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Waterfront Revitalization Chronology

July 1999	Former City of Toronto releases <i>Unlocking Toronto's Port Lands: Directions for the Future</i> ".
November 1999	Mayor Lastman, Prime Minister Chrétien and Premier Harris announce the formation of the Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Task Force headed by Robert Fung. A renewed Toronto waterfront will enhance the region's economic vitality, social development, transportation system, housing stock and environmental sustainability The City of Toronto releases vision document <i>Our Toronto Waterfront! The Wave of the Future</i>
March 2000	Release of the report (Fung Report) of the Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Task Force – <i>Our Toronto Waterfront: Gateway to the New Canada</i> – a strategic master plan that combines open space, recreational, residential, commercial and entertainment uses and examines infrastructure requirements, including transportation and transit services, parks and environmental remediation
August 2000	City Council endorses <i>Our Toronto Waterfront: Building Momentum</i> in response to the task force report. <i>Building Momentum</i> contains the City's preliminary analysis of the strategic master plan and recommends an implementation strategy for revitalization
October 20, 2000	Prime Minister Chrétien, Premier Harris and Mayor Lastman announce their commitment to Toronto's waterfront and pledge \$1.5 billion to kick-start the project
March 5, 2001	Minister Collenette, Minister Flaherty and Mayor Lastman announce support for the creation of a Toronto waterfront revitalization corporation to initiate approximately \$300 million in projects
April 24 to 27, 2001	Toronto City Council endorses creation of Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Corporation and first phase revitalization projects
July 2001	Council endorses Robert Fung as first chair of Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Corporation

October 9, 2001	City releases <i>Making Waves: Principles for Building Toronto's Waterfront, Central Waterfront Part II Plan</i>
October 30, 2001	Provincial Finance Minister signs Articles of Incorporation, legally creating the Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Corporation
November 2001	City releases <i>Waterfront Culture and Heritage Infrastructure Plan</i>
November 2001	Council endorses creation of Waterfront Revitalization Secretariat to undertake a coordinated public consultation process for the four priority projects, the cooperative EA and the Part II Plan for the Central waterfront
February 2002	Council endorses a communications and reporting protocol for City of Toronto departments, agencies, boards and commissions (DABCs) with respect to all initiatives and communications that may have a policy, land use, development or financial impact on the revitalization of Toronto's waterfront
May 17, 2002	The City of Toronto Plan, <i>Making Waves: Principles for Building Toronto's Waterfront, Central Waterfront Part II Plan</i> wins the "Award of Excellence" from the Canadian Institute of Planners for its planning excellence, innovation, influence on the planning profession and quality of presentation.
November 18, 2002	<i>Making Waves: Principles for Building Toronto's Waterfront, Central Waterfront Part II Plan</i> wins the prestigious international "2002 Excellence on the Waterfront Award" from The Waterfront Center in Washington, D.C.
Feb 4 to 6, 2003	Council endorses TWRC's Business Strategy and Development Plan
April 14-16, 2003	Council endorses Central Waterfront Secondary Plan <i>Making Waves</i> that will guide planning for the area
June 24-26, 2003	Council endorses Central Waterfront Transit, a "Transit Plan" included in the Central Waterfront Secondary Plan, which outlines transit priority improvements
September 22-25, 2003	Council endorses the Archaeological Master Plan of the central waterfront
Dec 1 to 2, 2004	Council endorses new waterfront governance model with TWRC as lead and elected officials on the TWRC Board
May 17 to 19, 2005	Council endorses West Don Lands (WDL) Precinct Plan and EA Master Plan WDL Precinct Plan wins Toronto Architecture & Urban Design Award 2005, Award of Excellence in visions & master plans

