



# Report on Activities



**National Capital Commission Board of Directors**

**Public Meeting  
January 20, 2015**

***The National Capital Commission will focus its activities on five priorities within the strategic directions set by its Board of Directors in fall 2013:***

- This month marks the 100th anniversary of the unveiling of the Holt Report, undertaken by the Federal Plan Commission, a precursor to the NCC. During the First World War, the Government of Robert Borden appointed Herbert S. Holt to chair the Commission and to produce the first truly comprehensive planning statement on the future development of the Capital.

**I) Make LeBreton Flats a world-class destination.**

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***i. Long term re-development***

- January 7<sup>th</sup> the request for qualifications closed.
- The NCC received 5 proposals.
- An evaluation committee composed of NCC staff and two external members – Jack Diamond and Mark Conway – are reviewing the submissions and will prequalify up to 5 proponents to go to the second phase of the competition, the request for proposals. The aim is to announce the proponents who qualify for this second phase in March 2015.

## **ii. *Interim Improvements***

- The fill and grading contract was completed before winter.
- The NCC has also been conducting consultations with Algonquin First Nations, the City of Ottawa and the Department of Canadian Heritage in order to finalize the design for the interim park on the south east quadrant of the Booth/Parkway intersection.
- The final design, which is a landform concept, will come to the Board in April and our intention will be to commence the work this spring.

## **II) Offer public access and new connections for Canadians to discover the shorelines.**

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### **i. *Shorelines initiatives***

- We have been reviewing 40 proposals received last winter to animate the Ottawa River shorelines. Out of these, 10 potential projects have been selected for further analysis.
- Last summer, 3 projects were implemented along the Ottawa River and all 3 have informed us of their interest in returning this summer.

### **III) Complete the Capital Urban Lands Master Plan and the National Interest Land Mass Update.**

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#### ***i. Capital Urban Lands Master Plan and NILM Update***

- The result of all this work will be brought back to the Board in the spring to be finalized.
- The Capital Urban Lands Master Plan will take its final form, ready for approval, in April or in June at the latest.

#### ***ii. Sir John A. Macdonald Linear Park***

- The Sir John A. Macdonald linear park is a potential future project that was initiated this past year through public consultations and through internal work.
- On our website is the report on the public consultation that we held on May 27, 2014.
- Recently a group of Queen's master's students made it a term project and they submitted their final report to the NCC and it has been posted on Queen's website.

#### ***iii. Ottawa River North Shore Plan***

- The Ottawa River North Shore Plan is a project envisioning a linear park experience from Lac Leamy through to the Université du Québec en Outaouais (UQO).



- The first public consultation was held on November 25, 2014.

## **IV) Support the establishment of national commemorations.**

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### ***i. National Holocaust Monument***

- The National Holocaust Monument has had its final design approved.
- The tender package will be issued to prequalified contractors for tendering in late January. Tenders are expected to close in mid-March and work will begin in the spring to create this magnificent monument.
- Daniel Libeskind, the architect for the National Holocaust Monument, will be in Ottawa on January 26<sup>th</sup> at the National Gallery. The NCC will be hosting him, in partnership with Carleton University, to talk about the monument and current projects.

### ***iv. Initiatives for 2017 Celebrations – Capital Illumination Plan and Confederation Pavilions***

- We're continuing to develop our Capital Illumination Plan. Very soon, we will be issuing a request for proposals to hire a lighting design consultant to work with us on this plan.
- There could be Confederation Pavilions which would animate the Capital through the summer of 2017. Looking at the feasibility of using some of the NCC's available assets to host these activities.

## **V) Be a value-added partner in Canada's Capital Region.**

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### ***i. Working with the municipalities in 2014***

- With the city of Gatineau, we worked to rehabilitate Jacques-Cartier Street by contributing land and \$10 million.
- With the City of Ottawa, likewise, 2014 was a tremendous year. We worked together closely to solve a whole series of transit-related issues, including temporary bus detours on Colonel By Drive and Scott Street, and on resolving all the issues around transportation for the successful launch of Lansdowne. We also worked closely on the Sussex North rehabilitation project and the replacement of the building at 7 Clarence in the Byward Market.
- One area the NCC is still working on is the routing of the Western LRT system with the City of Ottawa.

