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CITY OF TORONTO

Bill XXX

BY-LAW XXX

To adopt an amendment to the Official Plan for the City of Toronto respecting the lands known municipally in the year 2019, as 588-780, 870-1730 Queen Street West, north side; 655-993, 1075-1647 Queen Street West, south side; 178 Bathurst Street; 6 & 7 Markham Street; 1 & 2 Manning Avenue; 1 Claremont Street; 1 Gore Vale Avenue; 110-120 Massey Street, west side; 104-111 Crawford Street; 107 Shaw Street; 1B-1F Givins Street; 2 Ossington Avenue; 5 Brookfield Street; 2B Fennings Street; 106 & 108 Dovercourt Road; 101 Lisgar Street; 2 Beaconsfield Avenue; 2-4 Gladstone Avenue; 78 ½ & 80 Gwynne Avenue; 80-88 Elm Grove Avenue; 1 & 2 Brock Avenue; 224 Cowan Avenue; 262A-271 Dunn Avenue; 216 & 218 Close Avenue; 1 Lansdowne Avenue; 221 & 223 Jameson Avenue; 3 MacDonell Avenue; 2-10 MacDonell Avenue, west side; 193 Dowling Avenue; 190-194 Dowling Avenue, west side; 1 Sorauren Avenue; 89-93 Beaty Avenue; 1 Callender Street; 85 & 87 Wilson Park Road, east side; 82-88 Wilson Park Road, west side; 39 & 43 Triller Avenue; and 1594-1598 King Street West.

Whereas authority is given to Council under the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.P. 13, as amended, to pass this By-law;

Whereas Council of the City of Toronto has provided adequate information to the public and has held at least one public meeting in accordance with the *Planning Act*;

The Council of the City of Toronto enacts:

1. The attached Amendment No. 445 to the Official Plan is hereby adopted pursuant to the *Planning Act*, as amended.

Enacted and Passed this ~ day of ~, A.D. 20~.

Frances Nunziata,
Speaker

ULLI S. WATKISS,
City Clerk

(Seal of the City)

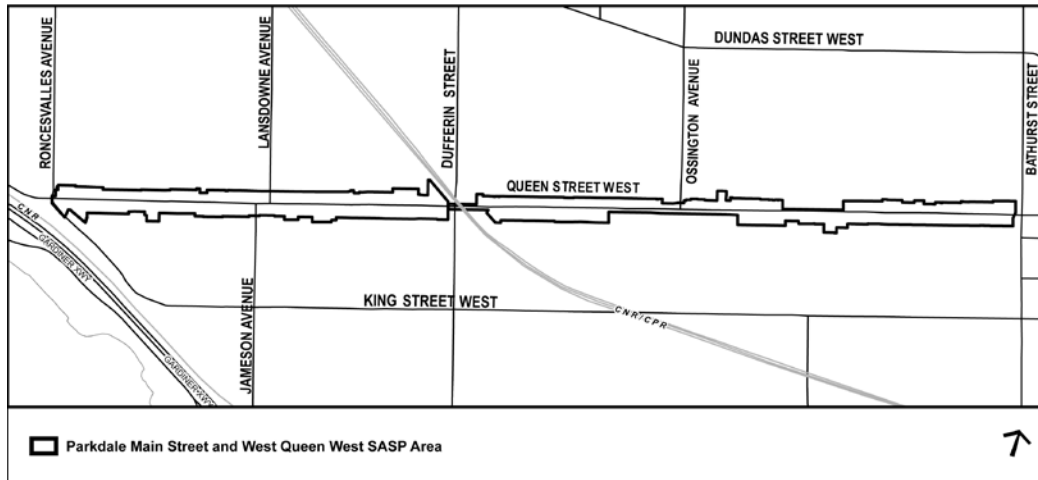
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43 Triller Avenue; and 1594-1598 King Street West.**

The Official Plan of the City of Toronto is amended as follows:

