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Re: Midtown Planning Group

Dear Chair Milczyn:

The Yonge-Eglinton area is considered a *Centre* within the Official Plan, which means the area is designated for intensification of employment and residential uses. There is a great deal of development currently underway in, or being proposed for, the *Centre* and the construction of the light-rapid transit along Eglinton will likely increase development activity.

Currently the Yonge-Eglinton area is divided between two planning departments, two Community Councils and three municipal ward boundaries (Wards 22, 16 and 25). The North York Community Council adjudicates planning applications for the north-west and north-east part of the *Centre* north of Roehampton and the Toronto and East York Community Council adjudicates planning applications for the southern portion of the *Centre*. Although there are urban design guidelines, an area study and work underway for the urban planning to support the light-rapid transit line, a strategy is required to ensure this work is comprehensive and consistent across Community Council boundaries.

Recommendation:

Establish the Midtown Planning Group to create a proactive, holistic, and comprehensive strategy for planning in the Yonge & Eglinton area of Midtown, which will bring consistency to planning across Community Council Boundaries. The composition of the Midtown Planning Group would include the three local councillors who represent the centre of Yonge and Eglinton and local resident association members invited to participate by the local councillors. The purpose of the strategy is to be proactive and to establish the planning framework in advance of planning applications.

We would be grateful for the consideration of the Planning and Growth Committee in this matter at your next meeting on June 18th.

Sincerely,

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