Downsview Community Benefits Meeting

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Land Acknowledgement

TCBN acknowledge that the land we are on is the traditional territory of many nations including the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples and is now home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. Indeed, Toronto is covered by Treaty 13 with the Mississaugas of the Credit.

We also acknowledge the many broken promises and treaties, and the need to work towards reconciliation with the original caretakers of Turtle Island both in the present, and for future generations.

The fight for community benefits builds on well-established practices with similar goals and principles, including over 300 privately negotiated enforceable agreements between Indigenous communities and developers known as Impact Benefits Agreements (IBAs).

Tribute to the ancestors of African Origin and Descent

We are all Treaty people. Indeed, up until 1961 over half of all Black people in Canada were Indigenous to Canada. Many of us came here as settlers, immigrants, newcomers in this generation or generations past. We would like to also acknowledge those of us who came here involuntarily, particularly as a result of the Trans-Atlantic Slave trade. And so, we honour and pay tribute to the ancestors of African Origin and Descent.

Introductions

What interests you in today's meeting and Downsview Development?
What community benefits are you passionate about?
Are you a resident, community member, stakeholder, etc?

Rosemarie Powell

Executive Director
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Meeting Objectives

1. Provide updates on the Downsview Lands Development
    a. (Northcrest Developments and Canada Lands Company)
    b. City of Toronto - review and update the 2011 Downsview Area Secondary Plan (community consultation)
    c. Allen East District Updates
2. Provide an overview of TCBN's Downsview Community Benefits Committee
    a. Objectives, key information and activities
    b. How to access the Google form

Downsview Lands Development - Updates

Ian Hanecak (Manager, Community & Stakeholder Relations) - Northcrest Developments

David Anselmi (Director, Real Estate) - Canada Lands Company

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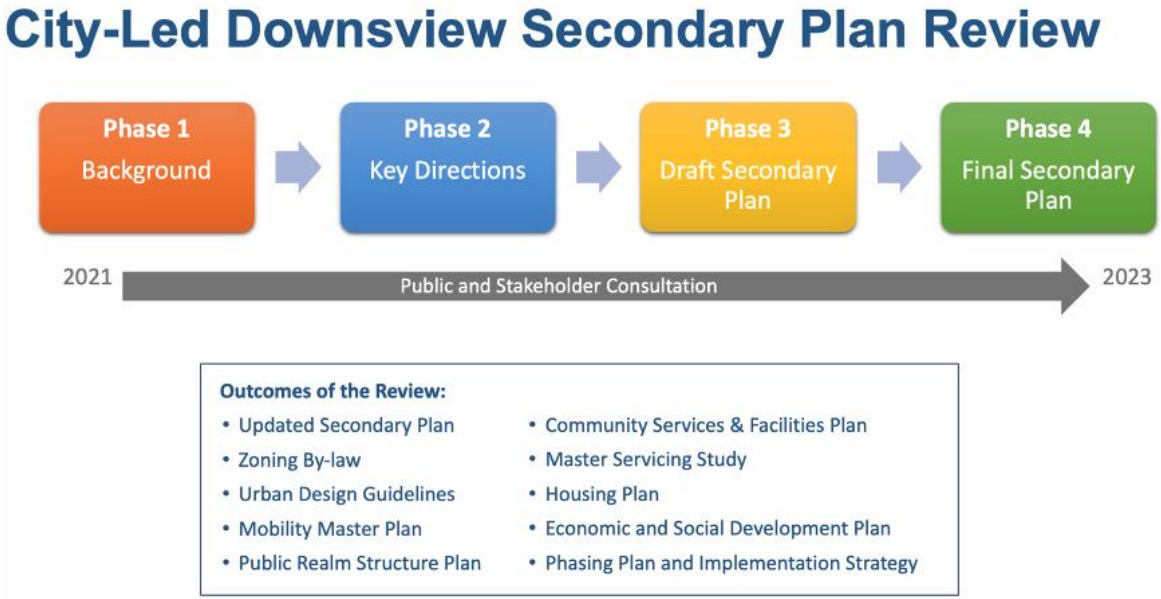
City of Toronto - Review of the 2011 DASP

- The city of Toronto will be conducting their own review as they update the 2011 Downsview Area Secondary Plan
- Community Benefits and ‘Economic and Social Development Plan’



