

“Current Topics”

West Don Lands (“WDL”)

Urban Capital

Urban Capital continues to target occupancy of their Phase 2 building in February 2015. Urban Capital has received approval from the City for a number of minor variances needed for the architectural treatment of the Phase 3 building. They continue to work with the City on their site plan and building permit approvals.

Toronto Community Housing (“TCH”)

The TCH project at King and River is now complete. Occupancy of TCH’s family housing buildings has commenced and will continue over the coming weeks. Tim Horton’s, located on the ground floor of the building on King Street is now open.

Woonerf Construction

Completion of the final stage of the Woonerfs is scheduled to start in December 2014 after removal of the construction hoist by Urban Capital.

Construction Liaison Committee (“CLC”)

The WDL CLC continues to meet on a 6-week schedule. The meeting gives the community an ongoing opportunity to meet with Waterfront Toronto’s developer and construction partners, allowing Waterfront Toronto to resolve any issues in a coordinated fashion. No issues of significance were raised at the last meeting on November 18, 2014. The next meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2015.

Pan/Parapan American Games Athletes’ Village

Dundee Kilmer is on track for Substantial Completion late January 2015 with turn over to the Toronto Organizing Committee for the 2015 Pan/Parapan American Games (“TO 2015”) in February 2015. Waterfront Toronto continues to work with TO 2015 and Infrastructure Ontario (“IO”) to facilitate these dates. Waterfront Toronto will continue to provide updates to the community as the project progresses.

Cherry Street Storm Water Facility (“SWF”)

The revised building design was approved by the Design Review Panel on October 8, 2014. Construction is currently programmed to begin in spring 2015 with completion anticipated in summer 2016.

Public Art

Block 15, Front Street WDL: Artist Tadashi Kawanata's sculpture was installed mid-November, the first of the Front Street 'urban room' groupings, as identified in the WDL Public Art Plan.

Block 4, Front Street WDL: The commission for the block 4 public art project at the corner of Front Street East and Bayview Avenue, the final site in the 'urban room' groupings, was recently awarded to internationally-renowned Berlin-based artists Hadley and Maxwell, for their proposal *Garden of Future Follies*. This will be the artists' first major permanent public commission of this body of work. Installation is expected in spring 2016. The artists will reinterpret monuments and architecture from across Toronto to redefine sculpture and challenge the idea of the monument and memorialization, making these works more engaging and accessible for Torontonians.

Mill Street, WDL: The installation of Jill Anholt's work, *Peeled Pavement*, is almost complete. The Bronze bench pieces are complete, with lighting and glass to be completed this week.

East Bayfront ("EBF")

Bayside

Tridel and Hines continue to process their municipal approvals for Aqualina (first building of Bayside) including Site Plan Approval and building permit and are commencing construction mid-December. Marketing has commenced for Aquavista (second Bayside building) which contains the affordable housing pilot project with Artscape.

Construction of the local municipal services is nearing completion on site.

The designs for the Bayside local public streets and water's edge promenade are 90% complete. A Request for Proposals ("RFP") for the design of Aitken Place Park will be issued shortly, as well as for the design of the private streets.

Parkside

Great Gulf continues to work with the City and Waterfront Toronto on their Site Plan Approval and building permits. The anticipated start of construction remains March 2015.

Central Waterfront ("CWF")

Queens Quay Design and Construction

Final asphalt and line painting of the new roadway was completed from just east of York Street to the Peter Slip Bridge on November 26 and 27, 2014. New roadway construction is underway for the areas east of York Street and west of the Peter Slip Bridge. It is expected that the concrete base and base layer of asphalt in these two remaining areas will be completed by early January 2015. The installation of the base concrete for the service lane between York and Bay Streets was completed and the installation of the pavers is now 80% complete. The remaining 20% will be completed once Toronto Hydro completes their work at the York Street/Queens Quay intersection.

