

## **Business Improvement Areas Boundary Amendments**

**Date:** May 21, 2020

**To:** Economic and Community Development Committee

**From:** General Manager, Economic Development and Culture

**Wards:** Wards 4, 10, 13, 14, 16, 21, 22

### **SUMMARY**

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The purpose of this report is to recommend technical amendments to the boundaries of the Kennedy Road, Parkdale Village, Riverside District, and Wexford Heights Business Improvement Areas (BIAs) to harmonize BIA boundaries with new ward boundaries.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The General Manager, Economic Development and Culture, recommends that:

1. City Council designate the areas described in Attachment 1 as the amended Kennedy Road, Parkdale Village, Riverside District, and Wexford Heights Business Improvement Areas under Chapter 19 of the City of Toronto Municipal Code.
2. City Council direct the City Solicitor to submit a by-law to designate the areas described in Attachment 1 as amended Business Improvement Areas in accordance with Chapter 19 of the City of Toronto Municipal Code.
3. City Council amend Schedule A of the Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 19, Business Improvement Areas, to reflect the amended boundaries of the Kennedy Road, Parkdale Village, Riverside District, and Wexford Heights Business Improvement Areas.
4. City Council direct the Chief Technology Officer to prepare designation by-law maps of the areas as described by Attachment 1, and submit them to the City Solicitor.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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The proposed amendments will not impact BIA budgets since there are no commercially assessed properties in the areas of the Kennedy Road, Parkdale Village, Riverside District, and Wexford Heights BIAs proposed for removal.

The Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

## **DECISION HISTORY**

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The Province of Ontario's Better Local Government Act, 2018, reduced the number of Toronto's municipal wards and Councillors to 25 from 44. City Council, at its meeting in December 2018 recalibrated the Governance System for 26 Members.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2019.CC1.1>

## **COMMENTS**

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Prior to the City of Toronto ward boundary changes in 2018, Councillors were appointed to BIA Boards of Directors through the Striking Committee. After the City ward boundary changes, Councillors were appointed to BIA Boards within their wards by right of office. This resulted in several Councillors being appointed to Boards for BIAs that only had a very small portion of land and no commercially-assessed properties within their ward boundaries.

This report recommends minor BIA boundary adjustments for the Kennedy Road, Parkdale Village, Riverside District, and Wexford Heights BIAs, to harmonize the BIA boundaries with the new ward boundaries. The proposed adjustments will remove Councillors with no commercially-assessed properties within their ward from the applicable BIA Board of Directors, reducing demands on their time. Impacted Councillors have been consulted on these changes.

The proposed amended Kennedy Road BIA boundaries shown in Attachment No. 1 (Map 1) would remove the area north of the 401 Highway from the existing BIA. The new BIA northern boundary will follow the administrative boundary between Scarborough Centre (Ward 21) and Scarborough-Agincourt (Ward 22). Currently, Councillors Michael Thompson and Jim Karagiannis represent Wards 21 and 22 respectively on the BIA Board of Directors. The adjusted boundaries will result in Ward 22 not being part of the Kennedy Road BIA. The new BIA boundaries will not have any effect on the BIA budget as there are no commercially assessed properties in the area proposed for removal.

The proposed amended Parkdale Village BIA boundaries shown in Attachment No. 1 (Map 2) would remove the area on Dufferin Street, south of Queen Street West and Milky Way from the existing BIA. The new BIA south-eastern boundary will follow the

administrative boundary between Parkdale-High Park (Ward 4) and Spadina-Fort York (ward 10). Currently, Councillors Gord Perks and Joe Cressy represent Wards 4 and 10 respectively on the BIA Board of Directors. The adjusted boundaries will result in Ward 10 not being part of the Parkdale Village BIA. The new BIA boundaries will not have any effect on the BIA budget as there are no commercially assessed properties in the area proposed for removal.

The proposed amended Riverside District BIA boundaries shown in Attachment No. 1 (Map 3) would remove the area, west on Queen Street East between Don River and the CN Rail corridor from the existing BIA. The new BIA western boundary will follow the administrative boundary between Toronto Centre (Ward 13) and Toronto-Danforth (Ward 14). Currently, Councillors Kristyn Wong-Tam and Paula Fletcher represent Wards 13 and 14 respectively on the BIA Board of Directors. The adjusted boundaries will result in Ward 13 not being part of the Riverside District BIA. The new BIA boundaries will not have any effect on the BIA budget as there are no commercially assessed properties in the area proposed for removal.

