

KILMER VAN NOSTRAND CO. LIMITED

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Dear Members of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee,

As a developer, with experience working in Toronto on large scale urban transformations, I am writing today to affirm my support for the staff recommendations in item IE19.11 yongeTOMorrow - Municipal Class Environmental Assessment on Yonge Street from Queen Street to College/Carlton Street, which will be discussed at the January 11th committee meeting.

Given that the City of Toronto will be replacing a 100-year-old water main under Yonge Street, we have a unique and powerful moment to re-think the street's form and function when the road is reconstructed.

"yongeTOMorrow" is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to transform Yonge Street into an important urban destination that supports critical public health objectives, commercial interests and tourism. Wider sidewalks, bike lanes, and patios are sure to make this public realm shine.

In the wake of the successful ActiveTO and CafeTO initiatives, this is the moment to mobilize public support and think boldly about the future of this iconic city street. This is the time for "yongeTOMorrow".

Having developed the West Don Lands in collaboration with the City, Province and Waterfront Toronto, I have seen firsthand, the incredible value that is created when a streetscape can be imagined differently. We are proud of what we accomplished on Front Street between Bayview and Cherry, and I am confident that "yongeTOMorrow" can have a profound and positive impact on our downtown.

I believe that this proposal addresses both the local needs of the community, and also enhances the long-term economic prospects for the city as a whole.

I urge you to support this once in a lifetime opportunity to amplify Yonge Street's prominence as a vibrant, pedestrian-prioritized, globally-significant and flexible destination street.



Ken Tanenbaum, Chairman
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