will make it unsafe. More information on this and example of somewhere where this could work
- People who live in condos need to be able to come here. But it has to be affordable for families. Family passes for food and activities for children. Is \$40 per person good for a family?
- Area is densifying so there is more need to have green space
- Impact on Toronto Islands, that is accessible and affordable. Not planning enough to make green spaces
- Cinesphere needs more programming that is free for children

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Built Form, Heritage, Character Breakout Session #1

- Size, location – public oriented
- Spa-sauna-swim-interconnected
- Public swimming pool
- Scale 14,000/p
- Smooth forms with nature
- Contained
- Michael H Beach -> south view to lake
 - Location of beach – area small
 - Easy to get in water
 - What do they mean by engage w/water? Does it mean allowed to go in?
- Infill lake – algae buildup
- Glass materials
- Divide between public/private
- Important to get right into lake – not in west canal/break wall/where pollution collects
- Dangerous to climb rocks to go in
- Access at west island
- Heritage Michael pebble beach – cleanest water
- Windy at new beach
- Environmental cost of moving beach
- Spa -> Ontario? Tropical is \$ How is building design environmentally? Gentler and beautiful
- Why here and how – where it's situated
- None are in city centre
- Where are we?
- Cinesphere revitalization – details more
- 9 storeys are too tall
- Like wetlands, walks, are good
- Water on water – chlorine + treatment?
- Parking lot rationale and numbers clarification
- Pebble beach – throwing stones
- Ownership – long term maintenance of parking garage by lane. Who pays for it?
- Trees on top of parking lot is it feasible?
- Conceptual – value engineering – glass -> rendering accuracy
- Architect – interesting and scaled property then it can be positive
- Mass timber – more Ontario specific trust and transparency in process and in what's being built
- Therme control over west island
- Toronto green building standard? Are they meeting that?
- Interesting design – appropriate scale
- Tropical plants interior -> raised temperature and humidity levels
- Ontario has winter and summer -> more related to Ontario
- Height and footprint – terracing context
- Min 20m from edge of building to water
- Out of context – views from water/land
- Glass in a park – context

Built Form, Heritage, Character Breakout Session #2

- Overall appropriateness of this use on this land
 - Most valuable land in our city
 - Congestion and parking lot

- Need dedicated parkland for nearby density
- Equity of use on public land
- Design is terrible – glass hard to heat and cool + birds
- Parking
- Sustainable design scale
 - Keeping with environment and little glass as possible
 - Geothermal heating – meeting Toronto green standards
- Everyone should have a good time – adventure playground
- Concrete issues with sustainability
- Environmental cost of heating – huge footprint
- No building – tear down current buildings and just park space
- Ontario Place feel out of city
 - Less than 2 storey buildings are suitable
 - Scale – pathway around corporate building doesn't feel like you're at a park and out of the city. Not everyone has a cottage
 - Removing the value of public
 - Slanted green roof that public can access. Solar panels?
 - Average person could go there
 - Deliberate thought about AODA and lived experience. Restful spaces
 - Public outdoor – warmer places
 - 365 season access – think about lived experience, especially those with limited abilities (physically and mentally)
 - Thoughtful design
 - 13% of what? How is it calculated?
 - Why does it have to be so big – ribbon effect around it
 - Waterfront is out most valuable land. Example of Chicago park and sculptures, amphitheater free to hear symphony
 - Great cities promote waterfront as public open, green space
 - [Vibban] -> danger of just becoming fast bike paths. Mixed use trails dangerous with bikes racing route.
 - Thru-route consideration – separated paths – wooden boards for slow traffic
 - Footprint must be smaller
 - Inappropriateness examples i.e., sugar beach
 - Look to other major world class cities
 - Maintenance over time commitment
 - Corridor around the outside
 - Setback behind beach all same level -> southern beach pushed back as much as the west beach. Buildings to go in winter – whose maintaining it? So, it won't be neglected as it is now? Is there a commitment to maintain?
 - Adding new structures with same form maybe don't work – token representation
- Introduce different forms low scale – re-wildings, concessions, local businesses
 - Prefer different buildings and forms that differ from what's there but want to see more nature – re-wilding
- Users
 - Lots of students, renters, new Canadians need this space – what does this give to them? Clients aren't here
 - Walmart-model
 - Misrepresenting panic
 - Cafes across Ontario Place – local businesses in those concessions – affordable
 - Parking lot that's [extg] – can't use that? Put the spa there?
 - Lots of dead zone – trekking out to Ontario Place through spaces and parking lots. Accessibility is a consideration
 - 4000 visitors per day is a lot can they accommodate that growth

City Notetaker: N/A

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- Basic, nothing, passage, interest, heritage, activity, slow down, busy, too busy, more over! Over-capacity, frustration -> better to be a pedestrian, back to calm, breathe in -> trees! Stop -> lovely building

Public Spaces and Activities Table Notes

City Notetaker: [Name Removed]

