

## City Council

### Notice of Motion

MM20.15	ACTION			Ward: 11
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### **Elm Street Streetscape - by Councillor Dianne Saxe, seconded by Councillor Paul Ainslie**

*\* 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 Dianne Saxe, seconded by Councillor Paul Ainslie, recommends that:

1. City Council request the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning, in consultation with the General Manager, Transportation Services, to prepare a streetscape vision for Elm Street between Yonge Street and Bay Street and report back to Toronto and East York Community Council by the first quarter of 2025.

### **Summary**

Elm Street between Yonge Street and Bay Street is one downtown block with an established and cherished heritage character which includes landscaping, public seating, low rise heritage buildings and sidewalk cafés. This block is now undergoing severe development and traffic pressure, including applications relating to the Ontario Heritage Act, such as [Agenda Item History - 2024.TE15.18 \(toronto.ca\)](#) and [Agenda Item History - 2023.CC8.32 \(toronto.ca\)](#). To maintain the existing character of Elm Street while accommodating new development and deciding heritage alteration applications, a consolidated streetscape vision is needed for this block of Elm Street.

In 2023, by 2023.IE5.6 on Streetscape Design Gaps, Council directed staff to report in the fourth quarter of 2023 recommending a process for preparing streetscape designs for streets in transition. Staff have not submitted the directed report, and the city presently has no staff or process tasked with proposing streetscape visions. Accordingly, Urban Design has requested Council direction to propose a streetscape for this block of Elm Street, in consultation with Community Planning and Transportation Services.

### **Background Information (City Council)**

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(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2024/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-247788.pdf>)