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Former Government site to house multi-use space on Toronto's waterfront

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The revitalization of the waterfront site that formerly housed the Government nightclub will include a combination of residential, cultural, retail, academic and office space.

At a news conference on Thursday morning, Tom Dutton, senior vice-president with developer Daniels Corp., said it is “one of the first private sector developments at Toronto’s East Bayfront” at a projected cost of \$700 million.

The new community, Daniels Waterfront: City of the Arts, will be “connected to the past and to the future, as well as both the lake and the city,” Dutton said.

“This will soon become a destination that will enhance Toronto’s destination as an internationally recognized city of arts, culture and innovation,” he said.

Dutton said the new site will take revitalization of the eastern waterfront to the next level by adding about 400,000 square metres of space for people to “live, work, learn, play and create.”

Mayor John Tory, who also spoke at the event, said City of the Arts is an example of the mixing of creative arts, development, education and other components, all in one place.

He said this will send a message to the rest of the world about what Toronto is.

“Toronto gets the fact that education is related to the arts, which is related to business and innovation,” he said.

“It all fits together in packaging a city that is special.”



The plans also include 200,000 square metres of residential space with more than 900 suites and two residential towers, including a 48-storey building called the Lighthouse Tower.

Dutton said residents will receive an exclusive package which will “tie them to the arts across the city.”

City of the Arts will also include commercial office space, and Daniels itself will be moving there in the spring of 2018.

Taylor Klein Oballa, one of Canada’s leading entertainment law firms, will be relocating to the new site, along with non-profit organizations The Remix Project and Artscape.

The site will also be home to post-secondary academic space. Daniels is working with George Brown College and OCAD University, which are collaborating on new programs and an innovation centre.

Giannone Petricone Associates will be designing the residential towers and academic component, while the office and retail elements will be designed by RAW Design.