Public Spaces & Activities Breakout Session #1

- What are the obligations around the proposal?
- Budgetary commitments to delivery the project?
- When will each of the proposed elements come to fruition?
- Lacking clarity around public ownership and private development; who will own, operate, and maintain facilities? How is the public money used in this respect?
- Spa out a use is not “Canadian” on appropriate.
- How was the spa use determine?
- Use is mis-aligned with cultural heritage of Ontario Place and Toronto. E.g. doesn't reflect intangible cultural heritage, women's contributions.
- Spa more for higher classes (economic; unacceptable)
- Unclear what will remain fully publicly accessible with no fees.
- Risk in having spa as an anchor tenant framing proposal for Ontario Place -> what will happen if Therme's out?
- Needs more built structures in Ontario Place that are public and free! Live Nation, Therme, and Cinesphere are all paid. E.g. Harbourfront Centre. Helps with public use during Winter and accessibility.
- Concern that science programming will take away from Flemingdon Park Community.

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Public Spaces & Activities Breakout Session #1

- Built form - public access to Therme's spa green roof.
- Why is beach proposed to west island? Whereas existing location is functioning better
- Conflict vehicular traffic to Ontario Place with expressway. Active transportation is better
- Who is funding the construction and maintenance of the proposal?
- No spa on the waterfront
- Visualization and presentation – renderings always need to be better and honestly represent the first-person perspective
- How will First Nations benefit from this proposal?

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Public Spaces & Activities Breakout Session #1

1. Ticketed access – where will Therme require people to pay to access?
2. What happens if there is an overwhelming opposition to this spa? What role can the city actually play. What is the overall point
3. Question about the lease and timeline for when people will actually have access to this space. If so, how long? What is the extent of the lease for both Live Nation/Therme

4. Affordability - \$40 is too much and should be reduced
5. Once we do this we lose public space for good/ We need to ensure to enhance public access particularly in context with a huge increase in condos and population. A spa takes up a close a third of public space. This is too much + should be reduced
6. Should be focused on the needs of Torontonians/Ontarians -> additional park space is needed not a space
7. All year programming – how can we enhance this space for the winter?

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Public Spaces & Activities Breakout Session #1

- Who's profiting?
- Underground parking
- Public vs private
- How everything is interconnected
- Science Centre initially
- Flood protection -> what is the height the land is being elevated? Concerns with coast on west side of the west island.
- Discussed public realm areas, particularly the pathways and boating infrastructure, especially how flooding may impact these areas.
- Discussed Trillium Park and how overall development may or may not impact the site
- Discussed details about the bridge connecting Therme to mainland and how it is being improved to allow for better emergency vehicle access, while maintaining pedestrian mobility needs/uses.
- Discussed the importance of a backup plan or some sort of contingency plan if Therme or other aspects of the proposal fails.

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Public Spaces & Activities Breakout Session #1

1. Affordability of amenities/fees (\$40)
2. Majority of space to Therme, public space is after thought/left over
3. Climate (winter use)
4. Foreign company

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Public Spaces & Activities Breakout Session #1

- Regarding the money being spent on the Parking garage, why is this in the public interest? What does this contribute to the public good?
- We are losing public land and is leading to the degradation of City spaces.
- We can't afford to give up this public space.
- What is the carbon footprint of this project?
- There's too much concrete.
- There's too much secrecy around this project.
- This needs to be designed with spaces to dwell and relax.
- Trillium Park is very intentional with its Design This is a great aspect and should be brought forward.
- What are the impacts going to be of so many new people entering the space?

- The space needs to be designed to prioritize the public.
- The current design of the public realm seems to want to create movement between the spaces rather than relaxation and Stillness.
- There needs to be less focus on award-winning design and rather The Human Experience of the space.
- More attention needs to be paid on how people are going to use the space rather than the aesthetic value.
- What are the features of world-class public spaces? 100% public green spaces that are open and give the ability to get lost.
- The space needs to be more free and open.
- Trillium park has nooks and crannies that help it to feel private which is a great attribute of the space.
- The West Island currently feels very open, and we don't want to lose that characteristic.
- If there is going to be a building constructed it needs to feel private and separate from the park.
- The park needs to embody the aspects of Prospect and refuge where you feel alone but have an outlook on the city.
- Ontario Place is the cottage of Ontario a private place separates from the city where you can connect with nature in the water. This sense needs to be maintained as the site redevelops.
- The developer and the city need to truly consider the role of Ontario Place in its natural value it's one of one and the only thing like it in the province.
- The underground parking garage is going to be wildly more expensive than it would be to just maintain the existing parking area. How does this make sense?
- Park capacity in the downtown is already very limited and there's not enough Green Space and opportunities to relax.
- Where are the winter uses for the public?
- What are the options for the developer if people oppose the idea of a private Enterprise on public space and they decide to boycott the space?

