

## Province Moving Ahead with New Park at Ontario Place

*Designer Selected to Develop Plans for New Multi-Purpose Space on Toronto Waterfront*

### NEWS

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Ontario is partnering with an award-winning design team to plan a new, flexible and vibrant green space on Toronto's waterfront at Ontario Place, creating a year-round destination for everyone to enjoy.

Daiene Vernile, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport, was at Ontario Place today to announce that DTAH will lead the design work for a new multi-purpose park, known as the Celebration Common.

The new park, roughly the size of 14 football fields, would be Toronto's newest waterfront destination and would be used for open-air cultural activities, festivals, community events and recreation on the East Island of Ontario Place.

This marks the next step in the transformation of Ontario Place into a year-round public destination and follows on a number of milestones that include the opening of the Trillium Park and William G. Davis Trail, free summer weekend festivals and the reopening of the Cinesphere. Public programming continues with Winter at Ontario Place until March 18 and features activities for the whole family including:

- IMAX movies at the historic [Cinesphere](#), which will include a selection of the Best of Hollywood 2017 films such as Lady Bird, Dunkirk and Get Out. Beauty and the Beast will also be screened daily on Family Day weekend.
- Skating on an outdoor synthetic skating rink and experiencing the magic of illuminated light exhibits.
- Exploring the [Trillium Park and William G. Davis Trail](#) with accessible and cleared paths.

Ontario's plan to create fairness and opportunity during this period of rapid economic change includes a higher minimum wage and better working conditions, free tuition for hundreds of thousands of students, easier access to affordable child care, and free prescription drugs for everyone under 25 through the biggest expansion of medicare in a generation.

### QUOTES

"The experience and innovation that DTAH are known for will help us make the Celebration Common at Ontario Place an incredible destination. This new park would be everyone's backyard and an ideal place for cultural events, recreational activities and enjoyment of Toronto's spectacular waterfront. The launch of the Celebration Common design process marks yet another milestone in our progress toward transforming Ontario Place into a year-round destination for everyone's enjoyment."

— Daiene Vernile, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport

"This next phase of transformation is a very positive step and builds on the exciting year we have had at Ontario Place. We encourage people to continue to visit Ontario Place while revitalization progresses, to enjoy our festivals, activities and movies or simply to experience the beautiful waterfront setting."

— Penny Lipsett, Chair of the Board, Ontario Place Corporation

#### **QUICK FACTS**

- DTAH is an award-winning design firm that has worked on other waterfront projects including the revitalization of Queens Quay and the Central Toronto Waterfront.
- Ontario Place's Cinesphere reopened to the public in November 2017 with regular, year-round IMAX screenings.
- The [Trillium Park and William G. Davis Trail](#) is now open and welcoming people back to a spectacular piece of Toronto's waterfront for the first time in over forty years.

#### **LEARN MORE**

- [Cinesphere screenings and tickets](#)
- [Trillium Park and William G. Davis Trail](#)
- [Transforming Ontario Place](#)
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