The landscape contractor has continued to install granite at several locations on the north and south sides of Queens Quay. Granite on the north side is now complete from Royal Bank of Canada (“RBC”) Waterpark Place to the Rees Parkette and in front of the Rees Street Parking Lot. Granite is underway at 250-260-270 Queens Quay and demolition and sub-base preparation is underway west of the Rees Street Parking Lot to YoYo Ma Lane. The south side granite promenade is mostly completed between Bay and York Streets, and is well underway between York and Robertson Crescent. Preparations are underway in front of the Radisson hotel. Tents with winter heating have been installed at several locations and granite installation is expected to continue through the winter and into spring 2015.

Toronto Hydro is completing their civil works in two areas. The first piece of work involves the install of two remaining chambers at the Rees and Queens Quay intersection. The second location involves ductwork at the southwest corner of York Street and Queens Quay. This work is underway and is expected to be completed by the end of this year.

All street lighting and signal pole foundations have been completed. Permanent signature light poles will be installed over the winter and spring.

Communications

Special communications were developed in November to help mitigate issues around two major construction events – a road closure west of Lower Spadina and the 2-day rolling block and intersection closures required for crews to pave the new Queens Quay roadway. The communications – which were issued via our Queens Quay database, on social media, to our Construction Liaison Committee and through in-person meetings with local stakeholders – helped the local community prepare and understand the most effective ways to access all driveways/laneways during these construction events.

Waterfront Toronto issued a blog post titled *Getting Ready for 2015* as we prepare for the final winter of construction on Queens Quay. The blog post, which promotes the June 2015 project completion date, also highlights progress to date and links to the animated video which helps explain the complexity of the underground infrastructure work undertaken.

Waterfront Toronto provided a Queens Quay revitalization update to a group of over 100 Waterfront BIA members at their fall member breakfast.

Waterfront Toronto is working with the Royal Ontario Museum (“ROM”) to bring their popular ROM Walks series to Queens Quay this summer. Walks are planned in late June and early August along the completed Queens Quay and will be co-led by Waterfront Toronto.

Interim Queens Quay / Martin Goodman Trail Improvements east of Jarvis to Parliament

Construction is well underway and substantial completion of the hard-scape is on target for the end of 2014. Granite installation at the head of the Jarvis Slip has been completed and this area is open to the public. The concrete sidewalk has been completed between Small Street and Lakeshore Boulevard and is nearly complete between Dockside Drive and Small Street. The Martin Goodman Trail is nearly complete between Bonnycastle and the existing eastern end of the Martin Goodman Trail. The remaining Martin Goodman Trail is expected to be completed in the next 4 weeks. Terra-seeding and tree planting is not expected to happen until the spring.

Martin Goodman Trail West of Lower Spadina Avenue

Final design drawings for the Martin Goodman Trail west of Spadina have been completed. The tender process was undertaken and the tender closed on December 1, 2014. This work is being funded by the City of Toronto Pedestrian and Cycling Department. Waterfront Toronto is working with the city to award this work. The Issued for Permit set was submitted on November 12, 2014 and Waterfront Toronto is working to resolve minor comments. It is expected that a permit for this work will be issued within the next 2 weeks.

This project will connect the Martin Goodman Trail from Spadina to Coronation Park and the previously constructed Martin Goodman Trail at Ontario Place.

Pier 27 Waters Edge Promenade

Waterfront Toronto collaborated with Cityzen, the developer of Pier 27, to create a water's edge promenade design which is consistent with our vision for the water's edge and the work is now underway. Construction is being undertaken by Cityzen. Demolition of the area is near complete and concrete work is now underway. It is expected that granite installation will be undertaken throughout the winter months and tree planting will take place in the spring.

Health and Safety

There have been two health and safety incidents on the Bayside Phase 1 project and seven on the Queens Quay Revitalization project since the previous report. None of these incidents resulted in lost time.

Bayside

On October 9, 2014 a worker was in the process of cleaning up debris from the placement of granite pavers when he stepped on a granite paver and rolled his ankle. The worker continued working after a brief rest and was instructed to follow up with his doctor. No lost time resulted.

