

Hello, everyone.

I hope you have all had a good summer so far. I'm writing to you today with an update on the City Planning Division's ongoing work in the Yonge-Eglinton area and to alert you to a new resource City Planning is launching tomorrow for all things Yonge-Eglinton: [www.toronto.ca/planning/yongeeglington](http://www.toronto.ca/planning/yongeeglington).

### **1. Yonge-Eglinton Planning Portal**

This website is your portal to what's happening in the Yonge-Eglinton area. The website will be used to provide information for the current Growth, Built Form and Infrastructure Review the City Planning Division is undertaking while also serving as a one-stop shop for information on development proposals submitted in the area.

The website includes links to other recently completed initiatives and contact information for District planning staff and your local Councillors.

### **2. Yonge-Eglinton Growth, Built Form and Infrastructure Review**

Based on Council direction and the direction received at public meetings we held in the spring, staff have begun work on an inter-divisional review of growth, built form and infrastructure issues in the Yonge-Eglinton Secondary Plan area (Blythwood to the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Chaplin to Bayview).

In this review, we're addressing some of the big questions residents, Councillors and other stakeholders have asked: How has the community been changing given its recent growth? Where is future growth appropriate? What form should new development take to best fit with and enhance the area? What infrastructure upgrades are required to continue to sustain a high quality of life in Midtown?

Progress was made on addressing some of these issues with the recently completed Midtown in Focus and Eglinton Connects initiatives. The current review is anticipated to build on these successes with further efforts to build a more robust planning framework for the whole Yonge-Eglinton area. The following activities are key components to the review:

- A **Growth Analysis** which includes completing a demographic and economic profile of the area, undertaking an evaluation of growth trends and completing an analysis of potential near, medium and longer term growth estimates.
- A **Built Form Study** which will analyse built form character, trends and impacts and develop a built form vision to guide the area's evolution. In addition, a Cultural Heritage Resource Assessment is being undertaken which will identify properties of cultural heritage value or interest and outline recommendations for further study, conservation and listings and designations under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.
- An **Infrastructure Review** of the performance and capacity of key infrastructure (community services and facilities, transportation, water, wastewater and stormwater) and a gap analysis informed by the growth estimates to identify emerging infrastructure priorities.

Work is well underway on the review. Staff from several City divisions and agencies have come together over the summer to scope the review, coordinate related initiatives and compile background research. We are also retaining a series of consultant teams to assist with the review.

### **3. Your Participation**

We will be involving the Midtown Planning Group and broader public as part of the review at key stages in the process. Your input, much like with Midtown in Focus, will be critical to the success of this process. We will also be organizing in-community activities and other events at key stages of the review.

I will write again with more detailed information on these meetings and the work ahead. We're looking forward to seeing you soon. If you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me.

(For those who received this email and wish to be removed from the Yonge-Eglinton email list, please send me a short email indicating this.)

All the best,

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