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To: [Public Works and Infrastructure Committee](#)
Cc: [Markus O'Brien-Fehr](#); [Mayor Tory](#); [John Filion](#); [Gregg Lintern](#); [Geoff Kettel](#)
Subject: PW27.1 REimagining Yonge (Sheppard to Finch) Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study
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Attention: Nancy Martins

RE: PW26.6 REimagining Yonge (Sheppard to Finch) Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study

Dear Chair Jaye Robinson and Members, Public Works and Infrastructure Committee

Edithvale-Yonge Community Association supports implementing the “Transform Yonge” option that was identified, and recommended in Stage 1, and reaffirmed in Stage 2 of the REimagining Yonge project, as the overall preferred alternative.

Edithvale-Yonge Community Association (EYCA) represents the stable residential neighbourhood adjacent to, and immediately west of the referenced study area. The Association boundaries are Finch Avenue West, Senlac Road, Horsham Avenue and the city-centre redevelopment area boundary just west of Beecroft Road. The Association comprises some 750 homes.

The study has taken an evidence-based approach to transforming Yonge Street in North York Centre. The REimagining Yonge Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study finds that “Transform Yonge” rather than the alternative “Enhance Yonge and Transform Beecroft” better supports the objectives of the study based on the evaluation criteria and measures developed, and can be implemented at a lower cost, and with less disruption to the North York Centre.

The study finds that the “Transform Yonge” option would provide the best support for jobs, housing, and services by introducing additional pedestrian and cyclist amenities and public realm enhancements that would make the Yonge Street corridor an attractive destination at the heart of downtown North York. Further, “Transform Yonge” would greatly improve the environment for on-street businesses, and parking space losses on Yonge could be replaced by existing underground capacity or on nearby streets.

The project would take advantage of a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to design Yonge Street in North York as a destination, as a “mini-downtown”. It would also provide needed core connectivity for a Yonge corridor cycling route that would mesh with York Region plans.

Sincerely,
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