

## ***What should happen to the public lands on the Berm in Port Stanley?***

### ***What and where is the “Berm”?***

In 2010, as part of the Federal Port Divestiture process, the federal government transferred ownership of land on both sides of the harbour in Port Stanley to the Municipality of Central Elgin. Approximately twenty three acres of this land is on the east side of the harbour and is referred to as the “Berm”. This land is mostly dredged material from the harbour.

### ***What should this public land become?***

Public land for public use would retain most of the Berm for activities such as: walking, biking and skating trails, a beach area, washrooms, water activities such as kayaking and canoeing, multi-use sports courts, picnic areas, a marina, an event area, splash pads, a playground, or viewing lookouts. Some commercial or residential activity along the east harbour might complete the Berm uses.



2009 Divestiture Plan



2018 Dillon Plan presented to  
CE's Council June 25.

Goderich, Barrie, Windsor, Sarnia, Burlington, Hamilton, Cobourg and Orillia, amongst several other Ontario communities, have planned, and are already implementing, the use of much of their public waterfront land for public use. Go to their websites for more information.

Or ... as Dillon Consulting presented to CE Council on June 25, 2018, most of the Berm could be sold to developers for residential sites including 3 or 4 story condos, 4-6 story apartment buildings, and commercial use with a public peripheral walkway. The majority of this land that the people of Central Elgin now own would be sold for more development in the heart of Port Stanley.

***What will happen?***

The Council of Central Elgin will decide if the majority of the public Berm lands are retained as public land for public use, or sold for private land and private use. There will be a public meeting for input, hopefully, after the election on Oct. 22.

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