

**Downtown Yonge Street Studies – Information Report**

<b>Date:</b>	December 10, 2012
<b>To:</b>	Toronto and East York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Community Planning, Toronto and East York District
<b>Wards:</b>	Ward 27 – Toronto Centre-Rosedale
<b>Reference Number:</b>	11 267655 STE 27 TM

**SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to respond to City Council Direction to establish a list of staff that would be responsible for implementing the Downtown Yonge Business Improvement Area's (DYBIA) Public Realm Improvement Plan.

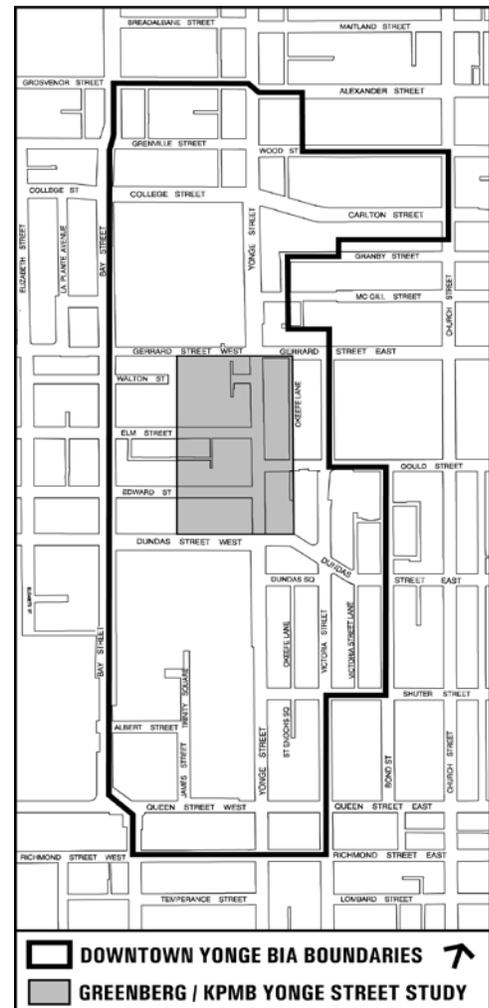
Attachment 1 shows the chart with the various projects outlined in the DYBIA's Public Realm Improvement Plan. Many of these projects do not currently have funding and do not have reports or recommendations by City Staff associated with them. The chart in Attachment 1 represents who the logical staff lead or division would be for these projects if Council were to allocate funds for these projects and directed Staff to undertake them, or the projects were aligned through third party initiatives (e.g. BIAs, private development leveraging improvements).

**Financial Impact**

There are no financial implications.

**DECISION HISTORY**

At the September 11, 2012 Toronto and East York Community Council meeting, City Planning Staff sent a report from the Director, Community Planning, Toronto and East York District, dated August 8, 2012, to update council on the various Yonge Street Studies and



recommending that the report be received for information. Toronto and East York Community Council received the report for information and made two motions which were subsequently amended by City Council.

At its meeting of October 2, 3 and 4, 2012, City Council received the report for information and also adopted the following:

1. City Council direct the Deputy City Manager, Cluster B, to identify the project leads among City staff to co-ordinate and consult broadly with the Downtown Yonge Business Improvement Area and the local Councillor in co-ordinating and implementing the Downtown Yonge Business Improvement Area's public realm improvement plans and report back to the Toronto and East York Community Council in the first quarter of 2013.
2. City Council direct City Planning Division, Transportation Services, Economic Development and Culture, Technical Services and Parks, Forestry and Recreation Divisions, in consultation with the Downtown Yonge Business Improvement Area and the Ward Councillor, to evaluate the four week event "Celebrate Yonge", and to report back to the Toronto and East York Community Council in the first quarter of 2013 on the findings, such report to include the identification of what next steps and approvals would be required to advance the recommendations in the Greenberg/KPMB Yonge Street Planning Framework

## **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

The purpose of this report is to respond to first motion of City Council adopted on October 2, 3 and 4, 2012. The second motion requires more comprehensive study by all divisions before it can be reported on. City Planning has been tasked by the Deputy City Manager, Cluster B with developing a chart that identifies Staff leads for projects put forward by the DYBIA in their Public Realm Improvement Plan.

