



January 8, 2021

RE: Item - IE19.11 yongeTOmorrow - Municipal Class Environmental Assessment on Yonge Street from Queen Street to College/Carlton Street -- To be considered by Infrastructure and Environment Committee and Council January 11, 2021

Good day Councillors and Committee,

On behalf of the Church Wellesley Neighborhood Association, we are writing to affirm our support for the staff recommendations in item IE19.11 yongeTOmorrow.

The Association was pleased to participate as part of the Stakeholder's Advisory Group in this thorough process. We look further to being involved in the implementation process and discussions around items such as tree placement, street furniture, etc. as we understand it will also inform the basis for further enhancements to the north of College.

CWNA recognizes the iconic status of Yonge Street and looks forward to the enhancements that will make it a world-class destination. The addition of green space is so needed, and a wide avenue for pedestrians will indeed better serve our growing downtown population and encourage longtime residents to once again discover Yonge Street. It also builds on the great success of Ryerson's campus infrastructure revitalization in the area. To be able to gather and enjoy areas void of traffic, relax at local patios, and take in the historic streetscape will add much to the health and well-being of the city core residents, and will also serve to welcome tourists and business to the area.

One item of note that we look forward to discussing further as the project moves towards implementation is the addition of decorative paving to help identify pedestrian zones in the roadbed. We feel this low-cost item will further enhance the safety of pedestrians and will succeed in visually demarcating areas where vehicles should take caution.

CWNA appreciates the extensive consultation process and the desire to hear all partners. In the end, the re-configuring of Yonge Street will be the legacy of those focused on making our great city more livable for decades to come.

The potential of this project is unbounded, and we look forward to the next steps.

We 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.

Regards,

Connie Langille, President

Paul Farrelly, Board Member, Development Committee Co-Chair

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