

Message from TPLC President



As the days get shorter and the leaves change from green to gorgeous reds, oranges and browns, it seems like a fitting time to reflect upon days gone by. I'm pleased to say that 2015 was a great year for the TPLC and our many tenants. Between welcoming new tenants and project managing the transition of existing partners, it has been a very busy time in the Port Lands. The statistics also help to bear this out. TPLC undertook an employment survey this past July and August which counted a record 5,579 jobs in the Port Lands, and over 90 per cent of those were full time positions. Of those 5,579 jobs, 3,980 are directly tenants of TPLC.

And who can forget the excitement that was generated across Toronto by the Pan Am and Parapan Am Games? TPLC was a Proud Sponsor for the Games providing space to the TO2015 Committee for the use of parking their large vehicle fleet, storage, and on site operational services. A few lucky TPLC employees even served as torch-bearers. It was a wonderful experience that helped create a sense of community.

While some may lament the passing of that glorious summer, I believe in embracing every season. Even winter can be fun and enjoyable, when we are prepared for it. Of course a key element in surviving winter is salt. In this issue of the newsletter, we're going to take a closer look at three salt-of-the-Earth companies (pun intended) who help municipal governments cope with the Great Canadian Winter. Much like the Concrete Terminal and the Innovation and Creative Cluster, the Salt Terminal is a key sector in the Port Lands contributing to the safety of our roads and maintaining jobs in the area.

The arrival of winter and the incoming new year will bring a special anniversary for all of us in the Port Lands. As of 2016, the TPLC will officially become 30 years old. A great deal has changed since 1986 (we were known as TEDCO back then), and we proudly continue our mission of accelerating economic growth and job creating, developing underused properties and providing a financial dividend to the City of Toronto. 2016 should be another productive year for the Port Lands, and I hope you will help us celebrate this important milestone.

On behalf of all of us at TPLC we wish you and your families a wonderful holiday season and a prosperous 2017.

- Michael Kraljevic, TPLC President and CEO