On October 23, 2014 a worker was completing formwork for the sidewalk along Queens Quay and hit his hand with a hammer while pounding in a ground stake. The worker was taken to the nearest hospital for examination, his hand was bandaged and he returned to work in the afternoon.

Queens Quay Revitalization

On October 22, 2014 the municipal services subcontractor made contact with a live Bell line at the south-east corner of York and Queens Quay. Bell was called and repairs were completed in a timely manner. There was no lost time.

On October 30, 2014 a subcontractor's forklift with a heavy load travelling over the planks at the York Slip caused localized damage to some of the deck boards. There were no injuries and the damaged planks have since been repaired. There was no lost time.

On November 7, 2014 a private courier vehicle hit a new traffic signal pole at Robertson Crescent. There were no injuries. The new traffic pole was damaged and replaced by the electrical Subcontractor. There was no lost time.

On November 17, 2014 while excavating in front of 401 Queens Quay, the landscape subcontractor damaged the top of a new Toronto Hydro cable chamber. The damage was repaired and resulted in no lost time.

On December 1, 2014 while excavating in front of 401 Queens Quay, the landscape subcontractor contacted a Toronto Hydro secondary power line in front of 401 Queens Quay. The line has been repaired and resulted in no lost time.

On December 2, 2014 while excavating in front of 401 Queens Quay, the subcontractor made contact with a Bell line. The line has been repaired and resulted in no lost time.

On December 9, 2014 the contractor employed by Toronto Hydro drove a fully loaded hydro-vac excavating truck over an unfinished portion of the Martin Goodman Trail in front of Harbourfront Centre. While no injuries resulted from this incident, a substantial area of silva cells which underlie the Martin Goodman Trail were damaged and will require replacement. This will have both schedule and cost implications which have yet to be determined. Waterfront Toronto will direct our contractor to complete the removal and reconstruction of the damaged areas on an accelerated basis in order to mitigate the schedule impacts. We will incur overtime and winter construction premiums in order to advance the remedial works. At this time we are unable to determine if this additional work will impact the completion of this (or other) portions of the site in time for the Pan-Am games.

Don Mouth Naturalization and Port Lands Flood Protection Project (“DMNP”) & Lower Don Lands (“LDL”) Environmental Assessments

Waterfront Toronto, the City of Toronto and the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (“TRCA”) continue to work towards the implementation of Phase 2 of the Port Lands Acceleration Initiative (“PLAI”). Phase 2 includes the following components:

- The Environmental Assessment (“EA”) for the DMNP;
- The Port Lands Planning Framework/Transportation and Servicing Master Plan EA;
- Framework Plan for Villiers Island; and
- Film Studio Planning.

The TRCA, in cooperation with Waterfront Toronto and the City of Toronto, has submitted the EA for the DMNP to the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (“MOECC”). The MOECC is completing its review of the EA and we anticipate notification of approval early in the new year. Waterfront Toronto in consultation with the City of Toronto and the TRCA is preparing a preliminary work breakdown and budget to commence the Flood Protection Infrastructure and enabling works in 2015.

The LDL EA Master Plan Addendum and Environmental Site Report has been completed and no bump up orders were received.

Port Lands Planning Framework/Transportation and Servicing Master Plan EA

Waterfront Toronto and the City of Toronto continue to work towards developing and completing a high-level Planning Framework for the Port Lands by the 2nd quarter of 2015 with consultation recommencing in the new year.

Communications

Communications and Planning & Design prepared and submitted the LDL project to the WAN Urban Design Awards on behalf of the project partners, within the future projects category. The WAN AWARDS Urban Design Sector is a major international competition that celebrates and promotes the best in international urban design attracting entries from all over the world. The prestigious awards offer a global platform to showcase projects and designs.