The Wexford Heights BIA western boundary extends to the edge of Victoria Park Avenue, whereas the administrative boundary between Don Valley East (Ward 16) and Scarborough Centre (Ward 21) follow the middle of Victoria Park Avenue. The proposed amended Wexford Heights BIA western boundary, shown in Attachment No. 1 (Map 4), will follow the administrative boundary between Don Valley East (Ward 16) and Scarborough Centre (Ward 21). Currently, Councillors Denzil Minnan-Wong and Michael Thompson represent Wards 16 and 21 respectively on the BIA Board of Directors. The adjusted boundaries will result in Ward 16 not being part of the Wexford Heights BIA. The new BIA boundaries will not have any effect on the BIA budget as there are no commercially assessed properties in the area proposed for removal.

## **CONTACT**

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## **SIGNATURE**

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Economic Development and Culture

## **ATTACHMENTS**

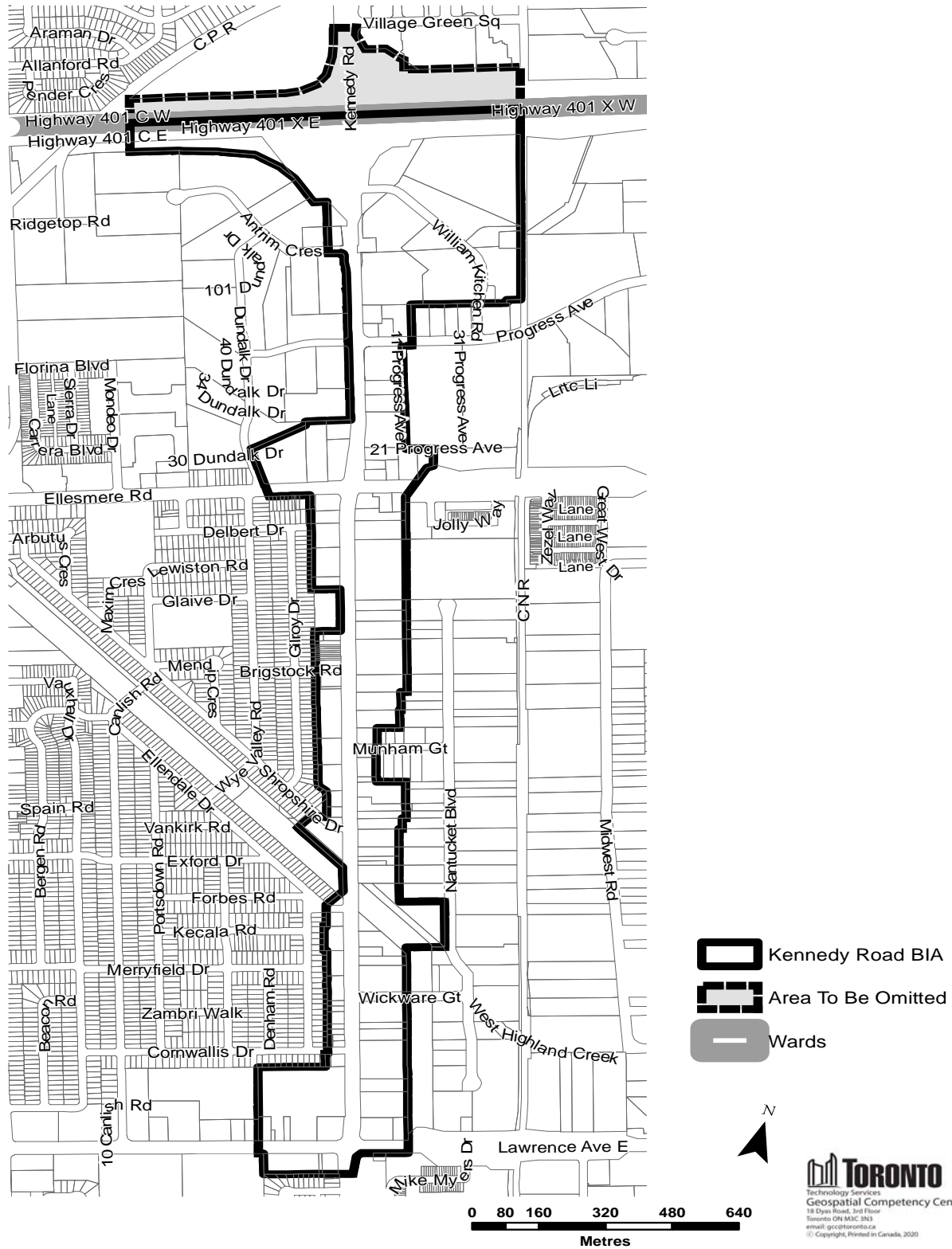
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Attachment 1 – Maps (1 to 4) of Amended BIAs Boundaries

