

David Leinster

### **1. Qualifications**

David Leinster, BLA (Bachelor of Landscape Architecture) University of Toronto, 1985, Fellow of the Canadian Society of Landscape Architects and Member of the Ontario Association of Landscape Architects – Mr Leinster has been working as a Landscape Architect since 1985. He is a partner at the Planning Partnership. He specializes in the preparation of plans of public open spaces on behalf of government and private sector clients. M. Leinster has previous experience working in the City of Toronto on the following projects:

- The King Spadina Secondary Plan and Urban Design Guidelines;
- The Regent Park Revitalization Project;
- Victoria Memorial Park Revitalization Plan;
- The Brick Works Management Plan;
- The High Park South East Quadrant Revitalization Plan;
- The Wychwood Car Barns Park and Artscape Project;
- Commissioners Park Master Plan (Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Corporation, City of Toronto);
- Don River Park (Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Corporation, City of Toronto, Toronto Region Conservation Authority);
- City Place Park (Concord Adex, City of Toronto).

### **2. Outline of Evidence**

Mr Leinster's evidence will be based upon factual evidence and professional opinion. It will include:

- Comparison of similar projects involving public open space design and implementation;
- Comparison of projects involving areas with public open space deficiencies and compensation strategies.

### **3. Nature of The Application before the Board**

It is Mr. Leinster's understanding that the hearing will deal with the quantity and quality of the public open spaces including parks, streetscapes and public and publicly accessible private open spaces provided in and associated with the development proposals for the West Queen West Triangle Area (WQWT). The nature of the evidence provided by Mr Leinster will focus on providing comparisons in other areas that illustrate how parkland dedication deficiencies should be compensated. It is the intention of Mr Leinster to provide facts and evidence to form a professional opinion on the level of compensation and on how it is applied.

1. Recent large scale redevelopment areas in downtown Toronto that are comparable to the WQWT Area are King Spadina, the Centre for Mental Health, West Donlands, and the Railway Lands West.

- Designing and implementing the system of publicly accessible pathways and landscaped open spaces on privately owned lands to a standard meets the expectations of the City, with upgraded paving, pedestrian lights, street furniture, public art, and gardens.
5. My opinion is that if this strategy is properly funded and a higher standard applied for the public and publicly accessible open spaces, inadequate amount of park space in the area would be adequately compensated for.