1. Chapter 7, Site and Area Specific Policies, is amended by adding Site and Area Specific Policy No. 566 for lands generally fronting Queen Street West between Roncesvalles Avenue and Bathurst Street, and municipally known in 2019 as 588-780, 870-1730 Queen Street West, north side; 655-993, 1075-1647 Queen Street West, south side; 178 Bathurst Street; 6 & 7 Markham Street; 1 & 2 Manning Avenue; 1 Claremont Street; 1 Gore Vale Avenue; 110-120 Massey Street, west side; 104-111 Crawford Street; 107 Shaw Street; 1B-1F Givins Street; 2 Ossington Avenue; 5 Brookfield Street; 2B Fennings Street; 106 & 108 Dovercourt Road; 101 Lisgar Street; 2 Beaconsfield Avenue; 2-4 Gladstone Avenue; 78 ½ & 80 Gwynne Avenue; 80-88 Elm Grove Avenue; 1 & 2 Brock Avenue; 224 Cowan Avenue; 262A-271 Dunn Avenue; 216 & 218 Close Avenue; 1 Lansdowne Avenue; 221 & 223 Jameson Avenue; 3 MacDonell Avenue; 2-10 MacDonell Avenue, west side; 193 Dowling Avenue; 190-194 Dowling Avenue, west side; 1 Sorauren Avenue; 89-93 Beaty Avenue; 1 Callender Street; 85 & 87 Wilson Park Road, east side; 82-88 Wilson Park Road, west side; 39 & 43 Triller Avenue; and 1594-1598 King Street West, as shown on Map 1.

566. Parkdale Main Street and West Queen West

Map 1 of 3 – Area of Site and Area Specific Policy



1. Purpose and Interpretation

- 1.1 The policies of this Site and Area Specific Policy will:
 - a. support opportunities for contextually appropriate growth and change while conserving and enhancing the cultural heritage value of Queen Street West;
 - b. guide public and private investment in public spaces;
 - c. inform City decision-making on transportation improvements; and,
 - d. encourage sustainable choices in development of new buildings and additions, and the reuse of existing buildings.
- 1.2 For the purpose of this Site and Area Specific Policy, “Parkdale Main Street” refers to all lands located west of the Dufferin Street right of way, and “West Queen West” refers to all lands located east of the Dufferin Street right of way within the boundary shown on Map 1.
- 1.3 The policies of the Official Plan, Secondary Plans, Site and Area Specific Policies, and any Heritage Conservation District Plans that apply within the boundary must be read together with this Site and Area Specific Policy.
- 1.4 In the case of conflict, the policies of this Site and Area Specific Policy will take precedence over those in the Garrison Common North

Secondary Plan or other Secondary Plans. Where another Site and Area Specific Policy, including one contained in a Secondary Plan, is located partially or completely within the boundaries of this Site and Area Specific Policy, the policies of that Site and Area Specific Policy will take precedence in the area of overlap.

2. The Existing Context

Queen Street West is an important main street in the overall identity of the City for both local residents and visitors. While the form and scale of its buildings and the variety of uses are characteristic of many main streets, the area is distinguished by its location relative to the Downtown core, proximity to a variety of established neighbourhoods, unique local businesses, public parks, city facilities, concentration of heritage buildings, and the iconic 501 Queen Streetcar.

The rail bridge and underpass at Dufferin Street and Queen Street West form a significant physical interruption, and natural division, along the street and the areas to its east and west are distinct enough to warrant location-specific policy approaches. For the purpose of this Site and Area Specific Policy, these two areas are characterized as follows:

2.1 Parkdale Main Street

Parkdale Main Street extends from Dufferin Street to Roncesvalles Avenue, and is predominantly characterized by two to three-storey commercial mixed-use buildings containing a range of ground floor retail, restaurant and service uses, with either residential apartments or other commercial spaces located above. Former theatres, banks, places of worship and pre-war apartment buildings complement the prevailing main street commercial row and block building types, primarily constructed between 1870 and 1940, and reflect the mixed-use character of the street. The concentration of main street buildings along Queen Street West contributes to a largely continuous streetwall, articulated by landmark properties, and establishes a character that reflects the history of the street as the principal commercial artery of the historic Town of Parkdale. The western limits of Queen Street West towards Roncesvalles still retain some traces of its former residential character, as well as a collection of walk-up apartment buildings and main street commercial rows that reflect the intensification of Parkdale through the 1910s and 1920s, sparked by ease of access afforded by the streetcar and the city's growing population in the early 20th century.

Throughout this area the prevailing north-south street grid of the surrounding neighbourhoods is disrupted at Queen Street West, resulting in a number of T-intersections. Large areas of low-rise residential uses

and local parks are generally situated to the north and south of the properties fronting Queen Street West. At Triller Avenue, Jameson Avenue, West Lodge Avenue, and Dunn Avenue, taller mid-twentieth century residential apartment towers are situated behind the Queen Street-fronting properties.

