

**1. What are your thoughts or comments, if any, on the impact assessment (particularly the benefits and effects)?**

- I'm very pleased with the final outcome, and I am looking forward to seeing the project completed. I like the balance/mix of land uses.
- I really like the fact that the project creates flood protection, enhances recreational opportunities, increases housing, creates habitat and redevelops brownfields.
- Anticipated changes in river water quality, as documented on "WWFMP or as defined in Don and Central Waterfront Project" should be incorporated in the EA report.
- Don and Central Waterfront CSO project has defined to this project.
- The potential need for satellite treatment site at the mouth of the Don.
- Discussions between projects focused on a site adjoining the sediment plunge pool, where the land site for a "works yard access" would be located. The Don and Central Waterfront no longer needs this site for treatment, but needs it for 2 – 3 vertical storage shafts as part of the shaft-funnel storage system.

**2. A number of adaptive management considerations were identified in the presentation. Are there any other issues that may affect the project in the future?**

- I am glad an adaptive management process has been put into place.
- If there is an Olympic bid in the next 10 years the residential area could get a funding opportunity. In a similar way, the West Don Lands has benefited from the PanAm games.
- A major flood can reshape the naturalized river course.
- Please keep Toronto Police and Fire in the loop.
- Bridges over the waterway should be designed to provide access for emergency vessels (height above water)
- Water depth for the river and the Keating Channel.
- Application of Natural Channel System Guidance (MNR, 2003) for Adaptive Management needs more fulsome articulation to the River Mouth – particularly with respect to bed incision.
- Funding estimates, based on life-cycle costing principles including costs of adaptive management to ensure the integrity of the channel after major floods – should be identified in a ball park way and include the EA report (Implementation Considerations component)
- The aquatic balance using the HATT model, should be ballparked and inserted into the EA report, "Total Aquatic Area (Cost/Created)"
- Integration of natural access to the lake and river for communities near by.
- Water quality, sewer over flow, and run off pollution

**3. What will be the key challenges to implementing the DMNP, and how can they be overcome? What role can the community play?**

- It is important to get the EA approved so that the DMNP can become eligible for infrastructure funding.
- Create a community lobby group to have a coordinated voice.
- Balancing cuts and fills to internalize environmental costs and address local sustainability.
- What are the economic and other costs to the TPA for loss of docking space? These costs do not seem to be documented in the EA report.

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- Presentation mentioned relocation/compensation for 3 displayed businesses, including Unilever. Have they not ceased operation at their site? Hence, are there not only 2 operations to be compensated?
- Access to the process and progress of the project paternalistic protectionism must give way to cooperative inclusion.

#### **4. Do you have any other advice for TRCA or Waterfront Toronto?**

- Make sure the Keating Channel water does not become stagnant by periodically flushing it.
- Form a committee of community reps to work with TRCA and Waterfront Toronto on political strategy and to form an effective lobby.
- Immediately write all Toronto, Federal and Municipal representatives to a thorough briefing on Keating Precinct and Lower Don.
- You assert that you will use debris to create habitat. Where will it be used? I doubt that you can insert it into the river bed or low flow bank due to probable erosion at high flow event.
- Your adaptation of the AGM chart from the NCS manual is not bad. Where you inserted the word "adapt" at the bottom of the circle, is, I'm not sure, consistent with the vision of the Guidance Document.
- Would linking this project together with the Don and Central Waterfront Water Quality Project provide a beneficial approach for getting Federal and Provincial funding for both projects and to delist the ACC?
- Remember to bring forward what natural and analogies. There may be a around the Great Lakes to validate the concept design. You can believe models all you want, but analogies provide additional evidence.
- Recreational seasonal access.
- Natural curling ice for community events. A venue for a grand match.