

City of Toronto – Parks, Forestry & Recreation

New Parks at 10 Ordnance Street & 801 Wellington Street West

Phase 2 Building A Vision: Community Advisory Committee Meeting #1 Summary

June 2023



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Overview

The first Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting for the 'New parks at 10 Ordinance Street and 801 Wellington Street West' was held on Monday May 29, 2023 from 6:00-7:30pm virtually on Zoom. The purpose of the meeting was to:

- Introduce the project team and CAC members to each other.
- Review roles and responsibilities, and the Terms of Reference (TOR).
- Introduce the project and allow CAC members to ask questions.

Project Presentation and 'What We Heard'

At the onset of the meeting, Zoie Browne, LURA Consulting, provided a land acknowledgment, reviewed the agenda and led a round of introductions for the project team and CAC members. Daniel Fusca, City of Toronto, provided opening remarks to thank CAC members for their participation in this important process. CAC members noted their name, organization affiliation (if applicable), and favourite thing to do in a park.

Zoie Browne, LURA Consulting, then provided a CAC overview presentation to highlight what a CAC is and review the TOR roles and responsibilities. CAC members were invited to ask questions of clarification and make suggestions for changes/updates to consider.

CAC members had no changes or questions regarding the TOR and were invited to provide signed TORs by email to LURA.

Tanya Brown, DTAH, then presented project background and timeline and Emily Summers, LURA Consulting, shared a high-level preliminary overview of 'what we heard' so far from pre-engagement meetings, digital engagement (Thought Exchange) and pop-up engagement events.

The meeting agenda, attendance and presentation can be found in **Appendices A, B and C**.

Questions of Clarification

Following the summary, CAC members had an opportunity to ask the project team questions.

Q: How are these park spaces being distinguished?

A: Although the two parks are physically separated, they will be considered connected and aligned. They each present a unique opportunity but have been packaged as one project by the City of Toronto due to their geographical proximity and timeline for

design and construction. The project team will listen to the community about different amenities, and which area they think may be more suitable for different items.

Q: What would be considered a big move in park design?

A: Big moves refer to bigger picture design choices that may be examined such as a gazebo or outdoor exercise set. It relates to priority actions for the overall design vision and principles.

Q: What is the budget and is the budget for both park spaces?

A: The budget can be e-mailed out to CAC members after the meeting. The budget is for both sites combined and includes all consulting fees and construction costs.

Q: How will the previous engagement input be shared?

A: A fulsome summary of each engagement will be emailed to CAC members once complete and ready to be shared.

Q: Has Indigenous Reconciliation been considered as part of this project?

A: The City project team has reached out to Indigenous Rights Holders. The City of Toronto Truth and Reconciliation Action Plan 2022-2032 is one document that is reviewed and considered as part of this project.

C: Important to brainstorm how we can encourage people to pick up their trash and dog waste.

Next Steps

Upon conclusion of the agenda items, Zoie Browne, LURA Consulting, thanked all members for their participation and time. It was noted that CAC members are welcome to submit additional questions and feedback via email to esummers@lura.ca.

The next CAC meeting will be held on **Tuesday, June 13th** from 6:00pm to 9:00pm at the Fort York Visitors Centre. An agenda will be e-mailed to members ahead of the meeting, and light refreshments will be provided.

Appendix A – Agenda

New Parks at 10 Ordnance Street and 801 Wellington Street West Community Advisory Committee Meeting #1

Agenda

Date: May 29, 2023

Time: 6:00pm-7:30pm

Location: Virtual (Zoom) Meeting

Time	Agenda Item
6:00pm	• Welcome • Land Acknowledgement • Agenda Overview
6:10pm	• CAC Member Introductions
6:40pm	• CAC and TOR Overview • Questions of Clarification
7:10pm	• Project and Engagement Overview • 'What We Heard' So Far • Questions of Clarification
7:25pm	• Thank You and Next Steps
7:30pm	• Adjourn

Appendix B – Attendance

Individual Members: 15/16 present

Organizational Members: 8/8 present

- South Stanley Dog Owner's Group
- Precinct Advisory Committee of the Friends of Fort York
- Garrison Point Condominium Board (30, 50 Ordnance)
- The Bentway Conservancy
- Fort York Neighbourhood Association
- Niagara Neighbourhood Now (NNNow)
- CityPlace Fort York BIA
- Garrison Flats Community Garden

Project Team:

- Kaly Tobe, Senior Project Coordinator, Parks, Forestry & Recreation Division
- Daniel Fusca, Manager of Public Consultation, Parks, Forestry & Recreation Division
- James Roche – Partner, Design Lead, DTAH
- Tanya Brown – Project Manager, Landscape Architect, DTAH
- Elnaz Sanati – Associate, Landscape Architect DTAH
- Zoie Browne – Engagement Lead and Facilitator, LURA Consulting
- Emily Summers – Community Engagement Specialist, LURA Consulting

Appendix C – Presentation