

SUMMARY OF CITY COUNCIL DIRECTIONS RELATED TO THE GRANGE PRECINCT AREA OR PROPERTIES

The Council-adopted Downtown Parks and Public Realm Plan and its goals for the District (see pages 180-185) seeks to better integrate the City-owned facilities and open spaces adjacent to Grange Park into the Grange-John-Roundhouse Park District.

At the then Community Development and Recreation Committee meeting on June 23, 2016, the Committee approved a motion to direct to the Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration to lead a multi-stakeholder review of the Downtown West community service system and prepare a local community service strategy that identified current and planned assets, service overlaps and/or gaps and opportunities for service improvement.

In 2018, City Council adopted an Official Plan Amendment for the Downtown (Official Plan Amendment 406) along with five infrastructure strategies. One of the five strategies, the Downtown Community Services and Facilities Strategy, set out the needs for schools, child care, libraries, community and recreation centres and human services agencies, associated with growth and outlined a series of strategic directions and actions for the Plan's implementation. The Downtown Community Services and Facilities Strategy called for reinvesting in and maximizing use of public assets through retrofits, expansions and improvements.

In collaboration with City operating Divisions, the Downtown Community Services and Facilities Strategy explicitly identified the establishment of an Interdivisional Working Group to develop a long-term capital strategy for the Associations of Community Centres and City-owned community facilities serving the Downtown, and the development of a comprehensive vision and plan for the University Settlement House, Harrison Pool and St. Patrick's Square and Market sites to better meet the emerging needs of the community, and ensure alignment with other City plans, initiatives and public realm improvements.

City Council also directed Social Development, Finance and Administration, in collaboration with Real Estate, now Corporate Real Estate Management, CreateTO, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, and City Planning, to work in partnership with University Settlement House to explore opportunities to develop a plan for City-owned assets in the precinct to better meet the emerging needs of the community. Council direction included that the plan be prepared in consultation with the Ward Councillor and the local community and be aligned with the Downtown West Facilities and Services Review as well as the implementation of the Downtown Parks and Public Realm Plan.

City Planning, Transportation Services, Parks, Forestry & Recreation, and Economic Development & Culture are developing a rolling implementation strategy for the Downtown Parks and Public Realm Plan – to be monitored regularly and updated periodically – that identifies studies, initiatives and project alignments to be advanced by on a priority basis to improve the quality, quantity and connectivity of public spaces in support of population and employment growth in the fast-growing Downtown. This includes prioritizing initiatives to improve and expand pedestrian facilities, planning and design of public right of ways, and character within the Grange Precinct, as part of the 'Grange/ John Street/ Roundhouse Park District' that is part of the broader Downtown

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public space plan approved by Council in 2018.

The Park and Recreation Facility Master Plan directs staff to explore options to convert the Harrison Pool to other uses with programming shifted to nearby facilities. These options will be considered through Phase 2 of the Grange precinct plan.

In September of 2019, the Planning and Housing Committee passed a request to the Board of CreateTO and the CEO of CreateTO to employ open and international design competitions, in which it is the developer.

The Toronto Rebuild and Recovery Strategy was adopted by Council in October 2020 as a reaction to the global COVID pandemic and outlines a roadmap of civic investment for the City's economic, social and cultural recovery. Food security, creating neighbourhood food hubs, spaces for groups to engage communities in recovery, to support the arts, culture, festivals and events, including Do-It-Yourself spaces, and residential density with community infrastructure.