The sidewalks on either side of the street are characteristic of many Toronto main streets, with street trees and recessed entrances to businesses and apartments. The 501 Queen Streetcar provides public transit service along the corridor, intersecting with north-south TTC surface routes at Roncesvalles Avenue, Lansdowne Avenue and Dufferin Street. Routes forming part of the City's cycling network run parallel to or intersect with Queen Street, including the West Toronto Rail Path at Dufferin Street. On-street parking and a variety of bike parking facilities are also present throughout the area. Public art installations, including the Globe at Queen Street West and Cowan Avenue, highlight the street.

Parkdale Main Street is an important civic and commercial corridor with an historic context reflecting the rapid growth and development of the Town of Parkdale, and supports the present-day community by providing for diverse main street activities, including commercial and cultural uses at street level with housing above, and a distinct sense of place for the neighbourhood.

2.2 **West Queen West**

West Queen West extends from Dufferin Street to Bathurst Street, and is predominantly characterized by two to four storey commercial mixed-use buildings containing a range of ground floor retail, restaurant and services uses, with either residential apartments or other commercial spaces located above. Three former industrial buildings, originally between four and six storeys in height, are located between Shaw Street and Massey Street, and have been converted to residential uses. The area is representative of historic main street commercial development in Toronto in the late 19th and early 20th century, with most of the buildings built during the 1880s to 1920s. The collection of historic main street commercial buildings along Queen Street defines a continuous streetwall of low-rise buildings, articulated by a rhythm of narrow storefronts with recessed entrances, and a strong datum line of cornices and sign bands. Towards the area's west end, recent development of tall and mid-rise buildings has occurred, primarily on former industrial lands known as the West Queen West Triangle.

The area has historically been, and continues to be, an important place for community and civic activity anchored by landmark buildings including the Great Hall, the Carnegie Library (now Theatre Centre), and the Gladstone Hotel and Drake Hotel.

Trinity Bellwoods Park, one of the largest public park spaces near the downtown core, and the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, a historically significant healthcare facility, are both located along this portion of Queen Street, though outside the boundary of this Site and Area Specific Policy. Large areas of low-rise residential uses and local parks are generally situated to the north and south of the properties fronting Queen Street West.

The sidewalks on either side of the street are characteristic of many Toronto main streets, with street trees and recessed entrances to businesses and apartments. The 501 Queen Streetcar provides public transit service along the corridor, with connections to other TTC surface routes at Bathurst Street, Shaw Street, Ossington Avenue and Dufferin Street. Routes forming part of the City's cycling network run parallel to or intersect with Queen Street, including the West Toronto Rail Path at Dufferin Street, and the Richmond and Adelaide Cycle Paths. On-street parking and a variety of bike parking facilities are situated throughout West Queen West. The portion of Queen Street between Shaw Street and Niagara Street falls within the Core Circle and the Garrison Parks-Fort York Park District identified in the Downtown Plan as areas for public realm and connectivity improvements. Public art and street art, including murals, contribute to the vibrancy of the street and rear laneways.

West Queen West is an important main street in Toronto, with an historic context that reflects the western expansion of the growing city and the irregular subdivision and development of the privately-owned park lots to the north and the publicly-owned Garrison Reserves to the south. The street has maintained a strong sense of place and character as both a functioning main street as well as an arts and design district.

3. Vision and Planned Character

3.1. Parkdale Main Street

Parkdale Main Street will continue its role as a mixed-use main street supporting community and cultural uses. A range of commercial and residential uses will continue to provide opportunities for living, working, retail and culture, and street activity throughout the day. The form and character of new buildings and additions to existing buildings will relate appropriately to the scale and historic character of the street while growing incrementally. Ground floor uses will generally be commercial in nature and have narrow storefront widths that reinforce the fine-grained character of the street. Cultural uses, including artist spaces and music venues will continue to be encouraged.

Sidewalks will be improved and additional street tree planting will be pursued through development and civic initiatives, where compatible with the conservation of heritage resources.

The existing cluster of civic uses at the intersection of Queen Street West and Cowan Avenue will be a focus for public investment and the establishment of a community and cultural centre comprising several uses within existing and new buildings.