Making the shortlist as one of 12 top projects, the WAN judging panel said: “First onto the shortlist in our Future Projects subcategory was the Lower Don Lands: Estuary as Agent for Urbanism (City of Toronto) by Waterfront Toronto. This project immediately attracted the jury and Alan Pullman commented: This project addresses planning implementation challenges and sustainability at the scale of the city in a convincing way. Waterfront restoration and naturalization, flood control, habitat restoration and future development are timely issues that are addressed in a thoughtful and elegant manner.”

Environment and Innovation

Electric Vehicle Charging Station at George Brown College

Waterfront Toronto is finalizing the selection of a proponent to provide six electric vehicle charging stations at George Brown College to support sustainable transportation options for waterfront residents, employees, and visitors. The Ministry of Transportation is providing funding for this project, which will service the Pan Am electric vehicle fleet from May 1, 2015 until the end of the games, after which the charging stations will be made available to the public. Currently Waterfront Toronto’s parking operator is working on determining rates for use of the electric vehicle charging stations.

Intelligent Communities

Development is still ongoing on phase 2 of the www.newblueedge.ca. This revision will incorporate elements of the City of Toronto’s Open Data library to demonstrate the capabilities of the platform. Work is ongoing with IBM and the City of Toronto for an “Apps competition” that will create solutions to support the citizen use cases for the platform. This competition will introduce elements such as IBM’s Watson technology and potentially leverage their partnership with other industry leaders such as Apple.

Planning is underway for the Intelligent Community Forum (“ICF”) 2015 Summit & Awards program from June 8 through June 12, 2015 in Toronto. Many of the events will be held in the designated waterfront area. Waterfront Toronto will actively collaborate with ICF Canada as host, welcoming approximately 400 delegates from around the world.

On October 20, 2014, Beanfield Metroconnect announced, in partnership with Waterfront Toronto that their base Waterfront service level has increased to 500Mbps symmetrical, while maintaining the same price of \$60 a month. This announcement has been noted in both mainstream media articles regarding the value that this service will bring to the area, as well as in technology journals.

Communications and Marketing

Waterfront Video Update

Waterfront Toronto has produced a 60-second video that provides a sense of the completed waterfront, including the Port Lands. The intent of the video is also to create excitement and anticipation for the future of the waterfront, as well as to promote the waterfront and Toronto as a destination for tourists and for investment. On November 13, 2014 we held an event at Corus for our partner organizations (developers, waterfront businesses and employers, government partners, community groups and BIAs, tourism agencies and others that are responsible for marketing Toronto to the world including Invest Toronto and Build Toronto), to launch the video and to make the video available to partner organizations for their use as a marketing tool as they promote Toronto to their key market targets.

The video was well-received by our partners and was particularly welcomed by city agencies responsible for promoting investment and tourism in Toronto. Promotion through our own social media channels, those of our partners, and through earned media has resulted in over 14,000 views of the video on YouTube. Views through theatre showings have resulted in 290,000 people viewing the video in the month of November. A 30-second silent version of the video is also being produced to be used on public screens that do not allow for audio. The intent is to use screens made available to us by our partners on a public service announcement basis.

Blog & Social Media

Since launching, the blog has engaged 3,800 unique users through a variety of blog posts about parks, public spaces, public art, cycling, urban design, sustainability and innovation.

Recent blog posts include:

- [What Does it Take to Build Great Streets](#)
- [Research Project Seeks to Improve Transportation Model and Reduce City's Carbon Footprint](#)
- [We Want Your Questions About Waterfront Revitalization](#)
- [Our Favourite Things to Do in Fall and Winter on the Waterfront](#)

Our social media strategy continues to expand our audience reach and impact.

Facebook

- Likes on the Waterfront Toronto fan page have increased to 4,214, up 114% from 1,965 at the beginning of 2014.
- The three top posts in August, September and October (to-date) reached over 81,000 Facebook users.
 - Our waterfront is changing... [#TOtheWaterfront video]
 - Streetcars return to Queens Quay [blog post]
 - Corktown Common celebrations [Corktown Common Opening video]

Twitter

Our number of followers has increased to 10,196, up 57% from 6,475 at the beginning of 2014. To date, Waterfront Toronto has been mentioned over 900 times in Q3.