## **COMMENTS**

It is important to note that many of these projects do not currently have clear funding strategies whether through Section 37 of the *Planning Act*, allocation in the Capital Budget or third party initiatives (e.g. BIA funding, or through an associated development application). Furthermore, many of these projects have not been reviewed by Staff and may not be supported through recommendations or study.

However, should City Council direct staff to study or undertake any of the projects listed in the Public Realm Improvement Plan, and should funding be procured through Section 37 of the *Planning Act*, the Capital Budget or third party initiatives, then the Staff identified in the Chart (Attachment 1) would be the logical leads for implementing those projects. Timelines are noted where projects may be underway or when timing is indefinite.

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1: Downtown Yonge Business Improvement Area – Public Realm Plan –  
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<b>Divisional Leads for Downtown Yonge Business Improvement Area's Public Realm Plan</b>					
<b>Precinct</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Project Lead</b>	<b>Project Support</b>	<b>Budget Implications</b>	<b>Timeline</b>
<b>College/Carlton</b>	St. Luke Lane Improvement Project	Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District	Public Realm Unit, Transportation Services and Community Planning, Toronto and East York District.	There is no Capital improvement plan for laneway improvements above the base condition. Funds would have to be allocated if not pursued through redevelopment opportunities.	Indefinite
	College Subway Station Stairwell Canopy Project	Property Development, Toronto Transit Commission	Public Realm Unit, Transportation Services and Community Planning, Toronto and East York District.	TTC has no current plans to improve the conditions at the stairwell.	Indefinite
	Reverend Porter Lane Improvement Project	Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District	Public Realm Unit, Transportation Services and Community Planning, Toronto and East York District.	There is no Capital improvement plan for laneway improvements above the base condition. Funds would have to be allocated if not pursued through redevelopment opportunities.	Indefinite
	Wood Street Sidewalk Bump-out Project	Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District	Community Planning, Toronto and East York District	Money allocated through Section 37.	Being Determined
	Grenville Street Sidewalk Bump-out Project	Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District	Community Planning, Toronto and East York District	Money allocated through Section 37.	Being Determined

The Parks	College Park Improvement Project	Planning, Design & Development, PF&R	Community Planning, Toronto and East York District	Money allocated through Section 37.	2nd quarter 2013
	McGill Parkette Upgrade Project	Area General Supervisor, Parks branch, PF&R	Public Realm Unit, Transportation Services and Community Planning, Toronto and East York District.	There is no money currently allocated for improvements to this park. Opportunities may exist in public realm or City Planning's Capital Budget for parks	Indefinite
	Granby Parkette Upgrade Project	Area General Supervisor, Parks branch, PF&R	Community Planning, Toronto and East York District	There is no money currently allocated for improvements to this park. Opportunities may exist in public realm or City Planning's Capital Budget for parks	Indefinite
	Mid-Block Cross-walk Project (Yonge North of Gerrard)	Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District	Community Planning, Toronto and East York District	There is currently no plan for a mid-block connection at this point. A traffic Study would have to be undertaken to determine the viability.	Indefinite
	McGill Dog Park Project	Area General Supervisor, Parks branch, PF&R	Community Planning, Toronto and East York District	There is no money currently allocated for improvements to this park. Opportunities may exist in public realm or City Planning's Capital Budget for parks	Indefinite
	Yonge Street Median Improvement Project	Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District	Program Manager, Civic Improvement, Urban Design	There is no money currently allocated for median improvements on Yonge Street. Section 37 funds could be allocated through a redevelopment proposal. Cost sharing with the DYBIA may be possible as well.	Indefinite

