About the Urban Land Institute

**ULI Mission**: to provide leadership in the responsible use of land and in creating and sustaining thriving communities worldwide

- A multi-disciplinary membership organization with more than 45,000 members in private enterprise and public service

- **What the Urban Land Institute does:**
  - Conducts Research
  - Provides a forum for sharing of **best practices**
  - Writes, edits, and publishes **books** and **magazines**
  - Organizes and conducts **meetings**
  - Directs outreach programs
  - Conducts **Advisory Service Panels**
ADVISORY SERVICE PANELS

Since 1947, ULI’s Advisory Services Program have helped more than 700 communities find independent, strategic, and practical solutions for the most challenging land use issues.
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How can the City best leverage the Riverwalk project to maximize its Downtown revitalization efforts?

- The Riverwalk Project can't be the sole economic generator
  - **This is a long-term capacity and confidence building project** that can spur future development
  - What does this project underscore about your identity?
    - Community engagement is crucial

- Take a step back:
  - Community engagement
    - Ownership, accessibility, responsibility
  - Visioning process
    - The market will change, but the vision should remain consistent
  - **Brampton has its own identity, separate from Toronto** – involve people in helping to create that
    - This is an **identity project – what is Brampton’s identity?**
  - Understand what you have, build on those strengths
    - Existing demographics
    - Building/economic landscape
    - Development sites
    - Long-range objectives
What are the **approaches and tools** you recommend the City use to stimulate development and governance in this area?

- How do the pieces fit together?
  - Coherent **phasing plan** for the entire undertaking
  - Coherent **long-term stakeholder engagement framework and strategy**
    - Leverages planning process to build capacity
    - The broader community needs to see themselves in this project

- **Create a culture of stewardship**
  - Economic development = civic leadership, business community
  - **Project champion**
    - Economic development + civic engagement
    - Conservancy-like approach to ensure a variety of perspectives

- **Tools**
  - **Land value capture**
  - Infrastructure to support development
    - Redevelopment authority, land banking
  - Development / investment incentives
    - Detroit has examples
    - Incorporate social equity – build for what your community is

- Explore funding opportunities linked to COVID-19 and public space
What is the resilience, programming, or placemaking features you recommend to the City?

- Start now!
  - Sense of place
  - For the full community
  - Embrace your individuality

- Parks & activity
  - Parks and community need permeability, fluid boundaries
  - Think about routes and networks that bring you to the river

- Governance
  - Management
  - Programming – start now
    - Develop strategic partnerships
Thank you!

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