March 18, 2005	The concept design for Commissioners Park in the Port Lands wins “Regional Award of Merit” from the Canadian Society of Landscape Architects
Sept 28 to 30, 2005	Council endorses TWRC Five-Year Business Plan / 10-Year Financial Forecast
Sept 28 to 30, 2005	Council endorses implementation framework for new governance model, which includes amended TWRC Act permitting Mayor to sit on TWRC Board, empowered TWRC and an Accounting Framework
Dec 5 to 7, 2005	Council endorses East Bayfront (EBF) Precinct Plan and EA Master Plan EBF Precinct Plan wins 2005 Congress for the New Urbanism Charter Award (Neighborhood, District & Corridor category) and Boston Society of Architects, Willo von Moltke Honor Award for Urban Design Excellence
Jan 18, 2006	Ontario Minister of the Environment approves Declaration Order to exempt waterfront parks at West Don Lands, East Bayfront, Commissioners Park, Don Greenway and Lake Ontario Park from the Environmental Assessment (EA) process
Jan 31 to Feb 2, 2006	Council endorses City/TEDCO/TWRC Memorandum of Understanding for revitalization of East Bayfront and the Port Lands that outlines the roles and responsibilities of the three parties Council endorses Secretariat as lead for Island Airport issues, supporting up to 4 meetings per year of Toronto City Centre Airport Community Advisory Committee
February 28, 2006	TWRC Marine Strategy publicly released
March 27, 2006	Mayor David Miller, the federal & provincial governments & TWRC announce the start of construction in Phase 1 of West Don Lands
April 26, 2006	Council endorses City’s three citizen representatives to TWRC Board of Directors for a three-year term, effective June 15, 2006
May 15, 2006	TWRC launches an Innovative Design Competition to bring a fresh new perspective to the 3.5 kilometre-long Central Waterfront. Five teams from around the world are selected to participate in this six-week long design competition.
May 18, 2006	TWRC Board approves Peter Smith as interim TWRC Chair, replacing Robert Fung

June 2, 2006	Rotterdam urban design and landscape architecture group, West 8 is announced as the Winner of the Central Waterfront Design Competition and proceed to undertake a comprehensive redesign of Queens Quay Blvd. and a continuous water's edge promenade including major upgrades at various heads of slips
June 27 to 29, 2007	Council is advised of the Application for Draft Plan of Subdivision Approval Application and authorizes the Zoning By-law Amendment for the first phase of the West Don Lands
July 24, 2006	Mayor David Miller, federal & provincial governments and TWRC launch the Mimico Waterfront Linear Park project.
July 24, 2006	City hosts 1 st public meeting on Western Waterfront Master Plan from Marilyn Bell Park to Humber River
July 25 to 27, 2006	Council endorses the Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Initiative East Bayfront Business and Implementation Plan
July 25 to 27, 2006	Council endorses the TTC-TWRC Waterfront Transit Environmental Assessments - Terms of Reference
July 25 to 27, 2006	Council endorses the Community Improvement Project Area By-law for East Bayfront, West Don Lands, Port Lands and South of Eastern Avenue
July 25 to 27, 2006	Council authorizes the lifting of the "h" for the first phase of the West Don Lands
August 11-20, 2006	"Quay to the City" – a 10-day event to showcase the winning West 8 + dtah design from TWRC's Central Waterfront Innovative Design Competition
September 25 to 27, 2006	Council endorses a report on the steps and resources needed to develop a comprehensive master plan for the western waterfront area from Marilyn Bell Park to the Humber River, including Sunnyside Beach, and an Integrated Beach Management Strategy for all the City's beaches
September 25 to 27, 2006	Council endorses a report recommending the amendment of the Zoning By-law to implement the East Bayfront Precinct Plan. Further modifications to the Central Waterfront Secondary Plan are also endorsed
September 27, 2006	City publicly releases TWRC technical reports on future of Gardiner/Lake Shore Corridor
September 29, 2006	Official tri-government celebration of Port Union Waterfront Improvement Project