# Attachment 1

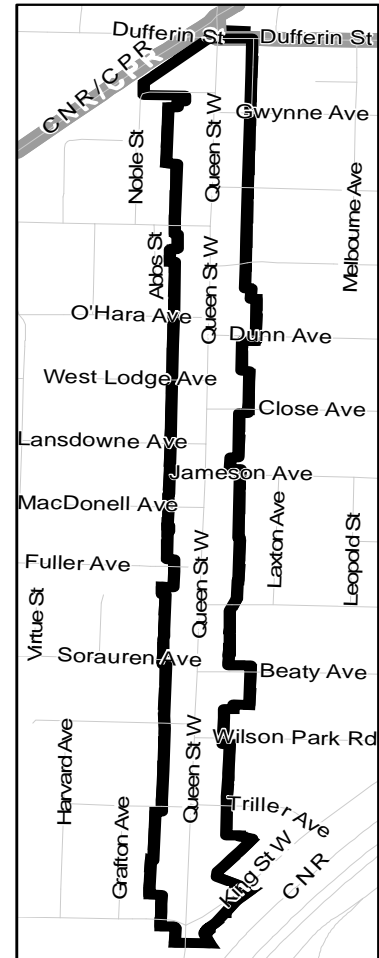
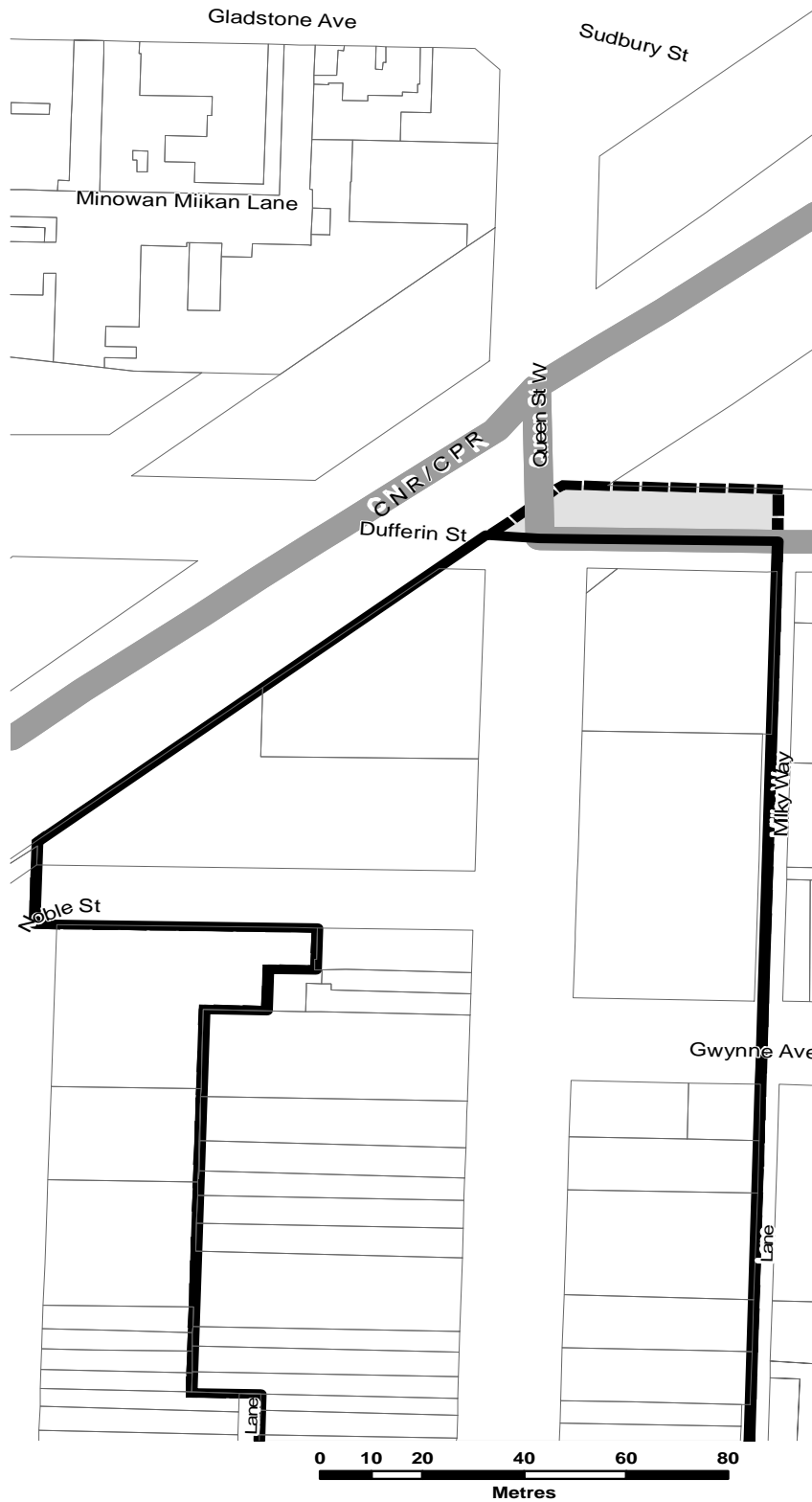
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### Kennedy Road Business Improvement Area - Proposed Boundary Amendments



