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Subject: Letter to Council from Uptown Yonge BIA
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Dear Sir or Madam,

Please find attached a letter from Uptown Yonge BIA.

Sincerely,

Daly McCarten, Executive Director
Uptown Yonge BIA

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Re: app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2020.IE15.11

On behalf of the Uptown Yonge BIA, I would like to express our interest in exploring the development of a more vibrant main-street experience on Yonge in Uptown and Midtown area, including on-street patios, road safety and traffic calming measures, a protected bikeway and other streetscape improvements.

There is no doubt that COVID-19 has changed the way we live. As the city continues to adjust, people remain concerned about how to get around safely, especially along major transit corridors, such as the Yonge subway, where physical distancing can be challenging. Our concerns, as a local Business Improvement Association located on Yonge, are with the health of our member businesses and their ability to survive. As such, we have appreciated the pandemic interventions by the City to help main-street businesses, such as CafeTO, CurbTO and ActiveTO, as these encourage patrons to visit safely.

We look forward to working with the City to learn more about how a temporary bikeway on Yonge, along with on-street patios and other streetscape improvements, informed by public consultation considering the needs of all street users, will support our member businesses and accelerate our BIA's goals to provide an attractive, welcoming realm for people on Yonge in the Uptown and Midtown area that is accessible for everybody, whether they drive, walk, take transit, or ride their bike.

Sincerely,

Uptown Yonge BIA

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