<b>Edward/Elm</b>	TTC Stairwell Relocation and Canopy	Property Development, Toronto Transit Commission	Community Planning, Urban Design and Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District	Currently being funded as part of the redevelopment of the Atrium on Bay, no cost to the City.	2nd quarter 2013
	Edward Street Project	Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District	Community Planning and Urban Design, Toronto and East York District	Currently being funded as part of the redevelopment of the Atrium on Bay, no cost to the City.	2nd quarter 2013
	Edward Mid-block Cross-walk Project	Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District	Public Realm Unit, Transportation Services and Community Planning, Toronto and East York District	This project is being analyzed as part of the redevelopment of Atrium on Bay.	potentially 2nd quarter, 2013
	Mid-Block Connection Project (Between Edward and	Community Planning, Toronto and East York District	Urban Design and Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District	This is located on private property and should be facilitated through a potential redevelopment application at the World's Biggest Bookstore Site.	Indefinite
	Elm Street Project	Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District	Public Realm Unit, Transportation Services and Community Planning, Toronto and East York District	Unknown, Elm Street reconstruction may be in the ten year capital plan.	Indefinite
	Elm Street Mid-block Cross-walk Project	Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District	Public Realm Unit, Transportation Services and Community Planning, Toronto and East York District.	There is currently no plan for a mid-block connection at this point. A traffic Study would have to be undertaken to determine the viability.	Indefinite
<b>Mainstreet</b>	Walton Street Project	Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District	Public Realm Unit, Transportation Services		
	O'Keefe Lane Entrance	Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District	Public Realm Unit, Transportation Services	Money allocated through Section 37.	2nd quarter 2013
	Gould Street Project	Public Realm Unit, Transportation Services	Program Manager, Civic Improvement, Urban Design	Complete	Complete
	TTC Second Entrance/Exit	Property Development, Toronto Transit Commission	Community Planning, Toronto and East York District	Should be secured through redevelopment of Empress Hotel Site or World's Biggest Bookstore Site.	Indefinite

<b>Trinity Square</b>	Dundas Street West Mid-Block Cross-walk/Connection	Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District	Property Development, Toronto Transit Commission and Community Planning, Toronto and East York District	TTC has rejected plans for a mid-block crossing in this area as it would adversely affect streetcar operations.	Indefinite
	Church of the Holy Trinity Lighting Project	Manager, Heritage Preservation Services	Community Planning, Toronto and East York District	Funds could be secured through Section 37.	Indefinite
	James/Albert Street Project	Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District	Public Realm Unit, Transportation Services	There are no capital funds for this project	Indefinite
	Queen Street West and Bay Street Project	Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District	Public Realm Unit, Transportation Services and Community Planning, Toronto and East York District	There are no capital funds for this project	Indefinite
	Old City Hall Heritage Lighting Project	Manager, Heritage Preservation Services	Community Planning, Toronto and East York District	Funds could be secured through Section 37.	Indefinite
	Trinity Square Park Project	Area General Supervisor, Parks branch, PF&R	Community Planning, Toronto and East York District	There is no money currently allocated for improvements to this park. Opportunities may exist in public realm or City Planning's Capital Budget for parks	Indefinite
<b>Entertainment</b>	Dundas Square Street Project	Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District	Public Realm Unit, Transportation Services and Downtown Yonge Business Improvement Area	Money allocated through Section 37.	4th quarter 2013, 1st quarter 2014
	Laneway Site Line Improvement Project	Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District	Public Realm Unit, Transportation Services and Community Planning, Toronto and East York District	Money allocated through Section 37.	4th quarter 2013, 1st quarter 2014
	Victoria Street Project at Y-D Square and City TV/OM	Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District	Community Planning, Toronto and East York District	There are no capital funds for this project, some money may be available from section 37 funds allocated to 19-21 Dundas Square.	Some work has been done to screen Yonge/Dundas Square "back of house" operations.
	DYBIA Discovery Team Visitor Information Booth Project	Manager, Business Improvement Areas, Economic Development and Culture	The Downtown Yonge Business Improvement Area	Funded by BIA	A temporary booth exists, no timeline for permanent structure.
<b>Theatre</b>	Shuter Street Project	Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District	Public Realm Unit, Transportation Services and Community Planning, Toronto and East York District	There are no capital funds for this project	Indefinite
	Queen Subway Station Stairwell Project on Yonge Street	Property Development, Toronto Transit Commission	Community Planning and Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District	TTC has no current plans to improve the conditions at the station.	Indefinite
	O'Keefe Lane/St. Enoch's Square Improvement	Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District	Community Planning and Urban Design, Toronto and East York District	Being analysed as part of MOD redevelopment.	2015
	Victoria Street Project	Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District	Public Realm Unit, Transportation Services and Community Planning, Toronto and East York District	There are no capital funds for this project	Indefinite