Public Spaces & Activities Breakout Session #2

- Who's going to run the kayak and canoe rentals? I would like to see the profits from these rentals be reinvested into the Ontario Place or the broader community
- Will there be safety measures incorporated into the recreational water activities? What are the protocols that are going to be in place? Who's going to manage this? Who's going to be paying for the construction of the new project?
- Will there be a plan in place to ensure that these waters are monitored and that there will be safe access points to get down to the water?
- Will there be winter activities available in the space?
- What kind of landscaping is planned for the waterways?
- What will the development phasing look like?
- Can there be creation of new wildlife habitats prior to the demolition of the existing ones so that there isn't an intermediary period where the wildlife has nowhere to go?
- How is the development being designed to incorporate climate resiliency?
- If you considered how the expansion of the new brake wall will impact the proposal?
- It will be good to see a local Partnerships and some of the restaurant's cafes and Concession spaces so that local businesses have an opportunity to provide their goods to the visitors.
- Please explore any public art opportunities and prioritize local artists when designing the spaces

City Notetaker: N/A

Public Spaces & Activities Breakout Session #1

- People want the nature and not walk around the building
- Don't want the Therme/spa

- Parking spaces- why so many? Doesn't seem like transit is prioritized
- Whitby – Thermea spa – numbers not reached here, why come to the city?
- Concerned about the cost of the spa
- Close down the space to contrast a marina
- Winter access:
 - Washrooms year-round
 - Skating rink – Ex., Bentway skating trail
 - More flexible space with different activities
- Concern about if spa fails – no plan B and only one option
- Who wants a spa there – not on the waterfront
- Size of the building deters public access. Ex. Public sweat location on the Harbourfront – not hugely popular. Ex. Pebble beach preferred
- New beach concern about the combined sewer – doesn't face lake and is next to Lakeshore
- Would like to include slacklining between pods or between trees
- Should be discussion about what the use should be (not spa)
- Not transparent how Therme got contracted
- Not clear about money – dollar value - on improving public space. What is the cost of maintenance?
- How does the proposal measure to the City's climate goals?
- How many jobs will be created?
- Phased construction

City Notetaker: [Name Removed]

Public Spaces & Activities Breakout Session #1

- Phasing – how soon would East Island public land be determined, West Island perimeter
- Is total width of public realm sufficient? (~100m)
- Science programming – what about the arts, history and culture? Ex. Pods as science topic
- City parcels - can we say no?
- Do it anyway
- What are the demographics, for Therme? Family destination, especially for folks without cottages, would families come to the spa? Winter activities? And will it be affordable?
- One person/couple are pro-spa
- Longevity of the spa?
- For everyone
- Too much paving? More grass
- Too much of emphasis of active uses? More passive use? Why not just a park, existing but better
- What will draw people across town? Wide draw than just neighbourhood, province-wide – for people who can't afford to go to Florida in the winter
- If water park is a big part of Therme, why not public?
- What about rope courses?
- Old programming had broad appeal
- How to ensure 365 use?
- Some of the existing programming does a good job of drawing folks, even in the winter
- Don't move Science Centre
- Recap:
- Who is the target demographic, and how will the various proposed activities draw people in?
- How effective will the winter activations be?
- How well does the existing state of the park draw people in?

Public Spaces & Activities Breakout Session #2

- 27,000 or 2,700? Numbers seem to be different?
- How does the user profile / travel demand vary between seasons?
- Why not focus more on the pods and science pavilion, start with them
- Are the rest of the improvements initiated due to the Therme proposal, or vice-versa?
- Is there a funding relationship for capital? Who is responsible for operations and management of public space?
- Will the bathrooms be open year-round?
- Which areas will be built by Therme, which by IO?
- How long is the Therme lease? How does this impact maintenance? Is this a done deal?
- How was Therme selected? Which others were proposed?
- Was just a public park as an option considered?
- Leave Ontario Science Centre where it is, including the programming
- Maybe leave things as is

City Notetaker: N/A

Public Spaces & Activities Breakout Session #2

- Public real, uses: time of day for users? Forecasted by Therme? 6pm to 2am – no amenities go spa?
- What is Science pavilion / mainland and pods?
- Demand peak 100% - Does not include demand for other events? Indy and Marathons and CNE cause congestion during summer with ongoing Therme users.
- Public space, boat island, picnics
- West island multipurpose
- m wide min up to 10m = boardwalk
- Landscape programmed
- Fish cleaners / amphitheatres / pow wows
- Landscape element edge varies 20 m – 98 m wide overland
- Promenade permeable
- Overlay landscape – LandInc Trillium Park extension
- Mimic play soft areas
- 10% causes 2,700 parking spaces
 - Overlap Therme:
 - 1600 civic nation
 - 1276 Therme
 - 204 Science Centre
 - Is 20,000 peak demand?
- Traffic congestion = Concerned about surface congestion with other events
- Use water year-round (open water swimming) would like lake side sauna 1,000's
- Would be great to have a place for public community sauna
- Swimming
- Connection to nature
- Repave pebble beach and locks west ideal
- Grew up on Ontario Place, being eclipsed with proposal
- Only walkway proposed – want active recreation / opportunity to enjoy
- Playground / zipline for adults
- Open grassy picnic space e.g., High Park
- Skating rink

