



Southern Ontario Dinner Meeting – GTA

Who: Steve Desrocher

When: Thurs. Nov. 29th, 2007

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Talk to begin ~ 6:15, but join us early to
munch and mingle.

Where: The Keating Channel Pub & Grill
2 Villiers Street (Cherry St. and Lakeshore
East, south of the Gardiner Expressway)

Cost: \$1 members ; \$3 non-members

Steve Desrocher, Environmental Specialist, Ontario Realty
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***“On-going Risk Assessment-Driven Development
of the Don Lands on the Toronto Waterfront”***

Join us for an engaging talk, good eats, and fine brew!

R. S. V.P. by November 26th to Cecilia Tolley:

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Abstract

The West Don Lands is an 80-acre (32 hectare) parcel of land owned by the Government of Ontario, which slated to become Toronto's first new waterfront neighbourhood. When complete, the West Don Lands will house 6,000 new residential units, parks and public spaces including the 19-acre (eight hectare) Don River Park, a new transit line, an elementary school and other amenities. This revitalization will create a vibrant, sustainable community with links to the adjacent Distillery District and the downtown core.

However, revitalizing the West Don Lands first requires dealing with the environmental legacy of over a century of industrial development. Previous attempts to revitalize these lands in the 1980s were hampered by the high cost of the remediation and the management options available under the 1989 Ministry of the Environment (MOE) Decommissioning Guideline. Efforts to revitalize the West Don Lands have been renewed through the use of risk assessment. A need to accelerate the risk assessment in advance of the West Don Lands precinct planning process has required the use of an "area-wide" risk assessment approach that does not tie specific exposure scenarios to specific land parcels within the West Don Lands.

This presentation will discuss how the West Don Lands' industrial history has shaped its current environmental status, and explain the challenges and benefits of the area-wide risk assessment approach.

Condensed Speaker Biography

Steve Desrocher is an Environmental Specialist with the Ontario Realty Corporation (ORC) Professional Services Division. Mr. Desrocher is responsible for managing environmental due diligence programs on lands within the government-owned portfolio managed by the ORC. His duties include technical review of environmental site investigation and remediation programs, implementation and monitoring of the ORC brownfields program, and conducting the ORC Class Environmental Assessment process for undertakings related to property disposition and/or redevelopment. Mr. Desrocher's specific projects include technical oversight of the environmental investigation, risk assessment and remediation program within the West Don Lands area of Toronto. Prior to joining the ORC in 2006, Mr. Desrocher spent several years with Golder Associates in the United States and Canada as an environmental scientist and senior project manager on a variety of assignments.

Mr. Desrocher holds a Masters' (Sc.) degree in Geology and Geochemistry from the University of Calgary, a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Geosciences from the University of Toronto and is a member of the Association of Professional Geoscientists of Ontario.