

id8 Downsview

Round 3 Virtual Townhall 1

Answers to Questions from the Chat

(not verbally answered at the meeting)

Thursday, July 8, 2021, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

The chat function was used as a secondary option for those more comfortable sharing written feedback/questions with Northcrest and Canada Lands. The facilitation team monitored the chat during the meeting and verbally integrated highlights of feedback into the larger plenary discussion for all (including those on the phone) to hear. The integrated feedback and some of the questions that were covered during the plenary are included in the main summary. This document includes all the questions from the meeting chat that were not verbally answered during the meeting and provides answers from the id8 Downsview project team, *captured below in italics*. A recording of the townhall is available on the project website at www.id8downsview.ca

General

- **What is the area of the entire site?**

The id8 process is focused on roughly 520 acres of land adjacent to Downsview Park.

- **Downsview Park and surrounding area is some of the highest ground in Toronto, with great 360-degree views... has this unique feature been considered in development plans? (e.g., rooftop public viewing areas)**

Yes, we see the height as a unique feature and are incorporating this into our plans.

- **What about parking?**

There will certainly be parking included in the future plans for these lands. The details of the amount and locations of future parking will be part of the planning process.

Community services, facilities, and amenities

- **What about a big pool, like Sunnyside has/had?**

We will consider this suggestion. Thank you.

- **Maybe a seasonal rink?**

We will consider this suggestion. Thank you.

- **What about the developers, could they donate a centre?**

Canada Lands is working to provide the land for the new centre at the corner of Keele and Sheppard, and both Canada Lands and Northcrest are our supportive of seeing the community centre being realized sooner rather later working with the City. In time, Canada Lands and Northcrest will contribute to other new community facilities as determined by the City, working with the community to plan neighbourhoods over time.

Built form and range of housing

- **Are there considerations for retirees or areas for assisted living occupants which is a challenge for the city?**

A full spectrum of housing is anticipated including housing for seniors.

- **Any single-family homes contemplated? Are there any triplex or duplex style gentle density homes being contemplated as well?**

The majority of housing is expected to be in mid-rise forms up to 14 storeys, with taller buildings near transit or other strategic locations. Single-family homes are not expected here, but appropriate transition will be provided to adjacent neighbourhoods. Details of built form is expected to be explored through District Plans.

- **Will there be accessible housing and if so, what is the percentage?**

Yes. Accessible units are required by the Ontario Building Code. Details on specific percentages will be explored through the planning process.

Sustainability

- **How will the proposals address environmental concerns? Will provisions be included for onsite storm water management? I didn't notice any storm water retention ponds in the plans and illustrations.**

We are planning for development that integrates the water cycle into everyday life. This project will set a new standard for urban development by integrating urban and natural systems in a concept we call City Nature that will include innovative stormwater management. The details of this system will form the basis for reports, which will be submitted to City staff for their review as part of our application process.

Other

- **Any update on the developer who wants to make a Greenwich Village on the base?**

Canada Lands is not aware of this idea.

- **Is there any plan for increased walking/bicycle police patrol?**

It will be Toronto Police Services' decision on how best to deploy police officers in new neighbourhoods. That said, we will apply best practices in building for community safety and are happy to speak with TPS if they have any questions.

- **What about a Canadian Forces/Aero Museum?**

Thank you for the suggestion.

Process

- **Are individuals from communities not welcome to apply at this juncture [Community Resource Group]?**

We have updated the criteria for the Community Resource Group and individuals were welcome to apply.

- **How then was today's Townhall meeting link mailed to us residents only recd. today?!!!**

Canada Post has experienced a number of delays due to COVID-19. It had been estimated that notices would have been received much earlier. Any participants who missed the Town Hall meetings were still able to provide comments through mail, email, voicemail, our online mapping tool, or social media.