



Member Motion

City Council

Notice of Motion

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The Future of Yonge and Eglinton's Canada Square: Supporting Midtown Residents' Quality of Life - by Councillor Josh Matlow, seconded by Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Toronto and East York Community Council. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor Josh Matlow, seconded by Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam, recommends that:

1. City Council request the Chief Planner, Executive Director, City Planning to:
 - a. establish a Working Group, in consultation with the Ward Councillor, composed of local Residents' Associations, Tenants' Associations, Business Improvement Areas, community organizations, the Councillors for Wards 8 and 15, and other stakeholders;
 - b. establish an Inter-Divisional Team with Staff from City Planning, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, Children's Services, Social Development, Finance and Administration, Economic Development and Culture, Engineering and Construction Services, Transportation Services, CreateTO, the Toronto Transit Commission, and others as appropriate;
 - c. in consultation with the Working Group and with the support of the Inter-Divisional Team, comprehensively evaluate the redevelopment of the site in consideration of, but not limited to: community services; schools; affordable housing; built form; open space; cultural space; economic development; public art; and, transit infrastructure; and
 - d. following Working Group meetings, provide a Special Study Area Report with Guiding Principles for the redevelopment of the site, consistent with the intent of the applicable policy, to the June 24, 2021 meeting of Toronto and East York Community Council.

Summary

The Bus Barns site on the Canada Square lands have sat as a derelict eyesore for almost two decades, serving as a staging ground for construction of the Eglinton Crosstown. However, the site (bounded by Eglinton to the north, Yonge to the east, Berwick to the south, and Duplex to the west) will become one of the most important transit hubs in Toronto when the project is

completed. Importantly to the local community, these lands represent a historic opportunity to improve the quality of life for Midtown residents.

Designated as a Growth Centre by the Provincial government in 2006, the Yonge-Eglinton area has experienced rapid development and a corresponding increase in population over the past decade and a half. Unfortunately, the Province did not ensure that community services and infrastructure would keep up with the pace of growth. As a result, there is a recognized dearth of amenities in the neighbourhood such as parks, recreation space, child care, and more.

The majority of the development that has occurred in the Yonge-Eglinton area has been on private land, due to provincial policy, limiting the City's ability to require complete projects that include green space and community services. Canada Square, however, is on leased public land and presents a greater opportunity for much needed neighbourhood amenities.

This Motion requests that City Planning, prior to completing their evaluation of Oxford Development's rezoning application (submitted on December 21, 2020), as part of an inter-divisional team, prepare a Special Study Area Report. Importantly, this Motion also requests the establishment of a Working Group composed of Residents' Associations, Tenants' Associations, Business Improvement Areas, community organizations, and other stakeholders to inform the Report.

Background Information (City Council)

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