

Bathurst Street Study: Dupont to Queen Street West

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To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	City Council
Wards:	All Wards

City Council Decision

City Council on May 8 and 9, 2012, referred Motion MM23.15 to the Toronto and East York Community Council.

Recommendations

Councillor Mike Layton, seconded by Councillor Adam Vaughan, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the Acting Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning to:
 - a. initiate a study focussing on built form and land use of both sides of Bathurst Street from Queen Street West to the Dupont Street train tracks with a report back to Toronto and East York Community Council in the first quarter of 2013;
 - b. begin that study with an immediate focus on Bathurst Street from College Street to Dundas Street with a report back in fourth quarter of 2012 once the community comments have been incorporated; and
 - c. work with the Ward Councillors to establish a community consultation process for this study.

Summary

A new wave of development has begun on Bathurst Street that is challenging existing planning guidelines and policies. Of significant concern is the confusion created by the

unique role Bathurst plays as a boundary between the area formally designated as "Downtown and Central Waterfront" (Official Plan Chapter 2 map 2) and the rest of the City.

For the areas south of Queen Street West, the issues are less urgent as recent secondary plans govern this stretch of Bathurst. North of Queen, however, is more complicated. Not only does the width of the street narrow, but there are a significant number of blocks where single family homes constitute the built form environment. Additionally there are large institutional uses on the street that present height and density numbers inconsistent with the surrounding zoning.

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