Tuesday, July 3, 2018

Toronto and East York Community Council
Toronto City Hall
100 Queen street West
Toronto ON M5H 2N2

Re: June 21, 2018 Status Report, University of Toronto St. George Campus – Official Plan Amendment Application,
Item TE34.88 TEYCC Meeting on July 4, 2018

Dear Members of the TEYCC:

The BCCA supports the recommendations in the June 21, 2018 Status Report for the University of Toronto St. George Campus – Official Plan Amendment Application. The BCCA has the following comments.

Attachment 7: Heritage Inventory for the University of Toronto St. George Campus Secondary Plan has not been made public. The BCCA would like a heritage evaluation to be made for the Banting and Best Buildings at 100 and 112 College Street. There is a 14 storey U of T Partnerships in Innovation and Entrepreneurship Complex being proposed at 112 College Street by the University. The proposal does not appear to preserve any heritage elements of the Best Building.

The BCCA wishes to ensure that their nominations for Level 4 Heritage Designation are recorded on the Heritage Report as follows:
- Carr Hall at 100 St. Joseph Street
- The Flahiff Basilian Centre at 95 St. Joseph Street.

On Attachment 9: Proposed Structure Plan and Attachment 10: Proposed Public Realm and Open Space Plan, the BCCA would like the open spaces and gardens on the south, east and west side of E.J. Pratt library designated at “Parks & University Major Open Space” and “University Major Open Space” respectively.

Attachment 10: Proposed Public Realm and Open Space Plan needs to be corrected to show St. Basel Lane as “Laneways”.

In terms of short term Vision Zero public realm improvements the BCCA requests the following:

- Removal of the right turn channel at the southwest corner of Grenville Street and Dr. Emily Stowe Way and creation of a pedestrian plaza (referred to on page 40 of the report but no timeline attached to it).
- Beginning of the Environmental Assessment process to remove the grade separation of Queen’s Park Crescent West and Wellesley Street West in order to reclaim 1 acre of parkland, commemorate Taddle Creek and provide a normalized and safer crossing of Queen’s Park Crescent West (referred to on page 40 of the report but no timeline attached to it).
- Pedestrian signalization of Queen’s Park Crescent West at Hart House (as a temporary measure until the grade separation is gone) to improve pedestrian safety and accessibility to the U of T and Queen’s Park North.
- Signalization of Queen’s Park Crescent East at Queen’s Park (matching the pedestrian at Queen’s Park Crescent West at this north end location) to improve pedestrian safety and accessibility to the U of T. There is currently a prohibition of pedestrian crossing at this location.
We request that TEYCC members support this New Secondary Plan for the St. George Campus of the University of Toronto.

Respectfully,

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