Parkdale Main Street's historic character and heritage resources will be conserved, maintained and enhanced, through careful consideration for the massing and materiality of new buildings and additions, renovations of existing buildings, and investments in public spaces, including installations related to the area's Indigenous and other cultural heritage.

3.2. **West Queen West**

West Queen West will continue its role as a culturally significant mixed-use main street. A range of commercial and residential uses will continue to provide opportunities for living, working, retail and culture, and ensure activity throughout the day and night. The form and character of new buildings and additions to existing buildings will relate appropriately to the scale and historic character of the street while growing incrementally. Ground floor uses will generally be commercial in nature and have narrow storefront widths that reinforce the fine-grained character of the street. Cultural uses, including artist spaces and music venues, will be protected and continue to be encouraged.

Sidewalks will be improved and additional street tree planting will be pursued where compatible with the conservation of heritage resources, through new development and civic initiatives.

West Queen West's historic character and heritage resources will be conserved, maintained and enhanced, through careful consideration of the massing and materiality of new buildings and additions, renovations of existing buildings, and investments in public space, including installations related to the area's Indigenous and other cultural heritage.

4. **Public Realm**

- 4.1. The areas identified as Focus Areas and Boulevard Spaces on Map 2 Public Realm (West Queen West) and Map 3 Public Realm (Parkdale Main Street) represent priorities for public space enhancement. Public or private initiatives, and applications for development within or adjacent to Focus Areas and Boulevard Spaces will:

- 4.1.1. enhance their cultural and civic roles as the setting for public life;
 - 4.1.2. promote and encourage economic vitality;
 - 4.1.3. improve mobility and accessibility;
 - 4.1.4. respect the existing area character and contribute positively through thoughtful and high-quality building design, materiality and construction practices;
 - 4.1.5. create a unified streetscape while reinforcing distinct characteristics of their context; and
 - 4.1.6. prioritize tree planting and investment in infrastructure to support the growth of healthy tree canopy.
- 4.2. Focus Areas will be prioritized for public realm improvements that enhance and strengthen their role as important cultural, civic and social spaces, and interfaces between such spaces.
- 4.3. Boulevard Spaces will be prioritized for public realm improvements that expand landscaped space and increase active uses within the publicly-owned boulevard.
- 4.3.1. Landscaped public spaces and/or active uses, such as seasonal patios, will replace boulevard parking within the public right-of-way.
 - 4.3.2. Where appropriate, development of properties adjacent to Boulevard Spaces will consider expansion of these spaces through building setbacks, easements or conveyances, while ensuring the development is compatible with the immediate heritage context.
- 4.4. In West Queen West, between Shaw Street and Niagara Street, enhancements to the public realm shall also implement the directions of the Downtown Plan as they relate to the Core Circle and The Garrison Parks-Fort York Parks District.
- 4.5. Public lanes in West Queen West and Parkdale Main Street serve a variety of roles including as mobility routes, locations for building entrances, and areas for vibrant street art. Public and private initiatives, and development applications abutting public lanes will enhance lanes to:

- 4.5.1. accommodate the movement of pedestrians, cyclists, people with mobility devices, and vehicles in a safe and equitable manner;
- 4.5.2. protect existing art works, and encourage opportunities for the creation of new street art;
- 4.5.3. present attractive and welcoming building facades and entrances, which provide good visibility
- 4.5.4. include landscaped areas with appropriate planting material within the rear yard setback; and
- 4.5.5. provide appropriate lighting levels while limiting light trespass to nearby properties.
- 4.6. Properties which share a public lane with a public park or other community facility are encouraged to incorporate active uses, including commercial uses, facing the public lane.
- 4.7. The City will encourage, where appropriate, the use of civic initiatives, partnerships, conservancies and sponsorships to facilitate the expansion, improvement and maintenance of the public realm, including:
 - 4.7.1. Facilitating the creation of public space installations that commemorate First Nations history within the area, including Indigenous trails, and significant persons, places and events, in coordination with the Indigenous Affairs Office;
 - 4.7.2. The temporary or permanent removal of on-street parking spaces to provide for public space installations, in partnership and in consultation with local Business Improvement Areas, the local arts community, and other stakeholders;
 - 4.7.3. The reconfiguration of Cowan Avenue at Queen Street West to facilitate pedestrian connections between the community and cultural uses on either side of Cowan Avenue and to function as a space for community events;
 - 4.7.4. The use of public spaces for cultural events and activities that contribute to the role of West Queen West and Parkdale Main Street as cultural corridors; and,
 - 4.7.5. Community stewardship of public spaces through community associations, Business Improvement Areas, and/or other cultural agencies.