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*Parkdale Village Business Improvement Area - Proposed Boundary Amendments*

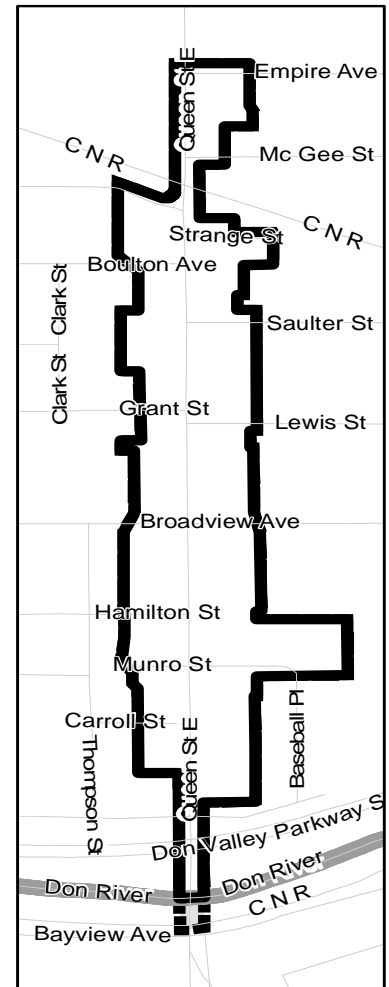
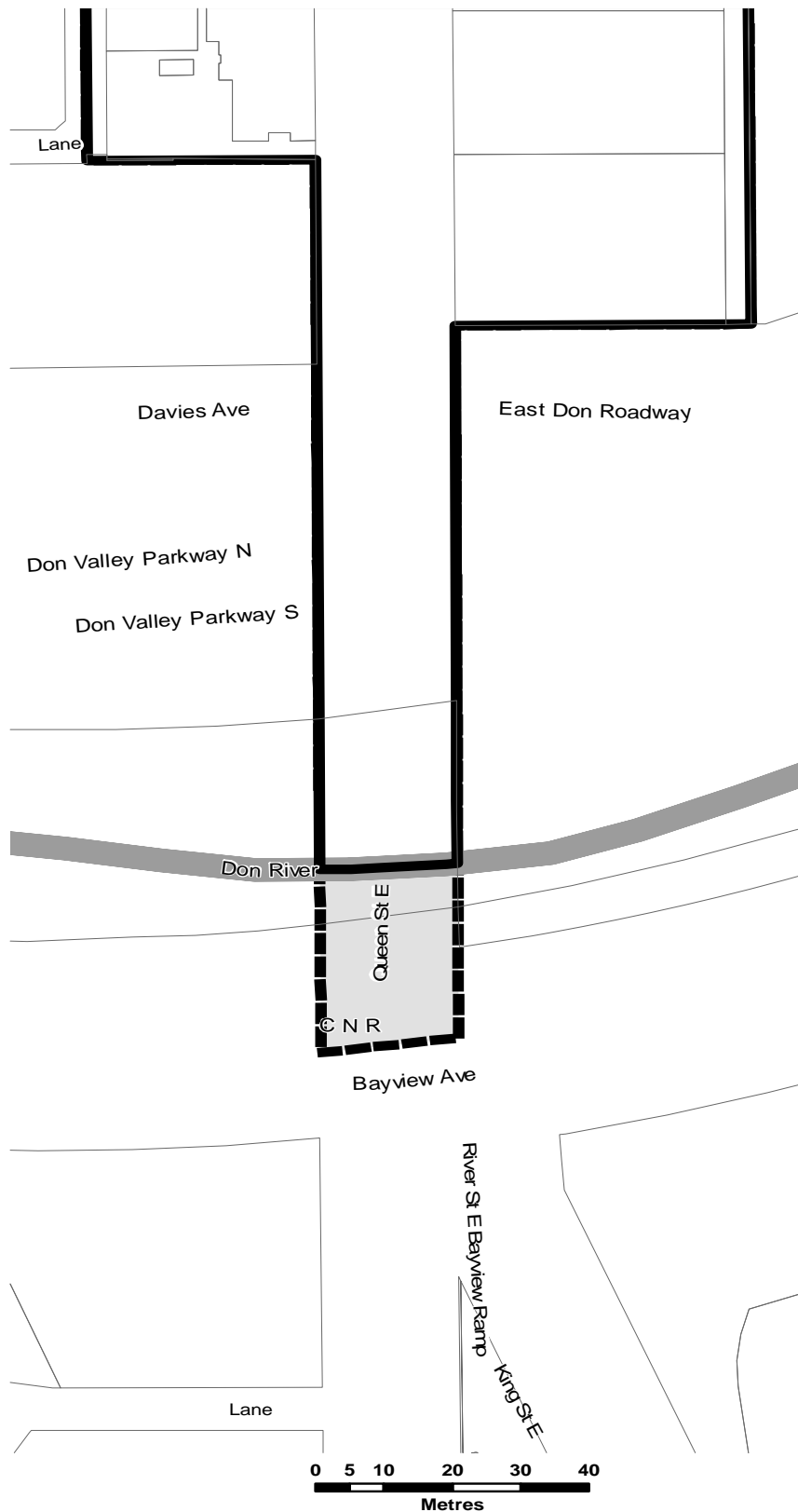





