



December 8, 2020

Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Attn: Nancy Martins, Secretariat

Dear Members of the Planning and Housing Committee:

**Re: PH 19.1 Keele Finch Plus Study - Final Report
Official Plan Amendment 483 - Keele Finch Secondary Plan
City of Toronto Ward 6, 7
TCDSB Trustee Ward 3**

The Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) has reviewed PH 19.1 Keele Finch Plus Study - Final Report also known as Official Plan Amendment #483 for the Keele Finch Secondary Plan, scheduled for consideration by the Planning and Housing Committee on December 8, 2020.

The TCDSB has been involved in discussions with the City on policies related to the Keele Finch Secondary Plan area since early 2018, and most recently with the submission of comments in response to the Keele Finch Plus Secondary Plan - Draft OPA Policies dated March 23, 2020.

The TCDSB reiterates its **strong opposition** to proposed Secondary Streets adjacent to or in close proximity of both **St Wilfrid Catholic School** and **James Cardinal McGuigan Secondary School**, namely streets "New Link 1" and "New Link 2" as shown in "Map 6 - Public Street Plan" which are attached to these comments.

In comments dated March 23, 2020, the TCDSB cited the adverse impacts posed by New Link 1 on St Wilfrid Catholic School. These impacts included; **student safety**, increased congestion, noise pollution and emissions as well as **future unsafe pickup and drop off conditions** for students at the school. As mentioned in previous comments, St. Wilfrid Catholic School continues to experience traffic safety issues regarding increased vehicular traffic in the school parking lot and surrounding area and a new road would further worsen these issues.

Similarly, the TCDSB's comments cited the adverse impacts posed by New Link 2, running along the entire northern edge of James Cardinal McGuigan, would have on the school. These adverse impacts included; **student safety**, increased congestion, noise pollution and emissions. In addition, the introduction of a secondary road in this area will act as a vehicular bypass to Finch Avenue West, **creating future unsafe conditions for students** at James Cardinal McGuigan Catholic Secondary School as motorists avoid the congestion of Finch Avenue.



The TCDSB has made efforts to be communicative and work with the City on the policies related to the Keele Finch Secondary Plan being brought before the Planning and Housing Committee. However, the current version of OPA 483 being considered **negatively impacts continued student safety at both St Wilfrid Catholic School and James Cardinal McGuigan Catholic Secondary School** and raises concern with respect to the future safe operation of these TCDSB school sites.

The TCDSB wishes to continue to work with the City on refining the Secondary Plan so that TCDSB students/parents and staff at local schools can feel confident the plan is a safe and effective tool for building future complete communities in the Keele-Finch area

Should you require additional information regarding this matter, please contact Tomasz Oltarzewski, Supervisor of Planning at tomasz.oltarzewski@tcdsb.org

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael Loberto".

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Adam Brutto – Senior Manager of Planning & Admissions
Nicholas D’Urzo – Acting Senior Coordinator, Development Services
Lela Pacitti – Acting Senior Manager, Development Services

AMENDMENT 483 TO THE OFFICIAL PLAN

LANDS GENERALLY BOUNDED BY BLACK CREEK VALLEY TO THE WEST, THE MURRAY ROSS PARKWAY AND THE POND ROAD EAST OF KEELE STREET TO THE NORTH, THE EMPLOYMENT AREAS, RAIL CORRIDOR AND CERAMIC ROAD TO THE EAST, AND ASHWARREN ROAD AND DERRYDOWN ROAD TO THE SOUTH.

The Official Plan of the City of Toronto is amended as follows:

1. Map 16, Land Use Plan, is amended by re-designating lands shown on Schedule "I" from *Utility Corridors* to *Parks and Open Space Areas – Parks*.
2. Map 3 of the Official Plan, Right-of-Way Widths Associated with Existing Major Streets, is amended by designating the planned right-of-way of:
 - a) Finch Avenue West, from west of Sentinel Road to Romfield Lane, to 40 metres, including the addition of "40 metres" within the map legend; and
 - b) Finch Avenue West, from Romfield Lane to Tangiers Road, to 42 metres, including the addition of "42 metres" within the map legend.
3. Schedule 1, Existing Minor Streets with Right-of-Way Widths Greater Than 20 Metres, is amended by replacing "To: Ceramic Road" in the following row, with the following:

Street Name	From	To	Planned Right-of-Way Width
Toro Rd	Keele St	Street Terminus	27

4. Schedule 1, Existing Minor Streets with Right-of-Way Widths Greater Than 20 Metres, is amended by adding the following:

Street Name	From	To	Planned Right-of-Way Width
Alexdon Road	Finch Avenue West	Toro Road	27
Lepage Court	Keele Street	Ceramic Road	27