- 4.8. The planting of street trees is required for all new development. Where street trees already exist on or in front of a development site, they shall be retained or replaced, and in addition a financial contribution will be provided to the City toward the planting of additional street trees on Queen Street West and the surrounding area, corresponding to the security deposit amount for new street trees that would otherwise have been required.
- 4.9. All construction activity within public spaces will be planned and managed in accordance with the Toronto Pedestrian Charter to ensure that walking is a safe, comfortable, and convenient mode of travel within the City. In the case of private development, the details of construction within public space will be determined through the context of a planning application and resultant construction management plans. In the case of City-initiated work, supporting information will be posted to the City of Toronto website.

5. Transportation

- 5.1. The Queen Street West right-of-way will be modified over time to improve public safety, prioritizing the safe and efficient movement of pedestrians, cyclists, and transit along the corridor. The City will undertake a corridor study with associated community consultation to explore actions to achieve these objectives.
- 5.2. To facilitate the conservation of heritage buildings, and to support Public Realm, Built Form and Transportation objectives, the following vehicle parking requirements will apply to development that is undertaken in conformity with the policies contained in Site and Area Specific Policy 566:
 - 5.2.1. No additional vehicle parking spaces will be required for new uses proposed in an existing building;
 - 5.2.2. No additional vehicle parking spaces will be required for any existing floor space or floor space added via a vertical addition up to a building height of six storeys;
 - 5.2.3. No additional resident vehicle parking spaces will be required for new mixed-use or residential development with fewer than 30 dwelling units ; and
 - 5.2.4. In new development, vehicle parking requirements may be satisfied via the provision of any, or a combination, of the following, as determined through the review of a development application:

- a. new bicycle parking spaces in excess of the minimum number of bicycle parking spaces otherwise required, at a rate of five bicycle parking spaces for each vehicle space, to be located on site or on an adjacent site;
 - b. publicly accessible parking facilities, to be managed by the Toronto Parking Authority, where appropriate; and
 - c. financial contributions in-lieu-of vehicle parking, to be directed to public space and transportation improvements within the Parkdale Main Street and West Queen West areas respectively.
- 5.3. The inclusion of public bike share facilities shall be considered in relation to improvements or expansions to Boulevard Spaces.
- 5.4. The redevelopment of any Toronto Parking Authority lot located within Parkdale Main Street or West Queen West will provide at least one of the following within the new development:
 - a. community space;
 - b. public open space;
 - c. affordable housing; and
 - d. affordable non-residential space.

6. Built Form

- 6.1. West Queen West and Parkdale Main Street are characterized by their narrow lot pattern, low-rise buildings, and evolution through incremental building additions/extensions over time. Gentle and context-sensitive growth will be encouraged, where new buildings and additions will:
 - 6.1.1. conserve cultural heritage values and heritage attributes;
 - 6.1.2. limit the consolidation of lots; and
 - 6.1.3. provide animated uses on ground floors to support a vibrant street life.
- 6.2. Development will be designed to be compatible with and reinforce the existing fine-grained built form and street character of Queen Street

West within West Queen West and Parkdale Main Street, which should include:

- 6.2.1. a rhythm of vertical bays and articulation that fits with the existing context of the adjacent properties and blocks, or with a broader context where appropriate references are not present;
 - 6.2.2. on corner properties, vertical bays, articulation and openings that appropriately address both frontages; and
 - 6.2.3. architectural elements that reference and align with established horizontal datum lines of adjacent buildings.
- 6.3. The maximum overall height of any building, including any addition to an existing building, is 6 storeys and 20 metres, as measured to the top of the roof slab.
- 6.4. New development and additions to existing buildings will be designed to fit with the lower-scale streetwall character of Queen Street by providing the following setbacks, heights, and stepbacks in relation to its Queen Street West frontage:
- 6.4.1. new buildings and additions on existing buildings will provide a minimum stepback of 5 metres above a height of 10.5 metres;
 - 6.4.2. notwithstanding policy 6.4.1, where a new building, or addition on an existing building, immediately abuts one or more heritage buildings with a streetwall height exceeding 10.5 metres, the minimum stepback of 5 metres may be provided at the height of the taller heritage building's streetwall;
 - 6.4.3. notwithstanding policies 6.4.1 and 6.4.2, additions on heritage buildings that would increase the streetwall height of the heritage buildings are not permitted;
 - 6.4.4. notwithstanding policy 6.4.1, additions on heritage buildings with flat roofs will provide a minimum stepback of 5 metres above the height of the existing building's streetwall;
 - 6.4.5. notwithstanding policies 6.4.1 and 6.4.4, additions on heritage buildings with shed or gable roofs may require a greater stepback to conserve heritage values, attributes and character of the roof;