February 2, 2007	Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Corporation announces the International Design Competition for the Lower Don Lands, a 40 hectare area located at the Mouth of the Don River and the entrance to the Port Lands
May 8, 2007	New York-based Michael Van Valkenburgh (MVVA) in collaboration with Greenberg Consultants, Inc., is announced as the winner of the Lower Don Lands Design Competition and proceeds with the preparation of a Precinct Plan for the Lower Don Lands area in the vicinity of the Keating Channel
May 23 to 25, 2007	Council endorses First Waterfront Place as the first commercial building development in the East Bayfront
May 2007	Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Corporation's name changes to Waterfront Toronto. The new, simplified name and logo is part of a strategy to establish an easily recognizable waterfront brand that links all the initiatives and projects that are part of waterfront revitalization
June 7, 2007	City hosts 2 nd public meeting on Western Waterfront Master Plan from Marilyn Bell Park to Humber River
June 25, 2007	Tri-government groundbreaking for start of construction of flood protection berm & Don River Park in West Don Lands
July 16 to 19, 2007	Council endorses a report "Streamlining Waterfront Revitalization in East Bayfront", involving the transfer of TEDCO-owned lands in East Bayfront to the City to expedite waterfront renewal
July 28, 2007	New River Channel of Don River Rail Bridge at West Don Lands is opened
November 19, 20, 2007	Council endorses a report "Operating Budget Impacts of New Waterfront Infrastructure" identifying operating impacts of waterfront revitalization in 2008 and future budget processes. (pg. 9, EX13.4)
November 26, 2007	City hosts 3 rd public meeting on Western Waterfront Master Plan from Marilyn Bell Park to Humber River
December 11, 12, 13, 2007	Council endorses a follow-up report to "Streamlining the East Bayfront" directing the Waterfront Director to consult with Waterfront Toronto officials to determine appropriate deadlines for the confirmation of an institutional tenant for the East Bayfront lands. (pg. 54, EX15.18)
December 11, 12, 13, 2007	Council endorses the report "Fort York Pedestrian Bridge" seeking Council's authority to proceed with the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Fort York Pedestrian Bridge project in 2008. (pg. 54, EX15.19)
January 21-25, 2008	Waterfront Toronto has launched an innovative design competition to

	enhance the public space at the foot of Lower Jarvis Street. The goal of this competition is to create a signature urban public space at the water's edge that will anchor the new East Bayfront community.
February 1, 2008	Waterfront Toronto announces that a team led by Claude Cormier Architectes Paysagistes Inc. is the winner of the Jarvis Slip Public Space Design Competition. "Sugar Beach" as the winning submission. "The jury appreciated the big idea approach for the design of Jarvis Slip with its connectivity and integration to the central waterfront promenade design, and the proposal for the establishment of a larger greater system of beach designs throughout Toronto's waterfront"
March 11, 2008	Waterfront Toronto announces the selection of Steven Holl Architects to design the District Energy Centre in the West Don Lands, which will provide centralized heating and cooling to the first new waterfront neighbourhoods. With the creation of the West Don Lands District Energy Centre, Waterfront Toronto is introducing this highly-sustainable technology to Canada in a visible and striking way through an iconic architectural expression of energy generation.
June 19, 2008	Waterfront Toronto announces the short-listed development teams to bid on two mixed-use development parcels in East Bayfront, a vibrant new waterfront community steps from Toronto's downtown core.
July 2, 2008	Waterfront Toronto together with Michael Van Valkenburgh Associates (MVVA) receives the 2008 Royal Architectural Institute of Canada's (RAIC) Sustainable Development Award for the design of the Lower Don Lands.
July 8, 2008	Waterfront Toronto announces that George Brown College will build a new state-of-the art campus in the East Bayfront community. A post-secondary institution is a cornerstone of the East Bayfront Master Plan.
July 15, 16, 2008	City Council endorses the initiation of an Individual Environmental Assessment to consider the partial takedown of the Gardiner Expressway from Jarvis Street to the Don Valley Parkway and to replace the structure with a "great street".