### ***ii. 7 Clarence***

- On January 14, we met for the fourth time with the community of residents and businesses at Tin House Court to discuss the replacement building at 7 Clarence.
- As part of the Confederation Pavillions program for 2017, the new 7 Clarence building will be offered to foreign missions to present exhibitions or activities highlighting their bilateral relations with Canada.

**iii. Ongoing collaboration with the Municipality of Pontiac**

- We are very pleased with our ongoing collaboration with Pontiac. Everything from looking at new ways our assets can be used to promote more visitation, safety, ecological understanding, and protection of the Park in a mutually beneficial way.

**iv. Pinhey Sand Dunes poster contest**

- The NCC hosted a Sand Dunes poster contest ceremony, in partnership with Biodiversity Conservancy International on December 1, 2014. You can view the three winning posters on the NCC website.

**v. Capital Urbanism Lab update**

- You can check the calendar of events on our website.

**vi. Clegg Street crossing consultation**

- Consultations were held in partnership with the City of Ottawa regarding the Clegg Street crossing.
- This intersection, which will be built next year, will be very useful.

**vii. Emerald Ash Borer update**

- We have now completed 70% of the anticipated tree removals for this year, with work being undertaken throughout the winter to remove the remaining 30%.
- Our maintenance program will continue next year and include preventative treatments and tree replanting.

**viii. Canadian Capital Cities Organization**

- Next week we will be hosting the CCCO for their annual business meeting.

**ix. Other activities since the last Board meeting**

- To adopt automated parking for universal accessibility.
- We've taken the former Watts Creek Sewage Treatment Plan and stabilized it to address safety concerns.
- The ski and snowshoeing programs in GP continue to rise.
- The CPAC feature *Rideau Hall: Inside Canada's House*. NCC staff was very happy to support the Office of the Secretary General and CPAC in producing that feature, which aired at the end of November and is available on their website.

**x. Rideau Canal Skateway**

- 45<sup>th</sup> season of the Rideau Canal Skateway on Saturday January 10<sup>th</sup> with Minister Baird.
- The Skateway season coincided with the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Sir John A. Macdonald.



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# Five Priorities

- I. Make LeBreton Flats a world-class destination
- II. Offer public access and new connections for Canadians to discover the shorelines
- III. Complete the Capital Urban Lands Master Plan and the National Interest Land Mass Update
- IV. Support the establishment of national commemorations
- V. Be a value-added partner in Canada's Capital Region



