

The Partnership Committee of the Board held its second meeting on December 5, 2016. This committee is uniquely intended to provide staff with feedback and strategic guidance from the earliest days of project conception allowing staff to benefit from strategic insights that the membership brings from their diverse experiences.

The committee meeting specifically focused on the opportunity of the Jack Layton Ferry Terminal, as well as Waterfront Toronto's innovation agenda.

Jack Layton Ferry Terminal

- Waterfront Toronto has explored the process required to conduct an “Opportunity Assessment” regarding the terminal and the surrounding area in 2017. This will be complementary to the work that the City of Toronto is doing on the Island Masterplan. Waterfront Toronto has been actively engaged with City of Toronto, in particular with Parks, Forestry and Recreation and the local councillor's office.
- There is a variety of outreach happening to look at hybrid models of new funding (public, private, philanthropic, sponsorship).
- The project will come back to the Board for review once further progress is made.

Innovation Agenda

- The Going to Scale Summit was held on November 11, 2016 with participation from industry, academia, Toronto's innovation ecosystem and the not-for-profit sectors.

Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs)

MaRS Discovery District

- Waterfront Toronto and MaRS are actively engaged in a variety of activities as a result of the MOU between the organizations, including but not limited to:
 - Collaboration on the Waterfront Toronto Resiliency and Innovation Framework for Sustainability;
 - Feasibility of district-wide systems for Quayside; and
 - Strategies to fostering innovation in the procurement process.

Additional MOU's are in development. The following represents a breakdown of these opportunities by sector:

- Academia – 2
- Not-for-Profit/Government – 1
- Industry - 2