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TO: Toronto & East York Community Council

FROM: Councillor Mary Fragedakis - Ward 29 Toronto Danforth

RE: Planning Study for the portion of Broadview identified as an Avenue

DATE: October 15, 2013

SUMMARY:

The portion of Broadview Avenue generally between Danforth Avenue and Hillside Drive, identified as an *Avenue* in the Official Plan, is facing increasing pressure for redevelopment with recent planning applications and pre-application consultations. The community has raised concerns regarding declining business activity, insufficient on-street parking, vehicular and pedestrian conflicts and protecting the character of the street.

This portion of Broadview Avenue currently has a diverse mix of commercial and residential uses in low-rise single use or mixed use buildings. The surrounding residential neighbourhood comprises two and three-storey houses and some apartment buildings. The Broadview area is served by a TTC bus route, and a streetcar and subway station. Broadview is a designated *Avenue* in the Official Plan; however, the current height and density permissions are less than what some owners have recently proposed. The Avenues and Mid-Rise Building Study provides direction on the built form and appropriate transition to the adjacent *Neighbourhoods*. A planning study would build upon the Avenues and Mid-Rise Building Study by reviewing the local planning context and character of the street and updating the vision, goals, objectives and priorities for the area.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That City Council request the Director of Community Planning, Toronto and East York District to:

1. Commence a planning study in 2014, on the portion of Broadview Avenue which is identified as an *Avenue*, that will address how new development will complement the existing built form, identify opportunities for public realm improvements, and plan for the transportation impacts of new development.

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2. Report back on the findings of the study to Toronto and East York Community Council.

Sincerely,

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