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**Chair & Members**

Toronto & East York Community Council
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Re: Improving Urban Design in Forest Hill Village

Dear Chair and Committee Members,

Forest Hill Village is a unique retail area in Midtown Toronto. It is one of the few commercial shopping enclaves in the city that is wholly contained within a residential area.

Several recent developments and renovations within the Village have been undertaken with little deference to the prevailing streetscape. To allow this inconsistent development to continue will further threaten the very character and aesthetic that makes the Village unique.

This motion asks planning staff to develop urban design guidelines for Forest Hill Village to protect the small town feeling of this distinctive district.

Recommendations:

1. Toronto and East York Community Council request the City Planning Division to prepare urban design guidelines for Forest Hill Village along Spadina Road between Montclair Avenue and Thelma Avenue and report back to Toronto and East York Community Council in the third quarter of 2014.
2. The mandate for this document will be to develop appropriate design guidelines to maintain the small town character of the area and determine the appropriate urban character, materials and building rhythm and articulation to be used on future developments / renovation within the study area.

Sincerely,

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