5. Schedule 2, The Designation of Planned but Unbuilt Roads, is amended by deleting the following row from Schedule 2:

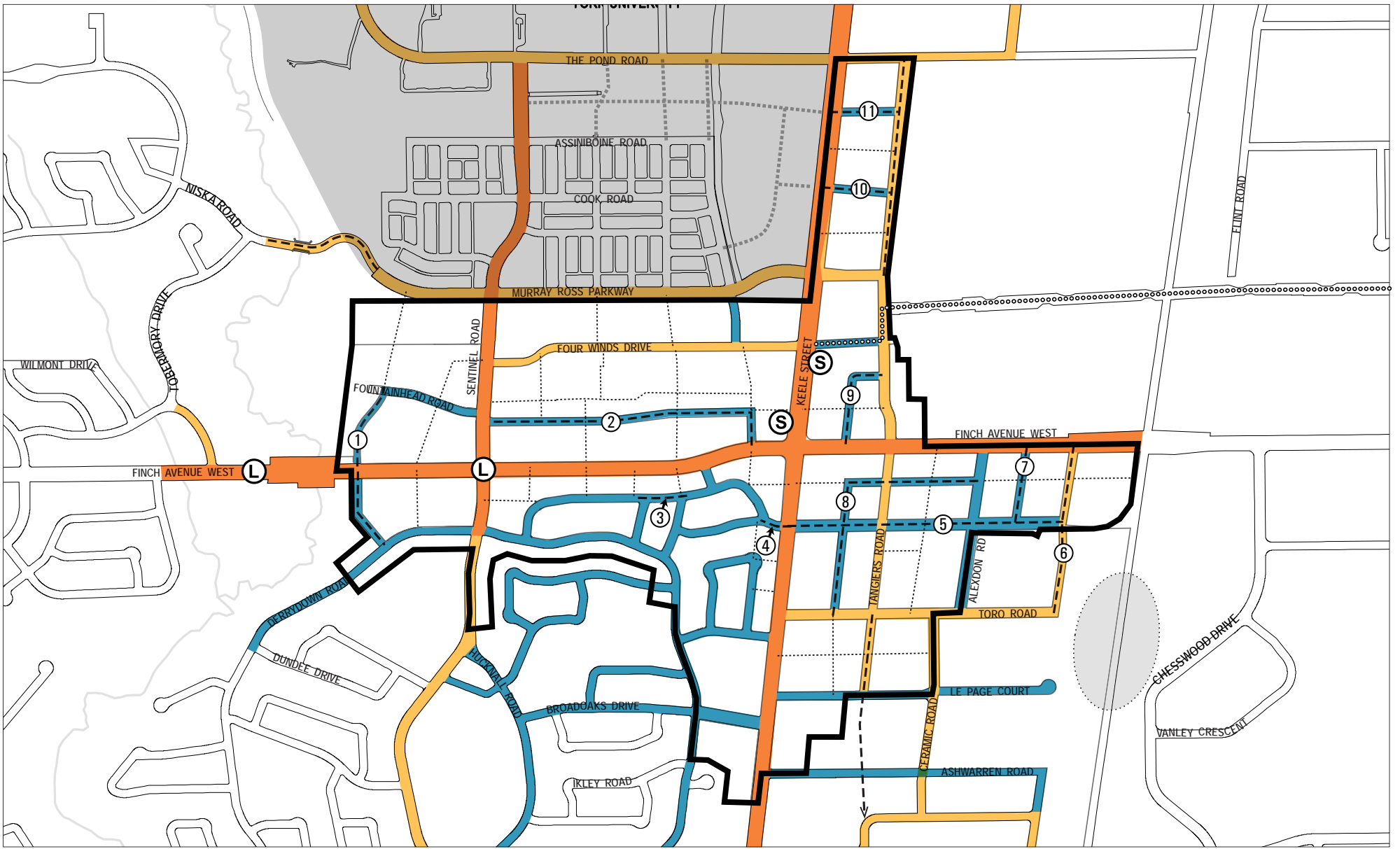
Street Name	From	To
Murray Ross Pkwy Extension	Keele St	Tangiers Rd Extension

6. Schedule 2, The Designation of Planned but Unbuilt Roads, is amended by deleting "To: Petrolia Road" and replacing with the following:

Street Name	From	To
Tangiers Road Extension	Finch Avenue West	The Pond Road

7. Schedule 2, The Designation of Planned but Unbuilt Roads, is amended by adding new planned but unbuilt roads:

Street Name	From	To
New Link 1	Derrydown Road	Terminus of Fountainhead Road
New Link 2	Sentinel Road, running west, north of Fountainhead Park	Finch Avenue West
New Link 3	Paulvale Crescent	Romfield Drive
New Link 4	Romfield Drive	Keele Street
New Link 5	Keele Street	New Link 6
New Link 6	Finch Avenue West	Terminus of Toro Road
New Link 7	Finch Avenue West	New Link 5
Tangiers Road South	Tangiers Road	Lepage Court



Keele Finch Secondary Plan

Map 6 - Public Street Plan

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| Secondary Plan Boundary | Future Bridge Connection | New/Improved Connection | Links |
| York University Secondary Plan Area | Major Streets | Bus Way | New east-west connection to be further studied |
| Conceptual York University Street Network | Primary Streets | LRT Stop | |
| New Public Streets | Secondary Streets | Subway Station | |

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