Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Program

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Introduction



- Importance of the project to Toronto
- Descriptions of current projects
- Expectations
- Sites to visit
- Importance of waterfront development to a city (with foreign examples)

Waterfront Revitalization Program



An integrated partial solution to challenges

 Environmental, transportation, infrastructure, housing, economic and tourism





- With some 2,000 acres of largely undeveloped land, at the heart of the City, region and Province
- Prospect of economic decline of Toronto's downtown core (ex-industrial areas)
- Eroding position as a tourism destination

Why Necessary...? (Con'd)

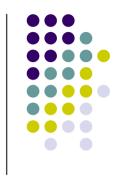


Population growing at almost 100,000 pp/yr

One of the fastest growing city in N.A.

Projected population in 2021 of 6.8 million

Further Benefits



 Help restructuring in the financial services industry.

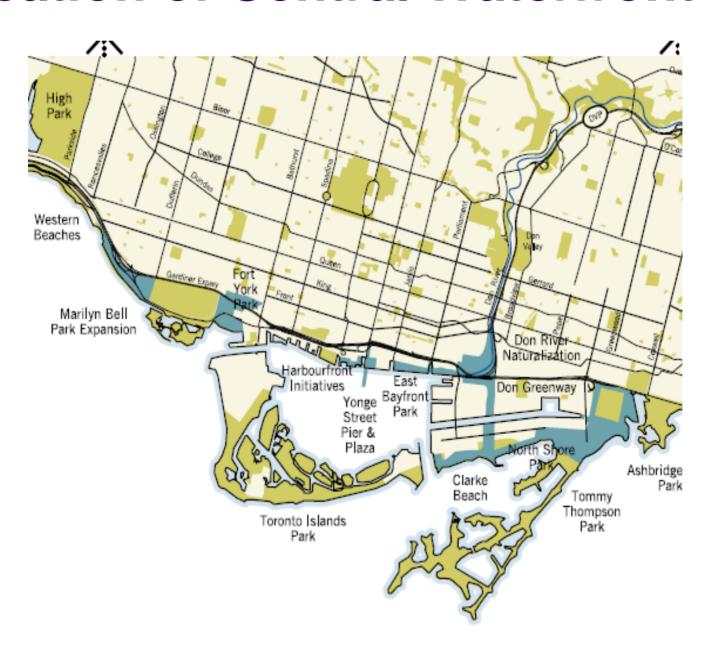
- Attract the high-quality jobs
- Economic spin-offs generated by the new creativity, New Media, biotechnology and knowledge-based economy in Toronto's Convergence Centre

Waterfront Development Projects of Central Waterfront



- Central Waterfront Plan II MAKE WAVES
 - Over 800 ha land
 - 10 km of shoreline
- Four core principles:
 - Removing barriers/ making connections
 - A network of parks and public area
 - To promote a clean and green environment
 - To create dynamic and diverse new communities

Location of Central Waterfront



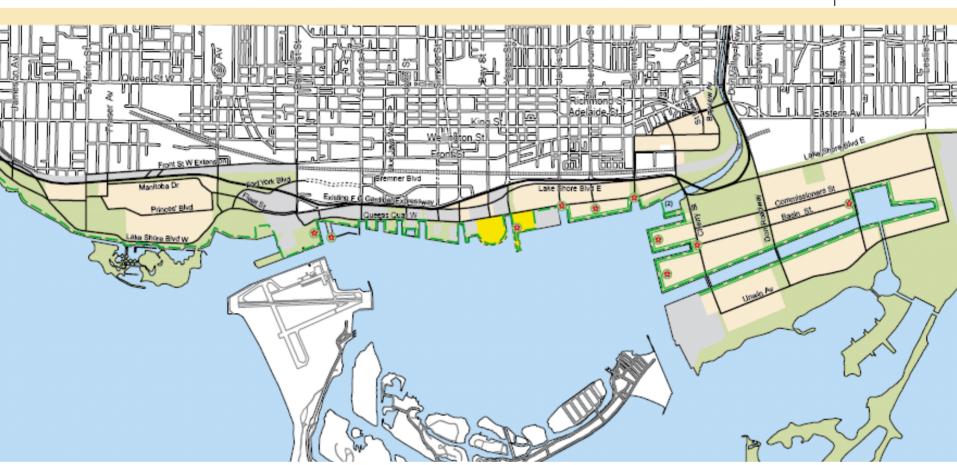


Removing Barriers/ Making Connections



- Reconnect with Lake Ontario
- Present
 - Gardiner Expressway is now cutting off the city and the waterfront
- Future
 - Public Transit GO Transit/ TTC Service/ Waterfront trail/ Water Transportation
 - Shoreline Boulevard allow cycling and pedestrian
 - Corridor of Heritage and Cultural





A Network of Parks and Public Area



Aims:

- Creating more parks and recreation area at waterfront
- Ship channel

Policies:

- To define the territory of public use
 - Parks and plazas along the waterfront
 - Act programme
- The design of Park
 - Sustainable Park Less disturbance but more ecological
 - Reduce private ownership A whole public area