# LeBreton Flats – A World-Class Destination

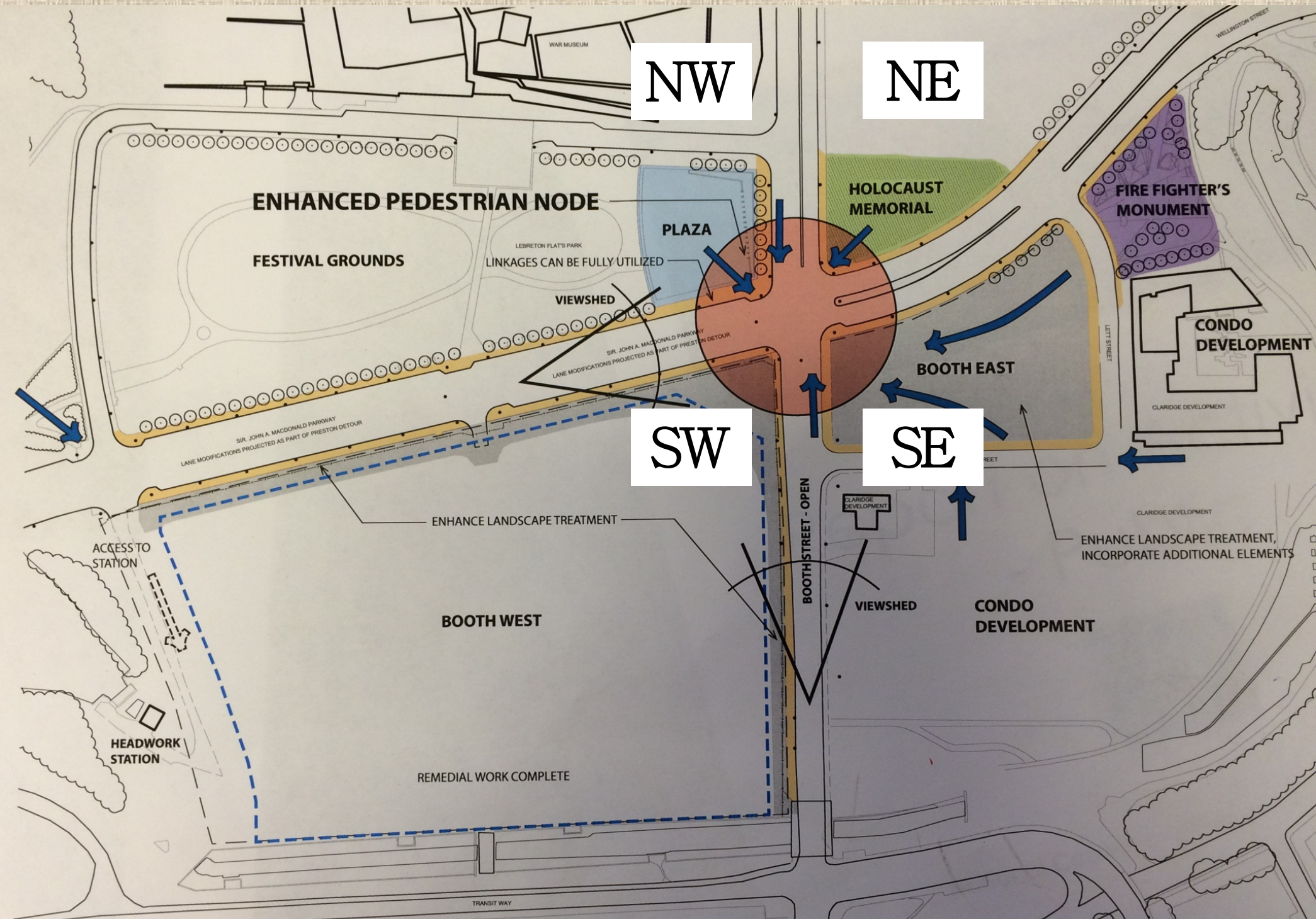
Long Term  
Re-Development





# LeBreton Flats – A World-Class Destination

## Interim Improvements





# Discover the Shorelines

## Shorelines Initiatives





# Capital Urban Lands Master Plan and National Interest Land Mass

Sir John A.  
Macdonald  
Linear Park

Ottawa River  
North Shore  
Plan





# Support National Commemorations

## National Holocaust Monument





# Support National Commemorations

Initiatives for  
2017  
Celebrations –  
Capital  
Illumination Plan  
and  
Confederation  
Pavilions





# Value-Added Partner

Working with  
the  
Municipalities  
in 2014





# Value-Added Partner

7 Clarence





# Value-Added Partner

Ongoing  
Collaboration with  
the Municipality of  
Pontiac

Pinhey Sand  
Dunes Poster  
Contest

Urbanism Lab  
Update





# Value-Added Partner

Clegg Street  
crossing  
consultation

Emerald Ash  
Borer update

Canadian  
Capital Cities  
Organization



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# Value-Added Partner

Other Activities  
since the last  
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## Rideau Canal Skateway Opening





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