- Winter activities – flexible play space / dance parties
- Users defined play spaces
- People are discovering existing Ontario Place
- Proposal doesn't show scale
- Project misleading / concerned with white elephant
- Looks like open space
- Obscenity on waterfront – what is the need for wellness? Need open free access to waterfront
- 2 bird routes. Natural has evolved and has become Waterfront water sanctuary
- Palm trees have no place there
- Bigger is not better. Need better washrooms saunas, swimming pools, community, Indigenous, satellite science centre
- Sauna = sweat lodge
- Mississauga of Credit
- Missed opportunity
- Big cities are not building private spaces on waterfront/park space
- Brought family here, kids still use it
- People come every week and came for walks/picnics. Niagara neighbourhood community areas needs this green space
- Love ramshackle Ontario Place
- Very undulated terrain
- Touched up / public facade should be used to update
- Purchase at gate
- Free/mini golf
- Public uses = public lands
- Funds should be spent to update. Area has evolved into a waterfront nature sanctuary
- Recreational groups/spaces
- Lack of public greenspace in area

City Notetaker: N/A

Public Spaces & Activities Session #1

- Uses/what's missing - public realm and activities
- What winter activities would be available for the public realm?
- Why foreign uses?
- Trillium Park
- 100% public, enjoy for the public
- West island should be fully public (not Therme)
- Maintain original vision. No grade massing
- Lack to draw local uses here
- Public aspect doesn't need a spa
- Openness for people to enjoy
- Quiet space
- City to lease and program – need a quiet backyard and doesn't need to be overtly programmed – not pay to play
- Greenspace free and open
- Spiritual element, healing circles, more Indigenous involvement – need access to nature
- Need to emphasis water
- Indigenous people should have greater role – are they really partners?
- Worried other Indigenous communities are opposed

- Compare to Trinity Bellwood is correct – location and context
- Want to see large quiet and sound protected
- Mature trees along Lakeshore to provide buffer from traffic noise
- Waterfront entrance – algae moves
- Want to see Ontario Place as an Indigenous cultural space i.e. Cinesphere for need cultural totem poles around pathways
- Arts and crafts for Indigenous groups
- Purpose of Ontario Place is to celebrate Ontario with Indigenous culture
- Spa doesn't celebrate Ontario Place
- How much \$ is Therme putting into financing?
- How much \$ is going into public realm vs province \$ going to Therme site
- Only invest provincial \$ in public realm
- Therme serves as a trojan horse – will this allow year-round use? Therme indoor use?
- Food hall – open to the public (Indigenous food?) Mix of paid and free to be accessible?
- Feels isolating when
- Food stands around Therme? Feels cut off from public space
- Therme especially not located on public waterfront
- Weather – City parks typically note used in summer. Lots of creativity
- Montreal has clear community vision to balance activities with some paid events
- Be inspired by existing examples
- People need more involvement – haven't received much notice to the public. Heard from twitter yesterday
- Lack of transparency from the province
- Who came up with the spa?
- To be idea from spa – focus on health and wellness but don't need the spa for that
- Vancouver Olympics stadium – uses to programming for inspiration
- Investigate Therme lobbyist registering as lobbyist in 2018 but hearing about plans several years later

Environment and Sustainability Table Notes

City Notetaker: [Name Removed]

Environment & Sustainability Session #2

1. Complete public land (Why Therme) e.g., Stanley Park
2. Active transportation (eliminate/reduce vehicular traffic and parking garages)
3. Safety
4. Construction
5. Direct infrastructure activities instead of inward
6. Ecological system will be lost
7. Bike lanes to be public at all times (Leisure & commute)
8. Heritage
9. Height

City Notetaker: [Name Removed]

Environment & Sustainability Session #1

- Bird-friendly design
 - Concerns about amount of glass and the overall size of the building given the migratory pathway
 - What about the existing swallow colony, which is already in decline?

- Has the applicant consulted with FLAP?
- Generally, a spa is incompatible with healthy bird habitat
- Where can people find out more info on birds? Link to EA and development application on City website?
- Accessibility
 - Free access to West Island incompatible with a luxury spa
 - Ontario Place is already expensive, but will now be more so
- Transportation/Parking
 - GO + TTC at Ex Place, so why are taxpayers paying for parking, which is contradictory to TransformTO active transportation goals?
 - Why isn't Therme paying for the parking garage?
 - There is already surface parking at Ex Place
 - How much parking will there actually be?
 - How many annual visitors are expected?
- Ecology/Habitat
 - Plans for wetlands, trees and promenades are great
 - What happens with private maintenance over the long-term, especially if ownership changes?
 - Armored shoreline is not a long-term solution compared to a naturalized shoreline
 - Parkland is cheaper than a spa
- Venues
 - Not the right location for a spa – too big, takes up too much West Island space, not enough public space
 - Live Nation, although it's also private, is fine because it fits well in the space and aligns with public goals
 - Spa doesn't align with public vision and isn't compatible with the natural environment
 - Spa should at least be reduced in size and there should be more connectivity through the site
 - Large entrance to the spa is overwhelming
 - What happens to the building over time if materials need to be repaired and/or disposed of?
- Water quality
 - Water quality is already an issue due to point source pollution, in particular the existing wastewater discharge (combined sewer overflow)
 - Swim-Drink-Fish (environmental non-profit) does monitoring here
 - Swimming and recreation require clean water
 - What is the function of the reef?
- Trees
 - Palm trees are not native
 - How many trees will actually be removed?
 - Irrelevant that most are immature
 - Public isn't aware of the difference between mature and immature trees
- Other
 - Are there similar projects like this elsewhere?
 - Where can people find out more about the EA process and results?
 - Why isn't there going to be an EA for the West Island?
 - Not enough transparency overall in the consultation process
 - General questions regarding status of Science Centre relocation
 - Concerns regarding different levels of care between the two islands

