

Preamble to Motion - UPDATED

February 26, 2020 - SLNA Community and Delegates Meeting

Motion: That SLNA Delegates support the unanimous decision of the Board of Waterfront Toronto to have WT staff complete the formal evaluation of the current proposals for the Quayside Precinct and make recommendations to the Board of WT as to whether WT should move forward with the creation of a Master Innovation and Development Plan (MIDP) for the Sidewalk Precinct.

Background

Three years ago, Waterfront Toronto approached waterfront area community groups to advise of their decision to develop Quayside with a funding partner having particular strengths in innovation and sustainable design. Following the RFP for such a funder, Sidewalk Labs was identified as the successful applicant. To ensure the interests and priorities of surrounding neighbourhoods would be reflected in the work going forward for Quayside, Waterfront Toronto invited a number of local groups to be part of the Quayside Stakeholder Advisory Committee and the SLNA was among those groups invited.

Past Presidents, Suzanne Kavanagh and Sharon McMillan continue to participate on the Stakeholder Advisory Committee established for Quayside and have kept the SLNA membership apprised of developments through Community Meeting reports and special 'in-person' presentations about Quayside lead by Waterfront Toronto and featuring presenters from WT and Sidewalk Labs – Toronto.

February 29th is the final public consultation meeting on the initial evaluation and then WT staff will work on the project evaluation and present their recommendations to the WT Board at their May 20th meeting. The question is not whether to approve the project but whether to move to the next stage of the evaluation process. The Quayside Precinct will be developed over the next few years and if this is not undertaken in consultation with Sidewalk it will be done with another developer.

As noted by WT, " Quayside begins at Bonnycastle Street in the west from Queens Quay East north to Lake Shore Boulevard; the eastern-most boundary is the Victory Soya Mills Silos, spanning from Lake Shore Boulevard south to Lake Ontario and the Water's Edge. Quayside is approximately 4.9 hectares (12 acres) in size." (This is about half the size of the whole SLNA area.)

Many Delegates have been to the Sidewalk offices at 307 Parliament, have participated in public meetings and have read the documents that have been published. These links are to the latest documents from Waterfront Toronto. [October 31 letter](#) from Board Chair to the Community and [October 29 letter](#) to Sidewalk and the list of [threshold issues](#). See also: <https://quaysideto.ca/>