

Official Plan Amendment for Front Street West – Final Report

Date:	December 8, 2008
To:	Planning and Growth Management Committee
From:	Gary Wright, Chief Planner and Executive Director
Wards:	Ward 14 – Parkdale-High Park and Wards 19 and 20 Trinity-Spadina
Reference Number:	Pg080071

SUMMARY

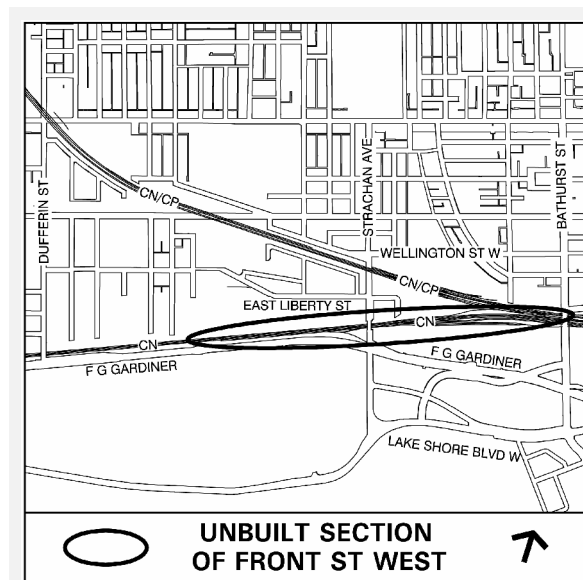
This report recommends amending the City of Toronto’s Official Plan by deleting the reference to Front Street West between Bathurst Street and the F.G. Gardiner Expressway from “Schedule 2: The Designation of Planned but Unbuilt Roads”.

Consistent with City decisions to withdraw funding for the construction for the westerly extension of Front Street to connect to the Gardiner Expressway, it is recommended that this planned section of road be de-listed from Schedule 2 of the Official Plan.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Planning Division recommends that:

1. City Council amend the Official Plan substantially in accordance with the draft official plan amendment presented in Attachment 1; and
2. City Council authorize the City Solicitor to make such stylistic and technical changes to the draft official plan amendment as may be required.



Financial Impact

The recommendations in this report have no financial impact.

COMMENTS

At its November 13, 2008 meeting, Planning and Growth Management Committee approved a Request for Direction report directing staff to bring forward this official plan amendment to its January 8, 2009 meeting. The Committee also directed that statutory public notice be given that this item will be dealt with at the January meeting. (<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/pg/bgrd/backgroundfile-16561.pdf>)

Schedule 2 of the Official Plan designates a list of planned but unbuilt roads, over and above those that are designated in Secondary Plans or contained within approved development agreements. The roads are not shown on an Official Plan map as, in many cases, including that of Front Street, their exact alignment and right-of-way requirements were yet to be fully determined.

In June, 2008 the Waterfront Toronto Board recommended that funds currently reserved for the Front Street Extension Project be reallocated to other approved waterfront public realm projects. Subsequently, City Council, at its meeting in July, 2008, endorsed the recommendation of the Board. Consistent with these actions, Front Street between Bathurst Street and the F. G. Gardiner Expressway should be removed from Schedule 2 of the Official Plan.

As noted in the October, 2008 Request for Direction report, it is recommended that staff be directed to undertake an Environmental Assessment to secure planning approvals for the design and implementation of a local, east-west street north of the railway corridor in the Liberty Village area that does not connect to the Gardiner Expressway.

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SIGNATURE

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ATTACHMENT

Attachment 1: Draft Official Plan Amendment

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Authority: Planning and Growth Management Committee Item, as adopted by City of Toronto Council on .

Enacted by Council: ~, 20~

CITY OF TORONTO

Bill No. ~

BY-LAW No. ~-20~

To adopt Official Plan Amendment No. 64 to the City of Toronto Official Plan with respect to Front Street West between Bathurst Street and the F. G. Gardiner Expressway

WHEREAS authority is given to Council under the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.P. 13, as amended, to pass this By-law; and

WHEREAS Council of the City of Toronto has provided adequate information to the public and has held at least one public meeting in accordance with the *Planning Act*;

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

1. The attached Amendment No. 64 to the Official Plan is hereby adopted pursuant to the *Planning Act*, as amended.

ENACTED AND PASSED this ~ day of ~, A.D. 20~.

DAVID R. MILLER,
Mayor

ULLI S. WATKISS,
City Clerk

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AMENDMENT NO. 64 TO THE OFFICIAL PLAN OF THE CITY OF TORONTO

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

1. Schedule 2: The Designation of Planned but Unbuilt Roads, is amended by deleting Front Street West from Bathurst Street to the F. G. Gardiner Expressway.