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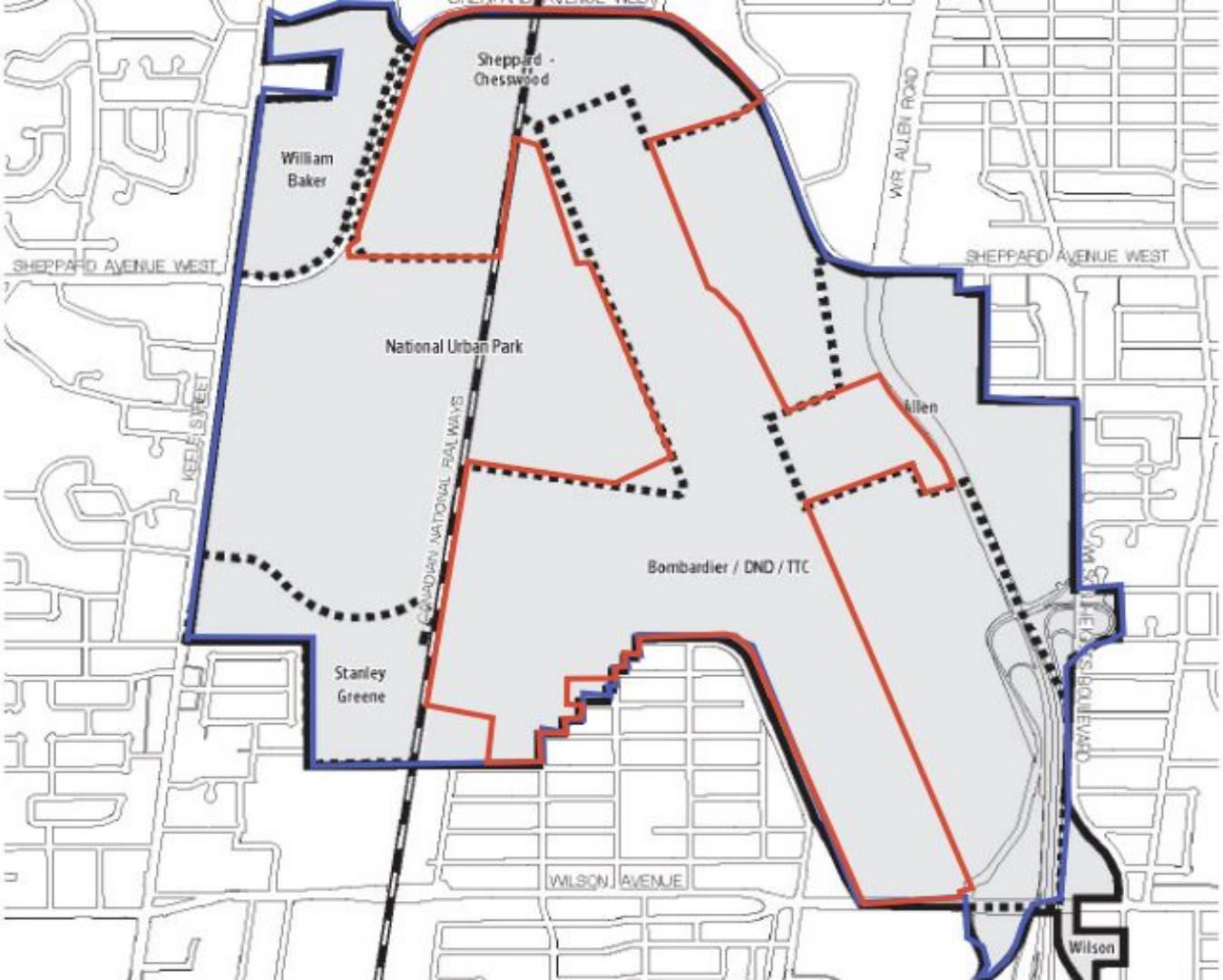

Secondary Plan Area:
535 hectares

Canada Lands/Northcrest Application Area:
210 hectares

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Downsview - Allen East District Update

Allen East District - Updates

- We are continuing to monitor community benefits language and see where there may be opportunities for communities to influence a part of Allen East
- CreateTO: motion passed on Oct 1, #4 - TCBN and shared community benefits vision included in future construction phases on Allen East District and future zoning by-law amendment applications
    - 4. City Council request the Board of Directors of CreateTO to direct the Chief Executive Officer, CreateTO to facilitate discussions with the Toronto Community Benefits Network in order to advance a shared vision for Community Benefits during the different construction phases of the Allen East District.

TCBN - Downsview Community Benefits Committee

Downsview Community Benefits Committee

- **Objective**: The objective of TCBN's Downsview Community Benefits Committee is to bring together a collective group of members and residents with different experiences, backgrounds and areas of expertise to help guide a shared vision for community benefits as part of the Downsview Lands Development.
- In part of TCBN's CBAforDownsview Campaign, TCBN wants a Community Benefits Agreement (CBA) in writing that will allow for hard targets to be committed to and enforced.

Key Information and Activities (1)

- Support the development of a Community Benefits Vision
  - Draft an initial vision statement - as a first activity, this will help to guide the conversation moving towards a shared community benefits vision
  - Shared community benefits vision - support a process that will help to identify key CBA priorities that will be advocated for as part of the Downsview Lands development

Key Information and Activities (2)

- Monitor the development application and City review process, participate in public meetings and/or consultations
  - In addition to guiding a shared community benefits vision, the committee will also be a resource to share information on the development/application submission and consultation process
  - It will also allow for the committee to stay updated on upcoming consultations and provide report backs on key information

Key Information and Activities (3)

- Discuss opportunities for public engagement including activities and events with network members and allies
  - Allows for cross-collaboration between different groups and stakeholders - setting up Downsview related events with networks members and community organizations/groups
  - Allow for additional voices and contributions towards the shared community benefits vision

Key Information and Activities (4)

- Meet with key stakeholders including elected representatives, government officials, developers
    - Draft and develop key messaging - initial vision statement, and key messaging that can be shared with developers and key government partners on Municipal, Provincial and Federal levels

Google Form and Expression of Interest

- The Google Form has been made live and can be accessed at this link
- The form asks about your area of expertise and why you are interested in joining the committee, in addition to other information including meeting time/date preferences
- Honorariums can be provided for residents/grassroot organizations that require them to attend meetings

Expectations and Who can apply

- **Expectations** - meeting frequency (once every 2-4 weeks); times and dates to be determined
- **Who can apply**?
  - Representation from community, labour and social enterprise organizations (TCBN network members and partners are encouraged to apply)
  - Residents living in the City of Toronto (TCBN encourages residents in the local area who identify as Black, Indigenous a Person of Colour, a Woman, Youth or a Newcomer to apply)

Next Steps/Wrap-up

- Upcoming Consultations:
  - City of Toronto 2011 DASP review
  - TCBN's engagement on Community Benefits Vision
  - Northcrest District Planning for the Film Studio
  - Allen East District
- TCBN's Downsview Community Benefits Committee
  - Launch in mid-February
  - Submission deadline to express interest for committee - **January 30, 2022**
- Follow-up email: PDF of presentations, Google Form link

Questions/Comments:

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