

Clause embodied in Report No. 7 of the Toronto East York Community Council, as adopted by the Council of the City of Toronto at its meeting held on May 21, 22 and 23, 2002.

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**Kensington Market Community  
Improvement Project Area  
(Trinity-Spadina, Ward 20)**

*(City Council on May 21, 22 and 23, 2002, adopted this Clause, without amendment.)*

**The Toronto East York Community Council recommends the adoption of the following report (April 11, 2002) from the Director, Community Planning, South District:**

Purpose:

To recommend the adoption of a By-law to create a Kensington Market Community Improvement Project Area in preparation for Council's future consideration of a Kensington Market Community Improvement Plan.

Financial Implications and Impact Statement:

There are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that City Council:

- (1) adopt a By-law designating the lands bounded by College Street, Spadina Avenue, Dundas Street West and Bellevue Avenue as a Community Improvement Project Area substantially in accordance with the draft By-law attached as Attachment No. 2;
- (2) authorize the City Solicitor to make such stylistic and technical changes to the draft By-law as may be required; and
- (3) request the Commissioner of Urban Development Services, in consultation with appropriate City staff, to prepare a Community Improvement Plan for this Community Improvement Project Area.



### Background:

At its meeting on January 29, 2002, Toronto East York Community Council requested the Commissioner of Urban Development Services to prepare a Community Improvement Plan for Kensington Market.

Subsection 28(2) of the *Planning Act* provides that the Council of a municipality, which has provisions in its Official Plan relating to community improvement, may by by-law designate the whole or any part of an area covered by such an Official Plan as a Community Improvement Project Area. Once a project area is designated Council may provide for the preparation of a plan suitable for adoption as a Community Improvement Plan for the designated area. The plan would then permit Council to implement community initiatives designed to improve lands, buildings, infrastructure and public amenities.

### Comments:

In 1997 City Council approved the Kensington Market Action Plan, which provides a framework for the area's revitalization. The Plan's initiatives include infrastructure improvements, property maintenance and strategic marketing campaigns.

Since the Plan's adoption the Kensington Market Action Committee has carried out a number of revitalization initiatives. The City of Toronto, local property owners and businesses have participated in these initiatives.

A Community Improvement Plan could complement and facilitate the on-going efforts to revitalize Kensington Market.

The proposed Community Improvement Project Area has the same boundaries as the Kensington Market Action Plan area. These boundaries are Bellevue Avenue to the west, College Street to the north, Spadina Avenue to the east and Dundas Street West to the south (see Attachment No. 1). This area is within the City's Kensington Part II Plan.

The preparation of a Community Improvement Plan for this project area will enable staff from City Planning and Economic Development to examine incentives available through the *Planning Act* and the potential to continue the revitalization and rejuvenation of this important neighbourhood in Toronto's downtown.

### Conclusions:

It is recommended that City Council adopt a By-law designating the Kensington Market Community Improvement Project Area and that City Planning staff prepare a Community Improvement Plan in consultation with staff from the Economic Development Division and other City officials, local stakeholders and the public.

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Attachment 2

Draft By-law

Authority:

Enacted by Council:

CITY OF TORONTO

Bill No.

BY-LAW No. - 2002

To designate certain lands in the Kensington Area as a  
Community Improvement Project Area.

WHEREAS subsection 28(2) of the *Planning Act* provides that the council of a municipality which has an Official Plan containing provisions relating to community improvement may by by-law designate the whole or any part of an area covered by such an Official Plan as a Community Improvement Project Area;

AND WHEREAS the Official Plan of the former City of Toronto contains provisions relating to community improvement which cover lands outlined by heavy lines on Map 1 attached to and forming part of this By-law;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the City of Toronto has authorized the designation of certain lands hereinafter described as a Community Improvement Project Area which is to be known as the Kensington Market Community Improvement Project Area;

The Council of the City of Toronto HEREBY ENACTS as follows:

1. The area outlined by heavy lines shown on Map 1 attached to and forming part of this By-law is designated as a Community Improvement Project Area within the meaning of section 28 of the *Planning Act*.

ENACTED AND PASSED this \_\_\_\_ day of June, A.D. 2002.

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Mayor

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City Clerk

(Attachment referred to in the foregoing report were forwarded to all Members of the Toronto East York Community Council with the agenda for its meeting on May 7, 2002, and copies are on file in the office of the City Clerk.)

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The Toronto East York Community Council reports, for the information of Council, having also had before it during consideration of the foregoing matter, the following communication, and a copy is on file in the office of the City Clerk.

- (April 24, 2002) from Zenon Mandziuk, in favour of traffic calming and pedestrian safety measures

Danny Zimmerman appeared before the Toronto East York Community Council in support of the By-law.