

**Date:** Tuesday April 30, 2024

**Meeting Type:** Virtual

**Start time:** 6:00 p.m.

**Meeting Objectives:**

Receive feedback on the proposed information that will be presented to the public during Consultation Round #2 and will ultimately form the content of the Terms of Reference.

**Meeting Overview:**

The meeting was facilitated by Anneliese Grieve from Strategic Environmental Planning Solutions (SEPS) and Nick Crockford from Morrison Hershfield. Anneliese presented an overview of the study background, the Individual Environmental Assessment process, existing conditions of the study area, problems and opportunities, results of Consultation Round #1, the identification and evaluation of Alternatives to the Undertaking, the process and criteria for evaluating alternatives during the EA, the consultation to be undertaken during the EA, and next steps. Members had the opportunity to ask questions and comment throughout the presentation.

**Discussion:**

Below is a record of key points, concerns and follow ups from the meeting.

- Suggestions
  - Be more explicit that this project presents an opportunity to connect the Great Lakes Waterfront Trail, a vision that is supported by the City of Toronto and 170 other waterfront communities.
  - The amount of consultation proposed might be enough, however, the team should take a flexible approach during the EA phase and be open to additional consultation, should it be deemed appropriate (e.g. meet with specific interest groups, do site walks, etc.).
  - Some sort of interactive, narrated site walk would assist people in understanding the unique nature of the shoreline in this area, particularly for those that are not able to access it because of accessibility issues.
  - Include a “Future Problems” section in the EA, that the City can use to address operational feedback
  - Ensure a balance is struck between hardening the shoreline vs maintaining beach access, natural features, and recreational opportunities

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- Modifying the language around “exploring the feasibility of a connected shoreline trail”, to reflect that it is a major goal of this consultation and EA.
- Comments
  - The Needles area should be completely left alone.
  - CAG was supportive of the Do Something alternative and the justification for its selection.
  - The team should take a cautious approach to unlimited access to the waterfront as it could lead to negative environmental impacts if too many people are accessing the area.
    - It was noted that current City policies do not limit access to parks and that this type of operational constraint is beyond the scope of the Environmental Assessment process.
  - The CAG agreed that the proposed evaluation process is clear.
  - The CAG confirmed their interest in attending a site walk with the project team and having an in-person Terms of Reference “page-turn” meeting during the ToR review period to review the document in more detail.
- Questions
  - If alternatives are identified for each segment separately, will there also be an evaluation of the project as a whole? If not, it will compromise connectivity and will drastically reduce the positive impacts of any completed segments.
    - Response: An evaluation of the project as a whole may be required, depending on the results of the evaluation individual segments.

## Attendees

### CAG Members:

- Cliffcrest Scarborough Village SW Residents Association
- Cycle Toronto
- Scarborough Greenway Network Project
- Surfing Community
- Toronto Field Naturalists
- Toronto Lakefront Community
- Waterfront Regeneration Trust
  
- *Regrets: Black North Initiative, Bluffers Park Boating Foundation, Scarborough Centre for Healthy Communities, Swim Drink Fish, Unbounded, Waterfront for All*

### Councillor Offices:

- Tamara Hermann, Councillor Kandavel's Office

### City of Toronto:

- Cadhla Gray, Waterfront Secretariat
- Katelynn Northam, Public Consultation Unit
- Ruthanne Henry, Ravine & Environment Capital Planning
- Sung Sim, Parks, Forestry, and Recreation

### TRCA:

- Amy Roots, Special Projects
- Corey Wells, Special Projects
- Jet Taylor, Erosion and Risk Management
- John Hunkin, Special Projects
- Whitney Brennan, Erosion and Risk Management

### Consultants:

- (Host) Anneliese Grieve, Strategic Environmental Planning Solutions
- (Host) Nick Crockford, Morrison Hershfield