



July 13, 2026

To: Economic and Development Committee
Re: Supporting King St W as a Cultural and Business Destination

Summary:

King St W is one of our city's best cultural and business corridors, home to many of our theatres, entertainment venues, restaurants, retail, and many other businesses that put Toronto on the world map.

As our city continues to invest in our culture industry and in our small businesses, King St W is one of our finest destinations but it needs support to continue to be a place people want to visit throughout the day, throughout the year, and for many different reasons. Investing in the King Street West corridor is essential to maintaining its status as a premier cultural and business destination.

Recommendations:

Economic and Community Development Committee request the General Manager, Economic Development and Culture, in collaboration with Transportation Services and other relevant divisions, agencies, local Business Improvement Areas, and local major cultural institutions to report back in the next annual report on the implementation of Culture Connects: An Action Plan for Culture in Toronto (2025-2035) on how the objectives of the Action Plan can be supported by opportunities to animate the King Street West corridor as a cultural and business destination in Toronto.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A Malik". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter 'A' being particularly large and stylized.

Ausma Malik
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