EY11.1: Jane Finch Secondary Plan and Urban Design Guidelines – Final Report

Etobicoke York Community Council February 26, 2024



Why a Jane Finch Secondary Plan?

- Growing development interest with the arrival of the Finch West LRT.
- The plan encourages appropriate kinds of growth to support the development of new housing, including affordable housing, and new jobs near transit.
- The plan supports the continuation of existing businesses and creates conditions for job growth.



Two Companion Plans

- Jane Finch Community Development Plan is moving on to City Council's March 20-22 meeting
- The secondary plan leverages benefits from development to serve social and economic goals of existing and future residents and workers.

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Community Consultation facilitated by the Jane/Finch Centre

- 30 monthly meetings with the **Community Advisory Committee**
- Five **public meetings**, in-person and virtual
- 16 community **pop-up events**
- Four 'deep dialogues' on Community Development Plan themes
- 15 one-on-one interviews with community members
- Project website hosting background info, engagement summaries and a virtual open house platform
- Three **surveys**, including one tailored to businesses
- 27 e-updates to ~375 subscribers
- Stakeholder meetings with landowners, youth, local organizations and advocacy groups, tenant leaders, local businesses



Shaping growth in new housing and jobs

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Intersection District Commercial and social heart of the community supporting new housing in a range of building = typologies with walkable grid, new parkland and public squares as community gathering spaces

Norfinch District Mixed-use node with new central park, tall and mid-rise buildings, and a balance of residential and non-residential space

Jane Street District Infill development within existing apartment neighbourhoods with tall, pavilion and mid-rise buildings along a Green Spine

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Infill development through tall, pavilion and mid-rise buildings will support the area's tower-in-the-park green and open space character and include small-scale retail, service and community-serving uses

Finch Avenue District Mixed-use intensification near LRT stops and along the Avenue, through primarily midrise and some tall buildings, with green, walkable public realm and improved connections from LRT stops into adjacent neighbourhoods

> **Firgrove Grassways District** Revitalization site for Toronto Community Housing

Land use to support balanced growth

- Redesignating to Mixed Use Areas (red) along the LRT route
- Excluded Core Employment lands (purple) from the secondary plan area to protect them from conversion pressure
- Maintaining the existing Institutional Areas (blue)
- Maintaining the existing Apartment Neighbourhoods (orange) designation along Jane Street



Community Development

- Encouraging early community engagement by applicants
- Growing in place: requiring that applicants demonstrate how their proposal responds the anti-displacement strategy
- Policies on inclusive economic development, and provision of space to support arts & culture
- Developing the Jane Finch Community Hub and Centre for the Arts
- Community Service Facilities priorities include:
 - Licensed non-profit childcare spaces
 - Community agency space eligible for the CST
 - Revitalization of Driftwood Community Rec. Centre
 - Oakdale Community Recreation Centre identified as a strong candidate for future investment







EYCC Staff Report Attachments

- 1. Jane Finch Secondary Plan
- 2. Urban Design Guidelines
- 3. Parks and Public Realm Strategy
- 4. Mobility and Transit Integration Strategy
- 5. Historic Context Statement
- 6. Community Service Facilities Strategy

- 7. Servicing Capacity Assessment (Toronto Water)
- 8. Summary of Community Engagement (Jane/Finch Centre)
- 9. Summary of Indigenous Engagement (Innovation Seven)
- 10. Policy Context



Next Steps

- Using the plan to shape applications in the area
- Zoning Bylaw amendment to support implementation of the Secondary Plan.
- Ongoing collaboration between divisions to align development application review and capital budgeting with the Community Development Plan and the Community Partnership Circle.







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