

January 29, 2022

To: Toronto City Council
Re: PH 30.3 - Our Plan Toronto: Protected Major Transit Station Area Delineations -
Downtown and City-wide Interpretation Policies - Final Report

The Grange Community Association (GCA) requests City Council to delete Campbell House as a site for intensification as it is a core component of the Grange Green Plan and Relic Linear Park.

The GCA supports the proposal outlined by Campbell House in their letter (January 11) to Planning and Housing Committee. Background for the recommendation to delete Campbell House as a location for intensification includes:

1. **MAP.** At the January 12 meeting of the Planning and Housing Committee, members **approved in its entirety** the map defining minimum intensification categories for properties within the Osgoode Protected Major Transit Station Area, including assigning **without discussion** the highest intensification category of 3.0 to the Campbell House property.
2. **AMENDMENT.** We ask that this oversight be corrected by moving an amendment to change the intensification category of the Campbell House property from 3.0 to zero.
3. **PROTECTION.** The Grange Community Association Inc executive at its meeting on January 19th unanimously supported zero intensification of the Campbell House property. Here's why: If the Campbell House property is categorized as intensification category 3 (the maximum category) as suggested by the map, significant development could be allowed on what now functions as public parkland. Amending PH30.3 to category 0 will mean that zero additional development will be allowed.
4. **NOW A CITY PARK.** The Campbell House property, leased by the City from Canada Life through 2099, marks the southeast corner of the Grange Neighbourhood. This public green space, with its small urban forest, flower beds, and carved stone sculptures – well-maintained by Parks, Forestry and Recreation – is a welcome amenity for residents and workers, and important for environmental health in the downtown. In everything except name, it is a park. It should be protected as such.
5. **PLANS.** The Campbell House site is a key part of the Council-approved Grange Green Plan, and Relic Linear Park (now underway with municipal and federal seed funding).

We have communicated our concerns to Councillor Cressy.

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***GREEN PLAN.** The GCA has been working since 2018 towards implementation of the Council-approved Grange Green Plan. The Plan includes Relic Linear Park (a project in partnership with Campbell House Museum and the City), which runs northward from Queen and Simcoe. The Southern Gateway of Relic Linear Park is comprised of the Campbell House green space and adjacent Simcoe boulevard. The upcoming transformation of the boulevard into an inviting public gathering place that is connected to and integrated with the Campbell House garden will emphasize the significance of the public green space at 160 Queen St.

***PROJECT GRANT.** We are pleased that the Sir William Campbell Foundation has just learned that it was successful in securing a grant to support 75% of the cost of construction of the Southern Gateway element. The project team is now in discussions with City Transportation about how to coordinate construction of the Southern Gateway with completion of the new Simcoe watermain beginning in May.