

Appendix A: April 15 Plenary Q&A and Comments

**Engagement Summary:
Ontario Place Community Consultation Meetings**

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1. Attendee question: Can City staff speak to the issues identified in the report?

City answer: Status update report was shared with Council on April 12, 2023 and the Applicant has not received comments yet. In the status report, the City is looking at the location of the entrance, massing and size of the main building, among other issues. City encourages the public to read the status report.

2. Attendee question: There is a contract to build an underground parking lot, why is it so large? How does parking fit within the transit goals of the Province and what are the impacts of construction?

Applicant answer: This will be discussed in the public spaces & activities breakout room. Transit will be the primary mode of transportation. Transportation modelling shows that about 10% of visitors will drive and use the parking lot. The parking lot is only focused on those visitors. From a transportation perspective, this is a shift of modal split.

3. Attendee question: Concerned that for the first 1.5hr of the meeting because it's focused on talking to the attendees. Everyone has been asked to share and attend, but the meeting didn't even give enough time for attendees to share and comment. If the meeting is equitable, what is the scope of influence for the public on this project?

Facilitator answer: The meeting format also includes breakout sessions. The City will work with the applicant on the feedback received during the public community consultation meetings. City staff will collect the feedback form responses and will be used to inform their decision on the proposal. The City is present but scope is on the physical elements of the site.

4. Attendee question: Ontario Place was built on landfill, was there consideration to add more land to the site?

Applicant answer: The environment breakout session includes talking about the approach to lake fill and West Island expansion. There will be an increase in the total area of Ontario Place. Expansion will provide more public open space with program partners and parking lot.

5. Attendee question: Two private companies have large spaces to maximize their profits, can they make concerts affordable and affordable access in perpetuity. What is the role of the private companies? There are no provisions for families, didn't see any wheelchairs or mention of accessibility in the presentations.

Applicant answer: 2/3 of the site will be publicly available and will be AODA compliant and will also include spaces for family activities. Public means free access. Therme is considering making public spaces with community benefits based on other Therme facilities and sites around the world. Live Nation is a current tenant.

6. Attendee question: There is wide opposition to a spa on public land, what is the alternative once the Therme Spa is a no-go?

Applicant answer: Infrastructure Ontario stated that they are not considering an alternative. 2/3 of the site will be publicly accessible and completely free and will include site improvements and programming for all uses.

- Attendee question: Shore erosion is supposedly not true; tree protection isn't ambitious. There is healthy algae and the stones around the shore won't make it accessible for everyone. Based on where the current beach is located right now, it will be covered with sewage because the service pipe is still there. The beach won't be accessible and the current beach should stay where it is.

Applicant answer: Shoreline experts will be in the environment and sustainability breakout room to further discuss this.

- Attendee question: Who In this room is excited about a spa?

[A table of people raised their hands]

- Attendee question: Would you expand Indigenous community involvement? Would Therme consider creating a Sweat Lodge? Or redesign to include this? What is the current engagement with the Mississauga's of the New Credit First Nation (MCFN)? Why aren't there Indigenous panelists? Why is the panel all white?

Applicant answer: Indigenous engagement has started since early 2021 to ensure the duty to consult for treaty rights holders. This process is led by the Ministry. There is engagement on the development concept with the MCFN. Elder Shirley Charles from Georgian Bay is leading Indigenous engagement with 7 treaty rights bearing organizations/nations. Plants, materials, and soils have been discussed so far and Indigenous groups have provided information. Elder Charles will provide more information at the next meeting.