OVERVIEW – NEW PARK AT 318 QUEENS QUAY WEST

A new 9,600m² (0.96 Ha) waterfront park is being designed at 318 Queens Quay West on Toronto's Central Waterfront. The site is bordered by Queens Quay Blvd to the south, Rees Street to the east, the Gardiner Expressway to the north, and 350 Queens Quay West (a residential condominium) to the West.

FUTURE VISION FOR PARK
When completed, the New Park at 318 Queens Quay will serve as a keystone, unlocking the potential of the emerging network of parks along our Waterfront for area residents and waterfront park users citywide.
SITE HISTORY ON THE WATERFRONT

318 QUEENS QUAY THROUGH THE YEARS....

Industrial past of site: Home to the Maple Leaf Mills Silos.
1972 The Federal government expropriated the Maple Leaf complex in as part of the redevelopment of Harbourfront.
1997 Federal Government conveyed the 2.65 acre to the City as a to be developed as a future public park.

• The site is part of the 40 acres of land intended for parks and open spaces, as outlined in the Harbourfront Implementation Agreement (HIA) between the Government of Canada, Harbourfront Corporation and the City of Toronto (1992).
• The site is currently being leased as a public parking lot by Harbourfront Centre.
SITE CONTEXT + CONNECTIONS

The new design at 318 Queens Quay will need to address neighbourhood connections and complement and enhance important Waterfront features.

WEST – Maple Leaf Quay
- Courtyard and Turning Basin
- Residential and Commercial Uses
- Development application in progress

EAST – Rees Street
- Sidewalk/Street connection to North
- Residential and Commercial Uses
- Rees Street Parkette

NORTH – Roundhouse Park and Roger’s Centre
- Tourist destination in City
- Key connection route to downtown core

Lakeshore Blvd. and Gardiner
- Primary vehicular circulation access point
- Existing Pedestrian and Cycling Connections

SOUTH – HTO Park and Lake
- Destination Park on the Waterfront
- Urban Beach
- Waterfront Promenade
- Martin Goodman Trail connections along Queens Quay Blvd.
- Clear views to HTO Park and Lake Ontario beyond
GUIDING PRINCIPLES

In October 2016, a workshop was held with local stakeholder organizations to identify priorities, key themes and needs for the future park, described as “Guiding Principles”.

- A Winter City Park for All Season Use
- Create Opportunities for Curiosity and Experimentation
- Connected And Relevant – A Systems Thinking Design Approach
- Innovation and Sustainability
- Complement rather than Compete with Existing Context
- Encourage Community Stewardship and Collaborative Partnerships

Technical analysis and Budgets, together with public and stakeholder input on guiding principles, park program and future park concepts will inform the final park design.
YOUR IDEAS AND COMMENTS HERE...

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318 QUEENS QUAY – SITE AERIAL
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318 Queens Quay Blvd

SHERBOURNE COMMON SOUTH
9,500 m²

BERCZY PARK
3,600 m²

HTO PARK
13,200 m²

SIR CASIMAR GZOWSKI PARK
PLAYSPACE + WADING POOL AREA
~8,850 m²

LITTLE NORWAY PARK
24,800 m²

BUDAPEST PARK
PLAYSPACE + WADING POOL AREA
~6,200 m²

TORONTO MUSIC GARDEN
15,050 m²
DON RIVER AND CENTRAL WATERFRONT PROJECT

The new park will also house an underground vertical storage shaft as part of the Don River and Central Waterfront Project proposed by Toronto Water. The project is designed to “virtually” eliminate combined sewer overflows into Lower Don River and Toronto's harbour.

The 15m diameter shaft will be constructed at a future date, however the new park design will account for this in the concept evaluation and final design proposal.

The team will collaborate with Toronto Water through the design process to ensure that all technical requirements are met while Parks design vision and program goals and objectives are not compromised. The resulting new park design will be win-win for city departments and park users alike.
DON RIVER AND CENTRAL WATERFRONT PROJECT

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PROJECT SCHEDULE AND NEXT STEPS

2016
- Environmental Investigations
- Stakeholder Consultation
- Request for Proposals for Design Services

2017
- Public Consultation
- Preliminary Design
- Preferred Concept Site
- Remediation (as required)

2018
- Detailed Design
- On-going Site Remediation (as required)
- Construction tender

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SHARE YOUR IDEAS

Activity #1
Idea Generation – Park Design Collage

Share your ideas by creating a collage.

STEP 1: Think about what features you would like to see in a new park at 318 Queens Quay West, find them in the images on your table, and add them (glue/tape/) to your aerial map to create a collage. If you think of something that is not represented in the images, draw or write it in.

STEP 2: Identify where you think park entrances/exits and pathways could be located:

Use an X to mark entrances
Use arrows ← → to mark a pathway

What's your vision for the new park at 318 Queens Quay West? What facilities and programming would you like to see included?

Activity #2
Local Experts - Community Mapping Wall

Add your ideas to a collaborative community mapping wall to help identify local assets, barriers, and surrounding connections that are important to consider when designing the New Park at 318 Queens Quay West.

The people who travel in, around, and through an area are the ones who know it best.

How could a new park add to the waterfront park system?
What local assets/amenities are nearby that could connect to the new park?
What challenges could limit use of the new park?
How can a new park be connected to the adjacent community context? North/South, East/West?
How would a new park influence or change the way you visit and spend time on Toronto’s Waterfront?
What new park features/amenities would encourage four season use of the park?
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SAMPLE IMAGES – Site Furnishings

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