Environment & Sustainability Session #2

- Beach/aquatic habitat
 - Wind and waves already push debris onto the existing beach, so what will happen with the proposed

- design?
 - What will be done about the sewer outflow? Will the City remove it?
 - Will Therme be responsible for cleaning the beach? What does the lease say about this?
 - What will happen to the canal surrounding the Budweiser Stage? There are beavers that live there.
 - What happens to the water used by the spa? Is it discharged to the lake?
 - What will happen to relocated wildlife, especially if they return?
- Therme Building
 - Needs secure bike parking, including for e-bikes
 - Needs EV charging spaces
 - Building needs to consider climate emergency and GHG emissions
- Transit/Transportation
 - Difficult to get to – too long of a walk and no last-mile solutions
 - Will the proposal be better for cyclists?
- Salting
 - How will pathways near the water be maintained in the winter? Can heat from low carbon energy sources be used for snow-melting?
- Other
 - Social environment needs to be considered (recreation for families)

City Notetaker: [Name Removed]

Environment & Sustainability Session #1

- Outdoor education/day camps
- Japan Bell – what is happening?
- More public use not private
- Energy consumption
 - Whitby and Horseshow Valley fill needs
- City Place needs more green
- Traffic intersecting Martin Goodman Trail and Lakeshore Blvd
- Tending tree and guarantee – who looks after operating costs
- How long is the lease?
- Carbon inputs
- Insurance from Therme re: insurance clean-up responsible for the mess
- White elephant/clean up. Security to prevent white elephant
- Like pods as extension of science
- Parking \$ and # - who gets it/north shore Heat Island affect?
- Birds/trees

Environment & Sustainability Session #2 (Noted not as productive as first session)

- Climate change – 100-year floods. Canals designed originally but they blocked. Need naturally regenerating
- Transit station needs to be accessible
- What is Therme paying for?
- Reducing parking!!!
- Construction impacting lake water?
- Communication about OZ vs SA – how much of the island?
- Where is the power coming from?
- Glass construction
- All hard surfaces permeable
- Are the studies finished? Who is conducting the studies? Transparency?

- One person in large meeting says existing conditions (i.e., water pollution, stagnant water, transplanted trees) – Are all untrue – please elaborate from your point of view:
- Rocks = broken bones
- Importance of natural algae
- How do you remove old mature trees? What kind of care is being taken?
- Why is Live Nation not properly shown on map? Transparency issue?
- Had percentage of people driving to Ontario Place and ride share – but no percentages of bike rides, 3320 walk and bike
- Massive glass building -> impact on bird migration
- Public realm spaces
 - Is this entirely funded by government or is Therme (and other private interests) contributing financially to this?
 - Cost? Investment in public spaces vs subsidizing private interests (e.g. parking lot)
- How much is cost of non-Therme improvements?
- # Of surface level parking removed vs # added underground?
- Can the \$ that would be spent on parking/site prep for Therme be used to create something better (Public, not a massive building that eliminates trees)
- Who will be responsible for funding of trees on Therme and other public parts of site?
- What \$ are committed for ongoing maintenance of tree cover, replacement of dead trees, insect management, watering, etc.
- City report alludes to making glass safe for birds -> no detail on what might be done
- We need to push them for less glass reducing less bird hazard and light pollution
- Heat island mitigation, needed for every remaining parking area and roadways – surface application like pilot project with Arizona.
- Should not just be “native trees” as per the past. Need to focus on heat and climate change resistance plus mix of fast growth
- Extending flora of Trillium Park is good
- I am concerned about the long-term environmental effects to water quality and wildlife due to a large spa facility
- How much of the landscaping, infill is really needed and how much is to support the spa building structure?
- The comment made that Ontario Place is only home to a small number of species, that we also find in our background, which not completely correct. A huge number of bird species migrate and stop at the site. There are many other species that make the site their home.
- From [Name Removed] Ongoing environmental impacts and costs... will taxpayers pay for clean up after lease
- Is Therme insured? Taxpayers are paying \$750 million to clean up the giant mine, Alberta residents paying to clean up the oil sands
- Japanese Temple Bell from 1977?
- From [Name Removed]:
 - Energy inputs and carbon outputs
 - Lots of glazing vs Lake Ontario winds and winters
 - Expansion of Trillium Park is good on East Island. Increased right and left turn traffic creating Lakeshore congestion and environmental impacts
 - Increased traffic interaction with cyclists and pedestrians at Lakeshore/MGT turn/crossing
 - Control and maintenance of public realm by private interests and misalignment of those interests
 - Love the idea of Great Lakes Science Centre extension in Zeidler pods and to operate the Cinesphere
 - Quantity of parking spots 2700! Will this be pay parking – how does that impact access to public realm elements
 - If the project fails will Therme maintain funds in trust to re-naturalize the site back to public use?