LinkedIn

Our LinkedIn followers have increased to 1,277, up 58% from 808 at the beginning of 2014.

Earned Media

The Globe and Mail published a story about the upcoming design competition for the Jack Layton Ferry Terminal and Harbour Square Park which is being undertaken in partnership with the City of Toronto.

Bayside's second residential building Aquavista and the development's overall role in the revitalization of Toronto's eastern waterfront earned several mentions in traditional media and designs for the building and area were widely shared on social media.

Corktown Common received extensive traditional and online media coverage from Waterfront Toronto's promotion of the prestigious Popular Science award. Corktown Common was named a "Best of What's New" 2014 winner in Popular Science's prestigious annual awards.

On November 18, 2014 Radio Canada broadcast a very positive feature on the WDL, calling it "a model for redevelopment". The lengthy piece included interviews with Waterfront Toronto, David Wex (Urban Capital) and new residents of River City. The WDL was used as a contrast to the poor planning of Griffintown, a similar development in Montreal that is currently underway. The piece was also featured prominently on their website.

On November 16, 2014 the Toronto Star published a piece on the Port Lands, highlighting the benefits of the naturalization of the Mouth of the Don River and its potential to unlock the extensive development potential of the area.

Green Building and Sustainability Strategies published "Making Waves", an article featuring Waterfront Toronto's sustainability strategies in their November issue.

Ontario Place Revitalization

Ontario Place Park and Trail

The Request for Proposals for the Construction of the Park and Trail has closed and is in the process of being awarded. The Contractor will likely be mobilized on site early in the new year. The Pavilion, Washrooms and First Nations recognition elements were presented to the Waterfront Design Review Panel on November 12, 2014, receiving a vote of "Conditional Support". Issues raised by the Panel included further work on the pavilion structure and the washrooms at the entrance to the park. Construction drawings and specifications for the surface elements of the park and trail will be complete by April 2015, while construction of Phase 1 (sub-surface elements) is underway.

Waterfront Toronto continues to work with project partners on consultation for the project in preparation for a public and digital unveiling of the final design for the park and trail, tentatively scheduled for early 2015.

Lower Yonge Precinct

City of Toronto and Waterfront Toronto staff are developing scope and procurement documents as part of the next phase of work. Work will include a Municipal Class EA, noise & air quality study, stakeholder and public consultation and a concept public realm design.

Jack Layton Ferry Terminal

The Request for Qualifications for the Jack Layton Ferry Terminal and Harbour Square Park Innovative Design competition closed on December 1, 2014. 33 Submissions were received, and will be reviewed with up to five proponents shortlisted to participate in the competition. The competition will be launched in late January 2015 with a kick off meeting, presentations and site tour. On December 1, 2014 Waterfront Toronto hosted the first Stakeholder Advisory Committee meetings for the Design competition. Feedback received was supportive and insightful and will be incorporated into the Competition Brief.

Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport Runway EA

Waterfront Toronto is participating in scoping the Toronto Port Authority's ("TPA") Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport ("BBTCA") Runway EA through an Agency Advisory Committee ("AAC") that they have established to consult with the City of Toronto, TRCA, Transport Canada and other agencies. Waterfront Toronto has been providing feedback on the proposed EA framework and proposals throughout the process. The TPA held an introductory public meeting on December 9, 2014. Concurrently, the City of Toronto is developing the Bathurst Quay Precinct Plan and held an introductory public meeting on December 10, 2014.

Lake Ontario Park

Waterfront Toronto, TRCA and City staff met with the "Tommy Thompson Park User Group" ("TTPUG") on Tuesday, November 25, 2014. This meeting occurs twice a year and provides an opportunity to deliver updates on all activities in Tommy Thompson Park. TRCA and Waterfront Toronto presented the Tommy Thompson Park philosophy, design criteria, and proposed alignments for new trails in the Baselands. Feedback received was supportive of the initiative, with specific feedback on seasonality and construction method preferences.