



Riverside District Business Improvement Area Minor Boundary Expansion

Date: October 27, 2020

To: Economic and Community Development Committee

From: General Manager, Economic Development and Culture

Wards: Ward 14 - Toronto-Danforth

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to recommend a minor expansion of the Riverside District Business Improvement Area (BIA) boundary.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The General Manager, Economic Development and Culture recommends that:

1. City Council designate the area outlined in Attachment 1 as the expanded Riverside District Business Improvement Area under the City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 19, Business Improvement Areas.
2. City Council direct the Chief Technology Officer to prepare designation By-law maps of the area outlined in Attachment 1 and to submit them to the City Solicitor.
3. City Council amend Schedule A of the City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 19, Business Improvement Areas, as necessary, to reflect the expanded boundaries of the Riverside District Business Improvement Area.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Capital budgets may be impacted in future years should streetscape or other capital improvements be undertaken by the expanded Riverside District BIA. Capital improvements are generally cost-shared equally between the BIA and the City.

The Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

DECISION HISTORY

At its monthly board meeting held on September 9, 2020, the board of directors of the Riverside District BIA adopted a motion for a minor expansion to include the area on East Don Roadway south between Queen Street East and Baseball Place and Baseball Place between Queen Street East and East Don Roadway, (see attached map). On September 10, 2020, the Riverside District BIA expressed written request to the City of Toronto for a minor expansion.

Chapter 19 of the Toronto Municipal Code sets out the procedures to expand a business improvement area.

https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/municode/1184_019.pdf

COMMENTS

The proposed expansion is considered minor under Section 19-7 of the Municipal Code, and therefore, no polling is required.

The expansion of the Riverside District BIA boundaries would allow the BIA to undertake streetscaping and lighting improvements, including banners and landscaping as well as an opportunity to link potential future businesses in the expansion area to the BIA's programs including promotions, special events, branding and advocacy incentives. In addition, the BIA will be able to promote a more comprehensive experience to both residents and tourist of the Riverside District BIA.

The proposed expanded area is also an important gateway to the Riverside District BIA because of the future development of Riverside Square which will receive an increase of pedestrians who will be residing in the future residential developments.

It is recommended that Council designate the area described by Attachment 1 as the amended Riverside District Business Improvement Area under Chapter 19 of the Toronto Municipal Code.

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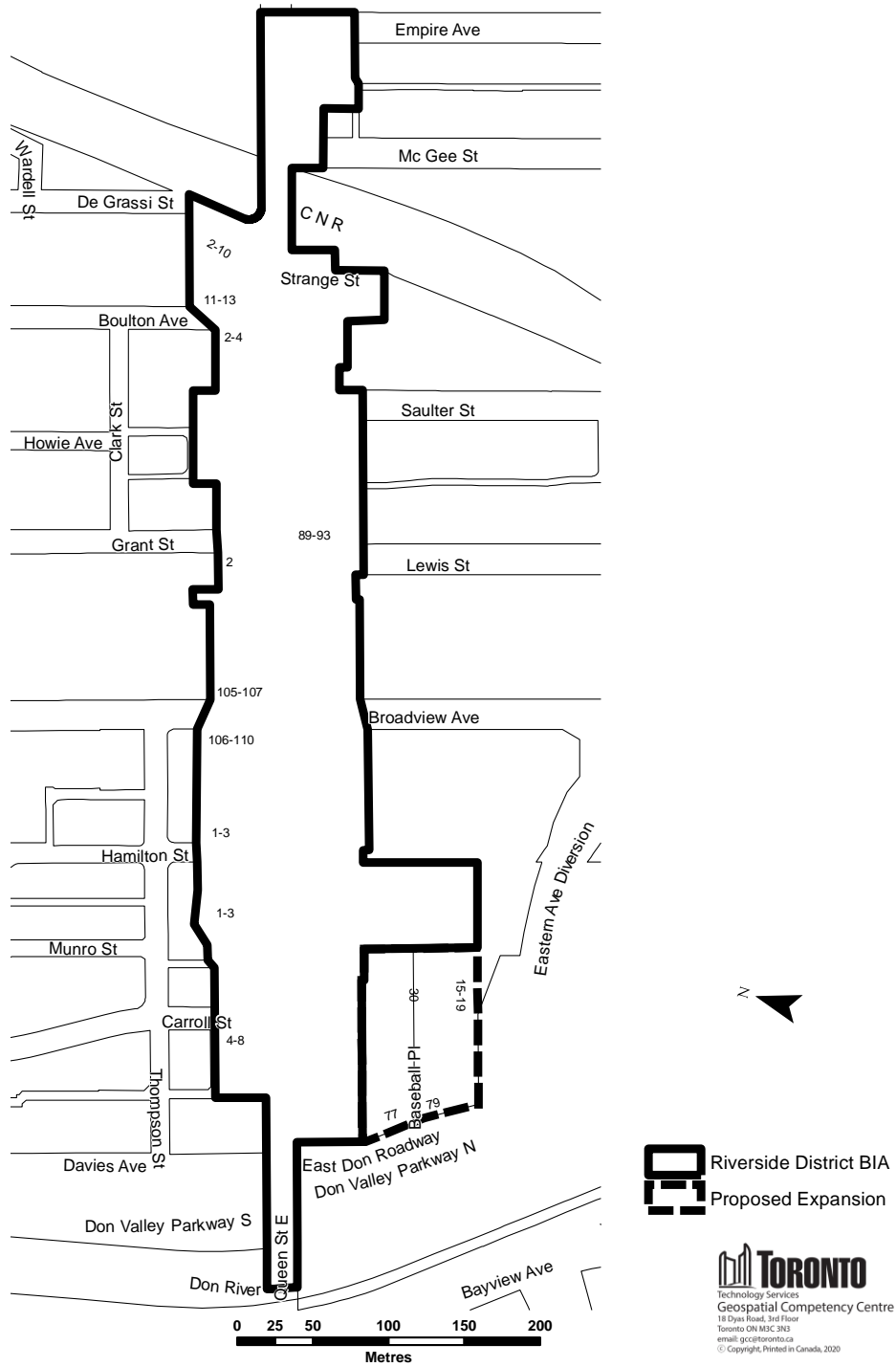
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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – Riverside District Business Improvement Area (BIA) Proposed
Expansion Report Map

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 Riverside District BIA
Proposed Expansion

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