City Notetaker: N/A

Environment & Sustainability Session #N/A

- Natural forest regeneration – don't remove maturing forest and don't move grass under the trees!!
- Canals? – in original MH design, but now blocked off. Intended to allow lake water to circulate and prevent stagnation
- 100-year flood – So I understand the necessity for reusing island protecting the shoreline
- "Last mile" – Still a problem, from GO train and Ontario Line
- Underground parking – environmental impact of digging down below lake surface below and pouring concrete into the whole

City Notetaker: N/A

Environment & Sustainability Session #1

- [Name Removed], Liberty Village
 - Flooding with rain concerns -> building impacts on this
 - Microclimate -> buildings could make it worse with wind
- [Name Removed], Parkdale
 - Whole area should be public -> naturalization and rewilding of all space
- [Name Removed], Liberty Village (TV)
 - West island spa should not happen
 - Likes children's play areas
 - Wildlife protection is critical -> migratory birds
- [Name Removed], walker in area
 - Human use, flow, access and active transportation are most important to assess
- [Name Removed] – here to listen/no comments
- [Name Removed]- should all be a park and no private spa -> local users vs. tourism
- [Name Removed] – rowing club, more boats = impacts, and Reith -> course restrictions to rowers. Parking lot -> more green transportation wanted
- [Name Removed], rowing, High Park
 - Construction impacts are a concern
 - Water quality isn't good enough for swimming
- Comments
 - City sewer outflow needs to be improved/addressed
 - Fish habitat and lake fill
 - Bird habitat and relationship with buildings
 - Ethos – what is the guiding design for the project?
- Questions
 - Want smaller buildings and more naturalization on west island – can this be done?
 - TransformTO – does application support/align?
 - Idea -> local farming as urban rooftop farms. Use rooftops are farming green space, planting, bee farms for honey, etc.
 - Want to see site design for reducing/addressing flooding
 - [Name Removed] -> media
 - Can you leave it as it is just improving the park space?
 - Construction period – when is it? How long?
 - Construction period -> site won't be accessible during construction
 - Transportation -> access limited

- Public-private partnership need? Yes
- MGT access to remain during construction
- Active waterway/use is a concern as it could be too much
- Summary
 - Concerned about water quality that needs to be improved
 - Concerned about wildlife impacts of buildings and construction impacts
 - Want to see more naturalization on west island -> use Therme rooftops for urban farm for plantings, crops, bees, etc.
 - Concerned about impacts on existing water activities -> rowing teams won't be able to do time trials with a bunch of new boat activity especially water taxis
 - More focus on active transportation needed and less parking

Environment & Sustainability Session #2

- [Name Removed]
 - Concern about parking lot and wants active transportation and transit
 - Climate affect of cars are concern
- [Name Removed]
 - Concern to lakefill impacts down along waterfront and how far it is to study
 - How is spa water treated/addressed?
 - Building effects and carbon impacts
 - Cycling and pedestrians
- [Name Removed]
 - Shoreline is addressed
 - Concern is that winter is problem for homeless of parks and may get security/gates to stop homeless
 - Parking should be less and not under Therme building
 - Concern about reality of relocating mature trees
 - Microclimate impacts due to more activity and heat
- [Name Removed], cycling
 - Concerned as potential failure of wetlands – how to make healthy and real given Mimico is an example of failure
 - Concern about glass structure – should be focused on CO2 emission reduction
 - Concerned about financial viability of Therme and what happens if they fail?
- [Name Removed]
 - What influence does Therme have on the landscape?
 - Will there be no trees planted that would affect the views?
 - Planting strategy should not reflect what Therme needs
- Want City to review parking facility site, capacity, facility site, capacity and charging needs for green vehicles
- Need to have loss for cars
- Where will revenue from parking go?
- Concern that relying on “science” is actually to say we should not lake fill
- What will the material be for lake fill and for soil topping?
- Can trees be reused for lumber and materials for the buildings
- Need more shade for public in public spaces
- Will the beach be a blue flag beach that is swimmable?
- Concerned about water quality for the beach and garbage, outlets, run-off
- What's impacted by raising land on the depth of water and water flow, habitat and aquatic life
- Summary
 - Concerns about too much parking and car focus. Want more focus on transit connections, last mile, and active transportation
 - Lake fill concerns

