

Yonge North York Business Improvement Area (BIA)

Tuesday, October 11th, 2023

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

We urge you to support restoring North York Civic Centre to previous hours of operation that included evenings and weekends as soon as possible.

Along the Yonge corridor north of the 401, additional underground pathways around the subway stations creates connectivity for thousands of residents and workers to dining, services and shopping establishments.

Economic impacts of COVID-19 were especially severe for businesses and vacancies located in underground areas like the Downtown PATH and Yonge North York pathways, as well as in connected indoor office buildings, food courts and shopping centres. Unfortunately, economic recovery continues to be slow, and Toronto's continued support and partnership is needed.

These underground pathways contribute to a healthy main street for all.

They provide ways for pedestrians to travel more safely in areas between intersections along the busy street. They offer much-needed shelter during inclement weather (i.e. snow, rain, ice, extreme temperatures, high winds that occur along Yonge North, etc.).

For over two decades, the North York Civic Centre has served as an important connection to many community amenities. These include government services as well as local businesses such as grocery stores, pharmacies, service providers, restaurants, and other retailers.

Please re-open the North York Civic Centre on evenings and weekends. These amenities and highly convenient pathways are worth preserving for the benefit of Torontonians in our growing, busy and densely populated area.

Sincerely,

Board of Directors for the Yonge North York BIA