

City Council

Member Motions - Meeting 45

MM45.17	ACTION	Adopted		Ward:All
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A Co-operative and Co-ordinated Approach to Planning Ontario Place and Exhibition Place - by Councillor Mike Layton, seconded by Councillor Mark Grimes

City Council Decision

City Council on December 16, 17 and 18, 2013, adopted the following:

1. City Council request the Province of Ontario to enter into a formal co-operative venture with the City, to jointly plan and revitalize the Ontario Place and Exhibition Place Lands.
2. City Council request the Province of Ontario to work with the local City Councillor in the revitalization of Ontario Place and the scheduling and delivery of public meetings.
3. City Council request the City Manager to utilize the current City staff working group to develop the general terms of a draft agreement to guide this co-operative venture, in consultation with the Chief Executive Officer, Chair and Board of Governors of Exhibition Place, and the local Councillor, and report back to the Executive Committee in 2014 on status and next steps.
4. City Council request the City Manager to include in the 2014 report an outline of a master planning process including public consultation and the local Councillors in keeping with best practices for the waterfront.

Summary

The Province of Ontario is undertaking a planning process to transform Ontario Place into a year-round, multi-use waterfront community and urban park. The Province is currently consulting on Phase One of the Ontario Place Revitalization, the development of the Urban Park and Trail on the east island of Ontario Place. In addition, the Exhibition Place Board of Governors has incorporated a strategic planning process to explore future opportunities at Exhibition Place.

At its meeting of September 26 and 27, 2011, City Council requested the City Manager "to work with the Provincial Government on potential partnership opportunities related to the governance, and operations of the Exhibition Place and Ontario Place, and report back to the Executive Committee as required."

It is clear that a joint strategy for revitalization would be in the best interests of the local community as well as visitors to the area as there are important city building objectives both for the larger waterfront east and west and for the local community to the north.

Discussions between the Province with City staff and staff from Exhibition Place have been ongoing in an effort to understand the opportunities and challenges and work to align the redevelopment of Ontario Place with potential plans for Exhibition Place. In order to ensure that planning for the area addresses key issues such as infrastructure, transportation, public realm, heritage and shared visitor experiences the Province and the City need to enter into a formal co-operative venture to develop a joint master plan. The process should be modeled on best practices for waterfront planning including community consultation.

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Background Information (City Council)

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<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2013/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-64792.pdf>