City Notetaker: [Name Removed]

Environment & Sustainability Session #1

- Question – why is rehabilitation dependent on PPP?
- Support development and use - Like expanded greenspace access of course and like approach to upgrade of access/restoration
- Ontario Place need ambition – large space can accommodate more people
- Lot of support for protection/preservation of:
 - Mature trees – concerns that it is really possible
 - Suspicious that large trees can be planted, costs – many trees don't tree. Include long-term plan for maintenance and rehabilitation
- Question – can development/buildings be reduced to maximize the preservation?
- Include lupins in landscape, part of original Ontario Place gardens and they didn't survive
- Shoreline cleanup on April 23, 2023 – opportunity to see current status
- Status of understanding of shoreline, concern about health
- From frequent visitors, concerns about organic habitat migration vs habitat for current animal population – manage transition
- Birds habitat transition already starting – resting birds protected by migratory birds early April -late July
- Future habitat is intended to be an environment to allow animals to thrive
- Site quality can also impact affected by the spa /live nation
- Insects one approach is to enlarge green buildings
- Missing info: green buildings, carbon footprint not just open space, LEED certification
- Question – what is involvement in TRCA and Waterfront Toronto?
 - DFO and MC
- Concern again on tree removal, how is it justified? More density in the rationale (missing info)
- We head to raise/fill the lake, trees will not be survivable in this future condition
- Question on rights/access/ base details on private
- Missing info: more clarity on timing
- Concern: what is the interim access to the land, is it staged/phased?
- Construction to start in 2026 and will take minimum 3 years and more until completion
- Like: swimming platform
- How are reefs built?
- Concern: about implication of using public land for private use, lack of transparency and lack of details. Additional water vehicle access to this area over capacity. Environmental impact of a large underground parking lot
- Built form:
 - Part of the environment, glass materials, size, underground, energy efficiency, heating/cooling, water use, towel, chemical for pod maintenance, contribute to urban heat island
- Birds flying into building
- Does it align with climate goals?
- Can we renovate surface waterfront? Might was well bury it all add more permeable. Trees is an improvement/ can even put better trees
- Bike parking provide more bike repair
- Could use opportunity to showcase gold tier cycling standards
- Commercial/single use – food use stand
- How to reduce waste in the concession -> green packaging, food operators that are independent
- Support for picnics
- Water taxi increase access to provide relief for access only from land
- Focus primarily on trees planting but also include shrub landscaping for good
- More info about winter use
- Focus on using spa

- What about the outdoor programming? We have hot summers, what about ice rink and trail?
- Paths: concerned about mixed use pedestrian and cyclist

Environment & Sustainability Session #2

- Leasing opportunity for even more public land
- Added private use still represents a loss to public
- Questions about future mode since targets, especially active transportation and vehicle access use based on site use
- Strong concern of the removal of trees especially mature trees. Questions of tree survival for new replacements
- Concern around the imbalance of benefits for the public vs private operation when using public land
- Desire for more transparency on the dollar cost and bid to access this land
- Lots of support for added space, park land that is not the issue
- Water quality: how to improve?
- Outflow leading to the beach, concerns include need more information earlier and more detailed about the WQ near the beach
- Extension: Who build longer outflow? Concerns if City would be required by city funds
- Concerned if this is an imposed cost
- Concerned about ensuring protection for water quality due to the nature of multi-agency organization to coordinate
- Support WQ to be clean enough to swim in
- WQ w/ horticultural soil, support proper management to insure it does not further deteriorate the water
- Concern about the disruption of soil from tree removal to affect water quality
- Concern about soil removal (contaminated soil) affecting structural integrity of the shoreline
- What about the maintenance requirement of the public realm and parklands
- Concern over lack of transparency of governance for park maintenance
- What about self-maintenance? Will the lands degrade quickly if there are other managing body goes away?
- Like and replicate the mix of different tree species as done in Trillium Park -> why can't we replicate same dense forest created -> can we put a forest along the shoreline?
- Desire for more detail on site layout, benches and tree layout

City Notetaker: N/A

Environment and Sustainability Session #2

- Concerns about amount of control. Where is the data coming from? Not secure is it accurate?
- Is the project data and unbiased?
- Really want to emphasize car traffic
- 10% of traffic should be reduced. High number of vehicle parking should be reduced not percentage
- Environmental issues to impact issues – is the City undertaking its own study and recommendation of how the land is to be remediated
- The city should be driving environmental assessment and solution
- Who is getting the bill?
- Water infiltration to connect to big system
- Tree removal around Therme. Therme is problematic element. Tree removal wouldn't be an issue with out Therme. Tree replacement takes 50 years to come back
- Space age artifacts
- West island should be naturalized. Reimagined to restore for outdoor and public events
- What happens after 20 years if Therme shuts down?
- Natural habitat – fish, birds, animals