- 6.4.6. new buildings and additions on existing buildings will be setback an additional 3 metres above a height of 16.5 metres; and
 - 6.4.7. projecting balconies are not permitted within required building setbacks.
- 6.5. For corner properties, new development and additions to existing buildings will provide the following setbacks, heights, and setbacks in relation to its side street frontage:
- 6.5.1. development will generally continue the streetwall of the Queen Street frontage around and along the side street frontage;
 - 6.5.2. notwithstanding the 10.5 metre height set out in policy 6.4.1, new buildings located on a corner property may incorporate a taller streetwall element or architectural corner treatment, to a maximum height of 14 metres and not to exceed 10 metres in width along its Queen Street West frontage;
 - 6.5.3. new buildings and additions on existing buildings will provide a minimum setback of 1.5 metres above a height of 14.0 metres;
 - 6.5.4. notwithstanding policy 6.5.3, additions on heritage buildings will provide a minimum setback of 1.5 metres above the height of the existing building's streetwall; and
 - 6.5.5. projecting balconies are not permitted within required building setbacks.
- 6.6. New development and additions to existing buildings will provide the following setbacks, heights, and setbacks in relation to the rear of the property:
- 6.6.1. new buildings and additions will provide a 9 metre rear yard setback from the property line of the adjacent *Neighbourhoods*-designated property;
 - 6.6.2. if an existing building does not meet the rear yard setback and is planned to be maintained, the addition above the existing building will provide a 9 metre rear setback from the property line of the adjacent *Neighbourhoods*-designated property;
 - 6.6.3. a public lane may be included within the 9 metre rear yard setback; and

- 6.6.4. new buildings and additions will be setback an additional 3 metres above a height of 16.5 metres.
- 6.7. Rooftop equipment, screening, structures and/or roof access on a new building or addition to an existing building will:
 - 6.7.1. setback a minimum of 3 metres from the front building wall of the top floor;
 - 6.7.2. cover no more than 50% of the roof area;
 - 6.7.3. extend a maximum of 2.5 metres above the height of the roof;
 - 6.7.4. notwithstanding Policy 6.7.3, extend a maximum of 5.5 metres above the height of the roof where demonstrated as necessary for the functional operation of the building, subject to increased setbacks such that the shadow impacts on, and visibility from, the adjacent street and surrounding properties is not increased; and
 - 6.7.5. be situated and screened to minimize noise and shadow impacts on, and visibility from, the adjacent street and surrounding properties.
- 6.8. Amenity space or other uses located on a rooftop will be situated and screened to minimize visual impact on heritage buildings, and noise, shadow and overlook impacts on surrounding properties.
- 6.9. Access to site servicing and parking will be provided at the rear of the building/site from a lane or a shared driveway wherever possible, and incorporate any parking garage ramps, access stairs and garbage collection/storage and loading areas inside the building.

7. Site-Specific Criteria

7.1. Parkdale Hub

The Focus Area located at the intersection of Queen Street and Cowan Avenue contains an important cluster of historic civic, cultural and institutional buildings and uses that support the local community. Redevelopment in this area for civic uses will:

- 7.1.1. engage and consult community members, community-based organizations, Business Improvement Areas, City divisions, agencies, and other affected stakeholders;

- 7.1.2. have regard for the direction of the Public Realm, Transportation and Built Form policies above in the overall design of the project;
- 7.1.3. ensure high-quality building design, materiality and construction practices;
- 7.1.4. provide contextually-sensitive and -appropriate built form to integrate with its surroundings;
- 7.1.5. conserve on-site and adjacent significant heritage resources. The submission of a Heritage Impact Assessment and Conservation Plan will be required to demonstrate how the on-site and adjacent heritage resources are being conserved;
- 7.1.6. expand, enhance and improve connections in the public realm to accommodate all users; and
- 7.1.7. be permitted variations from the criteria set out in the Built Form policies, where any resulting impacts, including on pedestrian comfort, shadow impacts, and transition in scale have been considered in the context of a site specific Zoning By-law amendment application and addressed to the satisfaction of City Council.