To Promote A Clean and Green Environment



Aims:

- Reduce the use of autos
 - Next generation transportation system
- Flood prevention berm along the Don River
- Re-naturalizing the month of the Don River

Policies:

- Local sustainable
- Reclamation of the lake
- Use of eco-friendly power
- Storm water and sewage water management

To Create Dynamic and Diverse New Communities



Design:

- Port Land Green industries
- West Don Lands mixed-use communities
- East Bayfront Working and living
- Exhibition Place Work, Live, Celebrate

Policies:

- Balance of landuses
- Housing option
- Creating special places

Sites To Visit

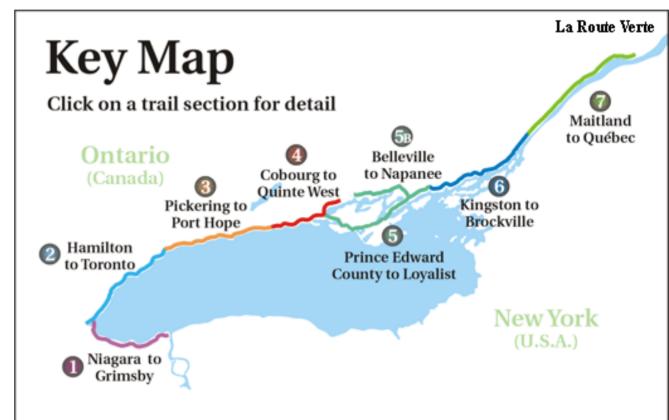
- Western areas
- Toronto harbour
- Eastern areas







- The waterfront trail
 - Stretches from Niagara on the Lake to Brockville
 - Length: 740km





Includes:

 Communities, parks, and natural areas, arts and culture heritage, etc



- Multi-use recreation trail
- Commuting purposes



Niagara-on-the-Lake (Niagara to Grimsby)



Toronto Port Land (Hamilton to Toronto)



Breakwater Park - Kingston (Kingston to Brockville)



- Exhibition Place
 - Mixed-use property
 - A variety of buildings, open spaces and monuments
 - Hosts a wide array of activities year-round
 - Long history of stadiums for major league baseball and football teams



Direct Energy Centre, Canada's largest indoor exhibition hall.





The Princes' Gates in 2005.

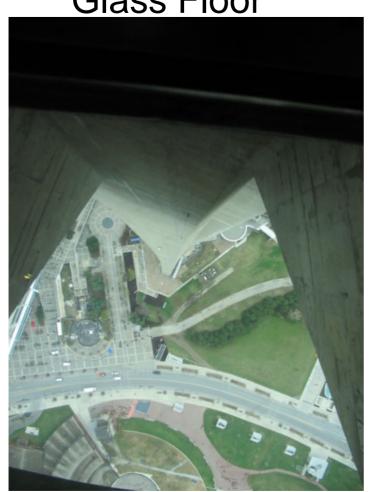
- CN Tower
 - CN originally referred to Canadian National
 - Standing 553.33 metres tall
 - The world's tallest freestanding structure on land







Glass Floor



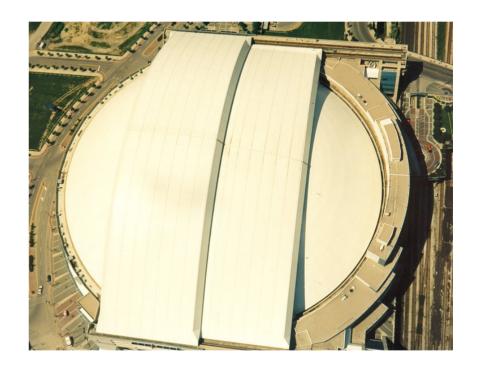
360 Restaurant



- Rogers Centre
 - Multi-purpose stadium
 - Primarily a sports venue, also hosts other large-scale events such as conventions, trade fairs, and concerts



 The first stadium → have a fully-retractable motorized roof, as well as a 348-room hotel attached to it, with 70 rooms overlooking the field



Eastern Areas

- The Scarborough Bluffs
 - An escarpment
 - On the top of the cliffs are a number of suburban nighbourhoods
 - The most prominent site
 →Bluffer's Park



The Importance of Waterfront



- Waterfronts provide an excellent opportunity place live, enjoy art, recreate, shop, or relax by the water.
- Waterfront areas provide multiuse activities, improve social interaction and a sense of community.



2005 WORLD'S BEST Cities





Sydney

"...real excellence can be obtained in the design of landmark buildings by important







New York Waterfront









Waterfront Revitalization in the World



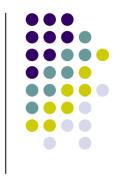
London

- Entirely transforming its evacuated docklands for living, working and leisure;
- New York
- Replaced decayed piers with the hugely successful and profitable Battery Park City;
- Cape Town
- Built a vital new entertainment and retail area in its operating portlands;

Sydney

 Reconstructing the central ex-industrial Pyrmont peninsula as an urban district

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