

# Notice of Commencement and Consultation Event

## Public Work Class Environmental Assessment

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### Ontario Place Redevelopment Project

955 Lakeshore Blvd. West, Toronto

#### About the Project

Over the next several years, Ontario Place will once again become a centerpiece of the province's recreation, tourism, and culture sectors. A redeveloped Ontario Place will provide an accessible and inclusive experience for all Ontarians that reflects the diversity of the province and celebrates the legacy of its waterfront location.

The redevelopment of Ontario Place will result in a mix of uses, including accessible programming and activities that will appeal to visitors of all ages. These experiences will be available across the site, united by a new public realm design and site improvements.

The government of Ontario's vision includes the integration of both public sector investment (government-led) and private-sector development (tenant-led) that will result in a renewed and modernized site. For more information about the Government of Ontario's vision and the development partners, please visit [Ontario.ca/Ontarioplace](http://Ontario.ca/Ontarioplace).

#### Undertaking

The government of Ontario will be undertaking the following activities:

- 1) Site preparations
- 2) Site development

Site preparations will be occurring across the entirety of Ontario Place with the exception of Trillium Park and trail. Development work led by the private sector will occur on tenanted lands while the government-led development activities are limited to areas outside of those tenanted boundaries.

The key types of activities included in the government-led scope of work include:

- Planning approvals and realty activities
- Building decommissioning and removal
- Grading and landscaping
- Development of parks, trails and open spaces
- Shoreline repairs and flood mitigation
- Site access and parking
- Incorporation of science-based learning programs
- Construction of new buildings and supporting site infrastructure.



#### Class Environmental Assessment

The *Environmental Assessment Act* (EA Act) applies to the government-led activities on site. These will be assessed using the Ministry of Infrastructure Public Work Class Environmental Assessment (PW Class EA) as a Category C undertaking. Private sector led developments are not subject to the *EA Act*, but are subject to *Planning Act* requirements.

A Class Environmental Assessment (EA) is a study that examines the potential environmental effects (positive and negative) of a proposed project and identifies ways to manage negative environmental effects before project implementation. A key component of the Class EA process includes consultation, which provides opportunities for members of the public to contribute to and influence decisions relating to the project.

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The Class EA is expected to take two years and consultation events will be held at key points in the process to provide opportunities for Indigenous communities, stakeholders and the public to review information and discuss the project with project representatives.

### Public Consultation Opportunities

A dedicated project website ([EngageOntarioPlace.ca](http://EngageOntarioPlace.ca)) has been launched to provide regular updates and information on consultation opportunities that will be offered over the course of the project.

The first opportunity for public input is through a virtual public engagement room, which will be launched on [EngageOntarioPlace.ca](http://EngageOntarioPlace.ca) in early April 2022. This virtual room will provide the public with access to information about the project, the EA process and the existing conditions on site. Opportunities for comment and feedback will be provided.

Additionally, a live, online public realm visioning workshop is planned for April 12, 2022 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., during which the design team will facilitate a discussion around public realm design at Ontario Place. You can go to [EngageOntarioPlace.ca](http://EngageOntarioPlace.ca) to register.

### For Further Information

If you have any questions or comments regarding this Class EA, are seeking further information, or would like to be added to the project contact list, please notify the following project contact:

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