8. Residential Uses

- 8.1. Mixed-use and residential developments will be encouraged to include purpose-built rental housing and affordable housing, in building types, unit types and sizes, including dwelling rooms, suitable to accommodate a variety of households and achieve a balanced mix of housing.
- 8.2. To contribute a balanced mix of unit types, and to support the creation of housing suitable for families, development containing 20 or more new residential units will include:
 - 8.2.1. a minimum of 10 percent of the total number of units with at least three bedrooms; and
 - 8.2.2. a minimum of 15 percent of the total number of units with at least two bedrooms.
- 8.3. In new development, residential uses will not be permitted on the ground floor along street frontages, with the exception of residential lobby entrances or stair accesses.

- 8.4. On corner properties, residential lobbies will not be permitted on the frontage facing Queen Street West.
- 8.5. Residential uses and entrances may be located on a public lane, provided they are designed to:
 - 8.5.1. ensure adequate and safe access that meets fire and emergency service requirements;
 - 8.5.2. include building, entrance, and lighting design elements that prioritize personal security;
 - 8.5.3. include accessible design features, to the extent feasible;
 - 8.5.4. beautify the lanescape and/or provide green infrastructure through enhanced landscaping; and
 - 8.5.5. limit privacy, noise and light issues on adjacent properties.

9. Commercial Uses

- 9.1. The characteristic main street configuration of commercial uses at street level with residential uses located above will be generally maintained.
- 9.2. The limited storefront width of properties contributes to the architectural rhythm of commercial space and pedestrian experience on Queen Street West, and will be reflected and reinforced in new development and alterations:
 - 9.2.1. New retail, personal service, restaurant, service commercial, institutional, cultural, and other similar spaces located on the ground floor will maintain the general scale and width of existing storefronts.
 - 9.2.2. Notwithstanding policy 9.2.1, where new development is proposed on sites with a Queen Street West frontage exceeding 16 metres, the average storefront width of new commercial units will not exceed 8 metres in West Queen West and 9 metres in Parkdale Main Street.
 - 9.2.3. The consolidation of multiple existing storefronts into a single larger storefront that would exceed the average storefront widths set out in Policy 9.2.2 is not permitted.
 - 9.2.4. The width of commercial units is not required to be uniform for the depth of the site, and shallow commercial units may be

paired with larger units that wrap behind them, provided both units have widths at the street frontage in accordance with Policies 9.2.1, 9.2.2 and 9.2.3.

9.2.5. Commercial uses or portions of a commercial use located below-grade or on, or above, the second floor are not subject to Policies 9.2.1, 9.2.2 and 9.2.3.

9.3. New development and alterations to existing buildings will consider measures to improve accessibility and mitigate conflicts with pedestrians in the design and location of building entrances.

9.3.1. Retrofitting of existing building entrances to ground floor commercial spaces to provide fully barrier-free access is encouraged. Such alterations will be designed to conserve heritage attributes.

9.3.2. New development is encouraged to incorporate recessed building entrances for ground floor commercial spaces and entrances to upper floors.

9.3.3. On corner properties, new development is encouraged to incorporate chamfered corners for building entrances and storefronts.

9.4. Small-scale arts, community, retail, service and office uses, but excluding restaurants, bars, clubs and similar uses, may take their primary access from a public lane running parallel to Queen Street West, provided the use is compatible with the area, does not adversely impact adjacent residences, and satisfies the criteria set out in Policy 8.6 above.

10. Sustainability

10.1. New development will be undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the Toronto Green Standard Version 3 or its successor, except where requirements in this Site and Area Specific Policy exceed the minimum standards contained in Toronto Green Standard Version 3 or its successor.

10.2. New development is encouraged to meet or exceed the highest performance level of the Toronto Green Standard to achieve zero or near-zero emissions.

- 10.3. New development is encouraged to enhance biodiversity through planting varieties of native plant species and creating habitats at grade and on rooftops.
- 10.4. Development and streetscape improvements will integrate stormwater retention, trees and other plantings, where feasible.