- Naturalized and welcoming like High Park and Leslie spit with habitat spots
- Therme greenhouse – HVAC should be avoided – too much energy
- Trees for climate control – more shade outdoor cooling spaces
- Winter uses for natural outdoor recreation
- Tree removal
- Vision of waterfront – who is footing the bill
- How is soil treated to flows? Who does water remediation
- Population of every land – too much pressure on nature
- Ever ambitious to strain on land
- Building looks like a heat frying pan
- Want heated open spaces
- Expense of tree transplants too much. World class cities have heritage mature trees
- New trees will take forever to grow
- Concerned transplanting will not be viable
- Torontonians will be paying for this
- People need access to the lake
- Remove impediments to the lake. West end is what we have left of a jewel that is a huge opportunity to get it right
- Something in harmony with nature
- Increase greenspace and food vendors and sweat lodges
- Return to original vision of the islands
- Turn wilderness into a downtown with a centre
- Educational outdoor movies might
- World class cities don't have a private spa
- Public pool – recreate a water park here
- Expand 1970s vision to 21st century context
- Skating and swimming
- Like aspects of the redevelopment but Therme is not wanted
- Create local culture
- Therme exists elsewhere, what do these projects apply to this model
- Reiterate hard number of vehicles comment to and should be reduced
- Traffic levels – influx of travellers will have congestion issues to strain environment
- Ecology and environment will be stressed
- Redevelopment must be controlled and strategic

City Notetaker: N/A

- What other waterfront buildings in Toronto or elsewhere that might inform the approach to Ontario Place? A: Vien Pond foundation and Farsi World Abu Dhabi
- What principles could help guide a revised application? A: Be active
- What are the specific elements of the building that we should be thinking about? A: too large
- What are the positive ideas that could be further developed? A: Remediation (proximity)
- How is heritage reflected in the design? How should it be? A: price point

City Notetaker: [Name Removed]

Environment & Sustainability Session #1

- Mature trees uprooted – very hard surface
 - \$ Cost to remove trees
 - Wetland conversion will absorb storm water
- Consultation
 - Have the swimmers been consulted?
 - Cancel sewer outlet at beach
- Shoreline
 - Existing beach better for swimming? Needs approval from experience of users
 - Create west side retaining wall
 - Keep it the same no change
- Access
 - Better access points for swimmers? Walkway with clear entry
 - Mark protect land from
 - West beach access / keep the existing beach access to allow swimming
 - Should just have sauna / more people in water
 - Redevelopment sixteen miles – what is status of rocks?
 - West side wall watershed -> retrofit
 - Revitalizing spa is not necessary
- Environmental assessment?
- Wetlands on east island and west island why there?
- More bioengineering - build a new cove will help filter pollutants
- Water quality
 - Sewage outflow on east side will pollute
 - Quality = redesign
- Therme – where does water come from? Where does it go?
- Parking garage – we don't need more? Looks like going underground; concern were cars
- Sauna – what about a community sauna on the water's edge?
- Swim Ontario Place Facebook everyday 1-2x week
- Plan for 2 beaches?
- Concerned about quality of materials used for lakefill – demolition materials?
- Uprooting mature trees will kill the interdependencies of trees
- Themes:
 - Keep the swimming access where it is – gradual public slope
 - Remove pollution from outflows
 - Don't need more parking
 - Community sauna on waters edge

Environment & Sustainability Session #2

- What happens to birds resting stop over where trees are removed?
- Light pollution – Lights on all hours? Consider north side space for less lights
- Aesthetic uses outside
- Public beach – better where it is – water quality is better Why different choice? Was there a reason? (Shelter or seasonality reasons?). A: Beach was moved because of exposure, there will be an underwater reef from new beach (west facing)
- Where is fishing located?
- Move parking off-site to encourage transit for less vehicles in? Further away, would that be more appropriate transition?

- Trees – 3000 planted inside spa?
- Wetland / water treatment (like further west)
- Water treatment? How does treatment work? A: Collect all water then treat/use before return to lake. All surfaces are permeable
- Therme water chlorine risk – what happens to water leaving the facility?
- Winter landscaping? A: Use all seasons
- How do costs play into provision of recreational materials?
- How will winter facilities such as skating rink? What is plan to paths clear during winter? Would salt be used?
- Summary:
 1. Concern about light pollution and bird collision
 2. Could parking be moved off-site
 3. Removal of habitat resting spot for migratory birds while under construction and other creatures.
 4. Beach

City Notetaker: N/A

Environmental & Sustainability Session #1

- % of spa vs wildlife space -> paved %
- Province's plan for climate change – Therme conflicts with City's climate action plan
- Issues with Therme:
 - Doesn't fit with Ontario Place
 - Should rebuild the space instead
 - Disbelief in there not being an alternative plan
- Is shoreline being properly fixed? (Southern portion of western island)
 - It's eroding and in terrible condition
 - Regular maintenance?
- Bring back the old Ontario Place children attractions
- Concern about aquatic habitat
- Parking concerns
- Climate change - tolerance of flooding
- Tree removal
- Proportionality of Therme building to green space
- Bike facilities / bike share and rentals
- Importation of wild space / rewilding
- Climate change / environment / parking