

ATTACHMENT 2 – SUMMARY OF PEDESTRIAN CLEARWAY STANDARDS IN EXISTING CITY POLICIES AND BY-LAWS

City Policies and By-laws	Policy and By-law Provisions	Minimum Clearway Width
Official Plan Chapter 3, Policy 5 - 3.1.1	The need to balance the safe and efficient movement of pedestrians and sidewalk uses, including outdoor cafés, is recognized.	
Chapter 313 (proposed to be repealed and replaced by the updated sidewalk café and marketing display by-law)	313-30 Use for civic purposes: "Nothing in this chapter shall prevent the Commissioner from altering, opening or otherwise using any boulevard for any civic purpose." 313-35 Temporary marketing enclosures: "the Commissioner may ... recommend to the Committee and Council that the size of the licensed area be reduced so as to ensure sufficient space for the safe passage of pedestrian traffic on the sidewalk." 313-36 Boulevard cafés: "parallel to the sidewalk not less than 2.1 metres from the curb." 313-47 Boulevard cafés: "no café fence shall be located closer to the curb of the roadway than 3 metres ... as may be determined by the Commissioner in order to sustain unimpeded pedestrian traffic movement" for the following areas: Danforth (north) Gough to Chester Danforth (south) Gough to Hampton	<i>2.1m in all locations except for 3.0m on parts of Danforth Avenue</i>
Chapter 743, Streets and Sidewalks, Use of	743-31 Permitted encroachments: "that the General Manager is satisfied the encroachment ... does not impede or impose a hazard or potential hazard to pedestrian ... traffic." 743-3 Publication dispensing boxes: "No installation shall be placed, installed or maintained within 3.6m of the curb on Yonge Street, from Queen Street to Bloor Street."	<i>3.6m on parts of Yonge Street</i>
Chapter 693, Signs	693-17 Temporary sign general requirements: "The placement of temporary signs shall allow for unobstructed pedestrian clearway of a minimum width of 2.1 metres."	<i>2.1m in all locations</i>
Chapter 740, Street Vending	740-7 Location of the designated area: "A total of at least 2.5 metres of paved sidewalk ... shall remain available for uninhibited pedestrian passage."	<i>2.5m in all locations</i>
July 1998 Toronto Community Council Report – Boulevard	For the portion of Spadina Avenue between Queen Street West and Baldwin Street and of Dundas Street West between Spadina Avenue	<i>3.05m on parts of Spadina</i>

Marketing	and Beverley Street.	<i>Avenue and Dundas Street</i>
Toronto Complete Streets Guidelines	<p>"A wider pedestrian clearway is required on streets that bring more people to the sidewalk."</p> <p>"At minimum, two assistive devices need to be able to pass each other with a buffer. This minimum space (2.1m) provides a safe, universally accessible path for people of all abilities."</p> <p>"For safety reasons, the pedestrian clearway takes priority from other parts of the street ... overall sidewalk width should first accommodate the preferred pedestrian clearway, assigning available space to other zones second"</p> <p>"A direct, continuous clearway is especially needed along a block"</p>	<p><i>2.1m in all locations</i></p> <p><i>+ more where streets have more people</i></p>
Vibrant Streets	<p>Key factors that contribute to good street design such as unobstructed and ample pedestrian sidewalks, sidewalk organization, and reduction of clutter are identified.</p> <p>10.3-4 Optimal Location: Infopillars must provide for a pedestrian clearway of at least 2.79m.</p> <p>Transportation staff shall conduct pedestrian volume analysis in high pedestrian traffic areas to ensure pedestrian safety, particularly at peak hours.</p>	<p><i>2.1m recommended</i></p> <p><i>+ 2.7m for infopillar placement</i></p>
Toronto Green Standard	"Provide a pedestrian clearway at least 2.1m wide, to safely and comfortably accommodate pedestrian flow... A clearway greater than 2.1m wide may be required at corners, transit nodes or other locations with high pedestrian volumes or pedestrian activity "	<p><i>2.1m for Green and Main Streets</i></p> <p><i>+ more in some locations</i></p>
Tall Buildings	"New development... offers the opportunity to improve sidewalk amenity by providing... a continuous, universally accessible pedestrian clearway... In order to achieve an appropriate sidewalk width, the base of a tall building may need to be set back further from the property line than the distance required by the Zoning By-law."	
Low-Rise Buildings	Make reference to the minimum 2.1m clearway width on both public and private streets.	<i>2.1m for all development applications</i>