11. Cultural and Community Uses

- 11.1. Development will be encouraged to retain and expand spaces for culture sector employment and businesses. Where development is proposed that would result in the loss of community or arts and cultural space, the applicant will be required to identify suitable opportunities for the relocation and/or replacement of this space.
- 11.2. The adaptive re-use of properties on the Heritage Register to accommodate community and/or arts, cultural, and live music and performance spaces will be encouraged, especially where the building is a prominent community landmark.
- 11.3. The retention of existing live music venues and the establishment of new venues will be encouraged. To ensure a supportive environment for live music venues:
 - 11.3.1. new development containing residential units located within 120 metres of an existing live music venue will be designed and constructed to include acoustic attenuation measures on-site, or within the building design, to mitigate noise levels from adjacent live music venues;
 - 11.3.2. new development containing residential units located within 120 metres of a live music venue will include an advisory clause within the Site Plan Agreement and/or Condominium Declaration that notifies purchasers, lessees and tenants of possible noise that may arise from its proximity to a live music venue; and
 - 11.3.3. where the redevelopment of a property containing an existing live music venue is proposed, the applicant will incorporate building design and construction approaches that facilitate the future use or conversion of the space for the operation of a live music venue.
- 11.4. Queen Street West hosts a significant concentration of murals and other street art, particularly in rear laneways and facing on to public spaces, which contribute to its character and the cultural landscape.

11.4.1. Public and private initiatives to identify appropriate locations and encourage the creation of street art are encouraged; and

11.4.2. New development shall consider the character of adjacent laneways, and provide opportunities for public art and murals to improve the streetscape of these public rights-of-way.

11.5. Within Parkdale Main Street and West Queen West, priorities for Community Services and Facilities investment will include:

11.5.1. capital improvements to area libraries and community recreation centres; and

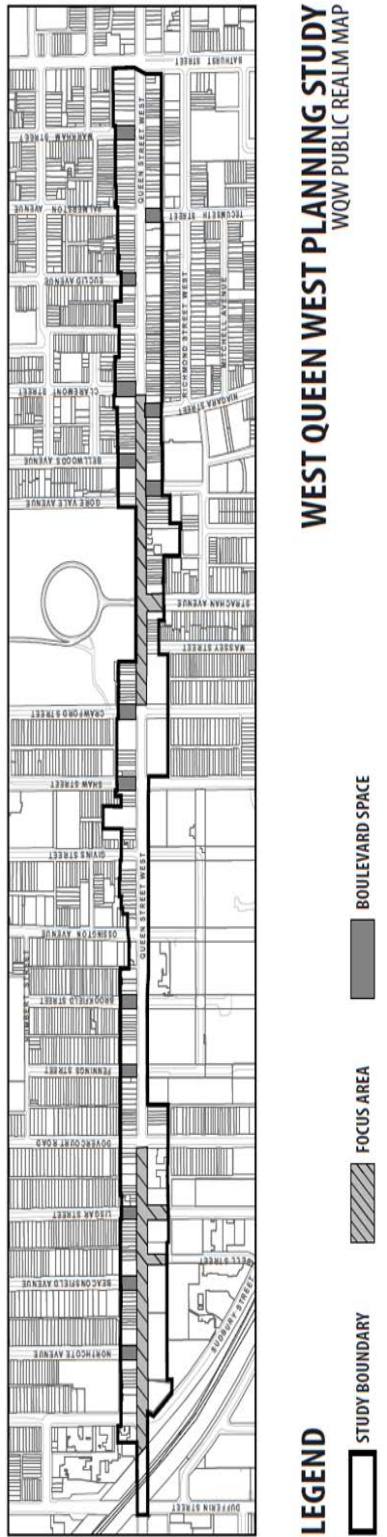
11.5.2. securing space within new development for social services, child care spaces, and non-profit service providers.

12. Heritage

The conservation and enhancement of the historic character of Queen Street West is a primary objective of this Site and Area Specific Policy. The Parkdale Main Street and West Queen West areas are representative of historic main street commercial development in Toronto in the late 19th and early 20th century. The collection of historic main street buildings within the area has created a continuous streetwall articulated by landmark properties.

12.1. Development proposed on, or adjacent to, a designated heritage property, or a property listed on the City's Heritage Register, will require additional consideration and design solutions to conserve the cultural heritage values, heritage attributes and character of these properties.

Map 2 of 3 - Public Realm (West Queen West)



Map 3 of 3 - Public Realm (Parkdale Main Street)

