

Town of Port Credit Association (TOPCA)
Ramping-Up the Port Credit Vision
COMMUNITY PANEL DISCUSSION
CLARKE HALL: Tuesday, March 22, 2011

Introductory Remarks by Jim Danahy, TOPCA Co-President

On behalf of the Town of Port Credit Association, welcome neighbours and guests! My name is Jim Danahy and I'm a volunteer member of TOPCA and will be your host this evening.

We want to thank our local Starbucks for donating this evening's coffee and our friends, the members of the Port Credit BIA and Marish's Boulangerie for contributing to the delicious nibbles and other refreshments you are enjoying. This is a relaxed community conversation so PLEASE feel free to get up throughout the evening to refill your drink or grab something to eat.

As our flyer says, ALL are welcome. You don't need to be a TOPCA member to join our community conversations, although new members and donations are always welcome. You can join or renew your membership here tonight for the princely annual dues of \$5 and now you can join and make secure donations on-line to support the work of the association at www.TOPCA.net

RAMPING-UP THE PORT CREDIT VISION – Well once again, tonight we have invited eminent thinkers and professionals to challenge us and bring ideas and examples from outside our community. We want to know what's working elsewhere – not so much to change our newly formed vision, but to help us achieve it. To share and compare ever-improving best practices from other communities and jurisdictions.

- How do we breathe life into the Port Credit vision that so many people have worked so hard to create over the past five years in dozens of public meetings, hundreds of kitchen meetings, deputations and presentations with city staff and politicians, hours of thoughtful research, thousands of phone calls and emails?
- We now have a Directions Report that describes in granular detail and pictures, the urban village that we said we want to nurture and grow over the next few decades.
- And we are awaiting new city policies to ATTRACT the right kind of infill development and to PROTECT us from the wrong kind.
- What VISION TESTS are needed to do these things?
- How should citizens be active participants to ramp up the Port Credit vision?
- In addition to intelligent infill development, how do we absorb and assimilate our large Esso and Marina brownfields into the village plan...rather than being overwhelmed by them? We have dreamed of many future uses for those properties – now how do we engage with the property owners to make progress, as other communities such as Lakeview have started to do?

Our agenda is comprised of two parts and three speakers...

Innovation Minister Glen Murray will bring his unique global perspective to our topic and then we can ask questions & have a brief conversation with him.

In the second part of the evening, Bob Howald of Canada Lands Company, owners of the Marina Lands, and Ed Charlton of Imperial Oil will discuss how brownfields in particular can be successfully assimilated into local communities.

After both Bob and Ed speak, we encourage you to ask questions and share your observations about what is said tonight. We will also invite the Mayor to sum up her thoughts on the conversation. Finally your TOPCA Executive will be on hand afterward to listen to your thoughts on this or other topics of community interest.

As we always do, let's treat our guests as guests and each other as respected neighbours.