



Ad-Hoc Grand Trunk Renewal Committee

Working Group:	Working Group Co-Ordinator Ray Harsant's Report
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This report is for information only.

1. Overview since our last meeting – and Overview of the Coming Month!

I have attended the Working Group Chairs' meeting, participating in discussions regarding thoughts and in some cases, concerns about certain elements.

One important discussion point is the stressing that the Vision Statement must be seen as something which will evolve – change – as more work is done over the coming few months which will allow us to more fully plan what the community really wants to see these 18 acres become.

A concern is the discovery that only a *partial site* "Record of Site Report with Required Remedial Actions" has been undertaken.

Environmental/soil contamination is quite common with municipal brown site redevelopment initiatives. Discussion around this discovery of the very limited inspection having been done, can result in any related concerns being identified, addressed and resolved such that this does not become a significant stumbling block to the properties short-to-midterm development.

2. Working Groups

I continue to think that the current mandate of The Partnership WG, as defined by the Co-Chairs, limits the potential benefit this committee could have to the entire renewal of the Grand Trunk property.

I will continue to have discussions with the Co-Chairs about this with the intent to broaden their currently defined mandate and have the two Ad Hoc members assigned to be part of this group, involved in the fulfilling of this mandate.

Referencing my August 24th report, if these discussions do not proceed over the coming month, I will consider requesting that the Ad Hoc Cttee has an open and transparent discussion about the functioning and mandate of this Working Group with the intent to recommend steps for going forward.

3. Questionnaire

As per the Chair's direction at the last meeting, I have begun to draft the "How are we doing" questionnaire for Emily Robson and Dan Mathieson's review and then forwarding to the Committee members (including staff), for their completion and return for analysis.

4. Coordinator Role

In addition to being available to provide Working Co-ordinator support to the groups I am assigned to; I will continue to be available to staff and others as a resource.