-  Parkdale Village BIA
-  Area To Be Omitted
-  Wards

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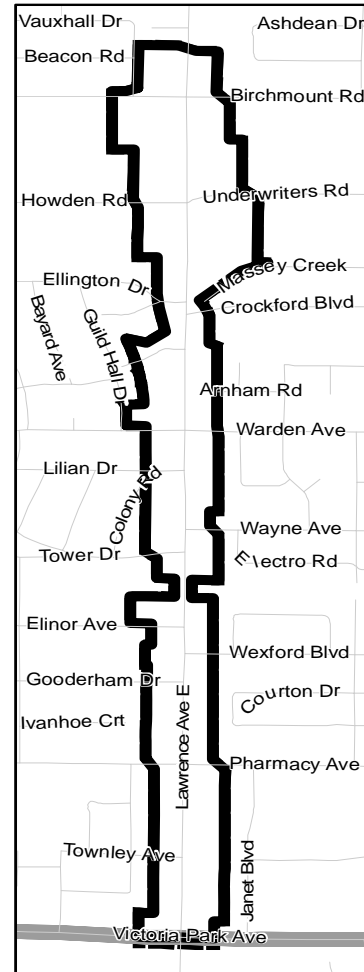
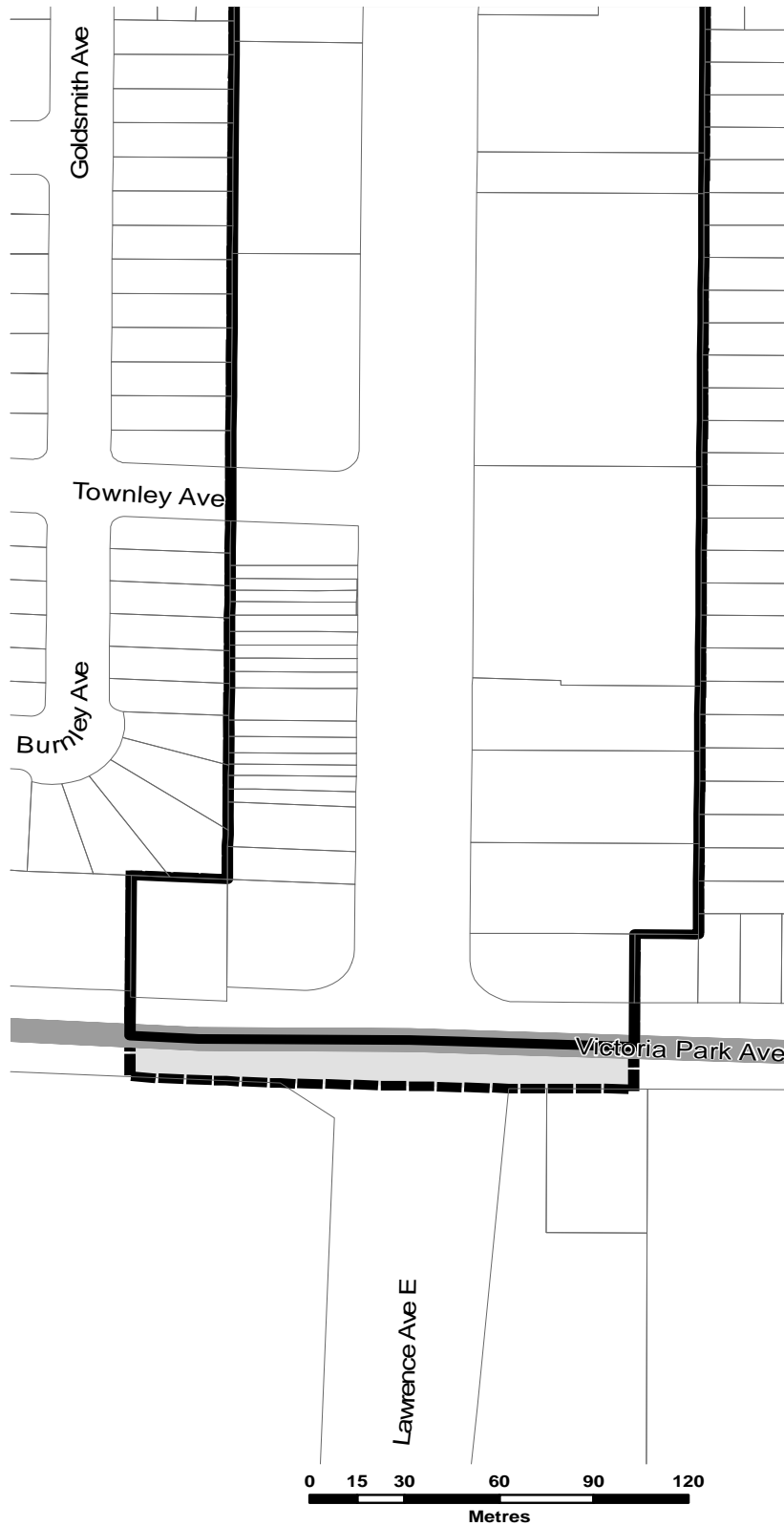


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*Wexford Heights Business Improvement Area - Proposed Boundary Amendments*



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