

The TOcore Proposals Report provides a comprehensive set of policy directions to shape the future growth of the Downtown and link that growth to needed infrastructure. We want to hear your feedback on these directions. The draft Secondary Plan will be based on these proposed directions and your input.



What is TOcore?

TOcore is an initiative to prepare a 25-year plan for Toronto's Downtown, along with a series of physical and social infrastructure strategies. Building on the existing planning framework, TOcore's purpose is to ensure growth positively contributes to Downtown as a great place to live, work, learn, play and invest.

In December 2016, City Council approved the TOcore Proposals Report which includes policy directions for a new Downtown Secondary Plan that addresses both today's issues and tomorrow's challenges. It outlines 1 vision, 5 guiding principles and 128 proposed policy directions to shape the heart of our city.

We want to hear your feedback on these proposed policies.

You are encouraged to explore the 8 other booklets, which provide highlights of the policy directions found in the TOcore Proposals Report. Have your say. Tell us what you think of the policies, by tearing off the last page of the booklets. You can email a photo of your feedback or send it to us by mail:

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Look for These Booklets



Shaping Land Use, Scale & Economy



Parks & Public Realm



Building for Liveability



Downtown Mobility



Enhancing Community Services & Facilities / Housing



Celebrating Culture



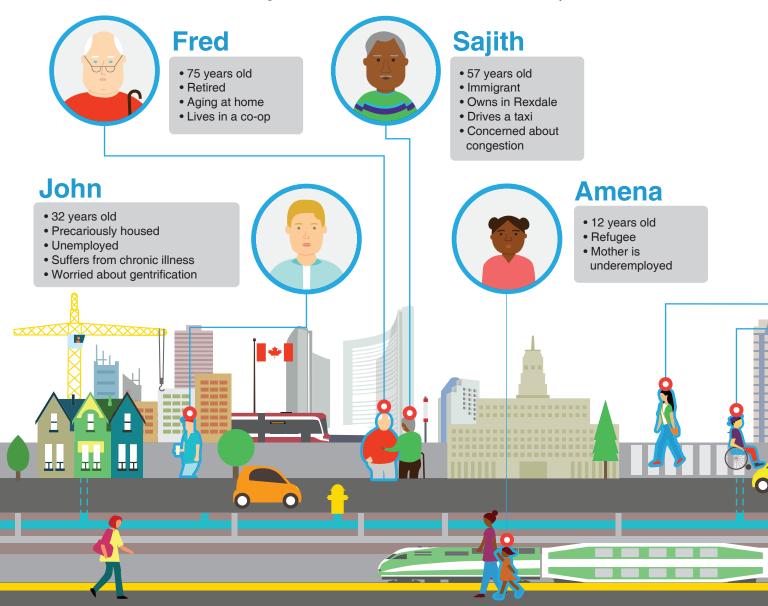
Towards a Resilient Downtown



Supplying Water

Have you met our Avatars?

When we think about how to best guide the future of Downtown, it's important to consider the diversity of people that live, work, learn, play and invest in the core. To help do this we created 16 avatars or virtual Torontonians. Based on an analysis of demographic data, with stories to make them relatable, our avatars reflect a mix of people that we know live in Toronto. Some live Downtown, some visit, some work in the core and some avoid it. We're calling them the TOcore Avatars. Let us introduce you to a few.





Ann

- 30 years old
- Métis
- Works & lives
 Downtown
- Rents
- Walks everywhere



Charles

- 43 years old
- 1st generation family
- Owns a Midtown condo
- Enjoys museums & libraries



Fernanda

- 22 years old
- College student
- Transit user
- Newcomer
- Arts and culture lover



Marilyn

- 44 years old
- Disabled
- Lives Downtown
- Owns a House
- Drives to Work



Peter

- 58 years old
- Takes transit to work Downtown
- Owns a house
- Enjoys the arts scene Downtown



Downtown is Growing

Toronto's high quality of life and economic opportunities have made it one of the fastest growing cities in North America, and nowhere is this more evident than in our rising skyline and crowded Downtown sidewalks.

Downtown is the most prominent location for development activity in the city and it contains the largest percentage of proposed development of all the city's growth management areas.

Every year, approximately 10,000 new residents move into Downtown – a rate of growth that could see the population increase from 250,000 today to potentially 475,000 by 2041.

2016
estimated population
250,000

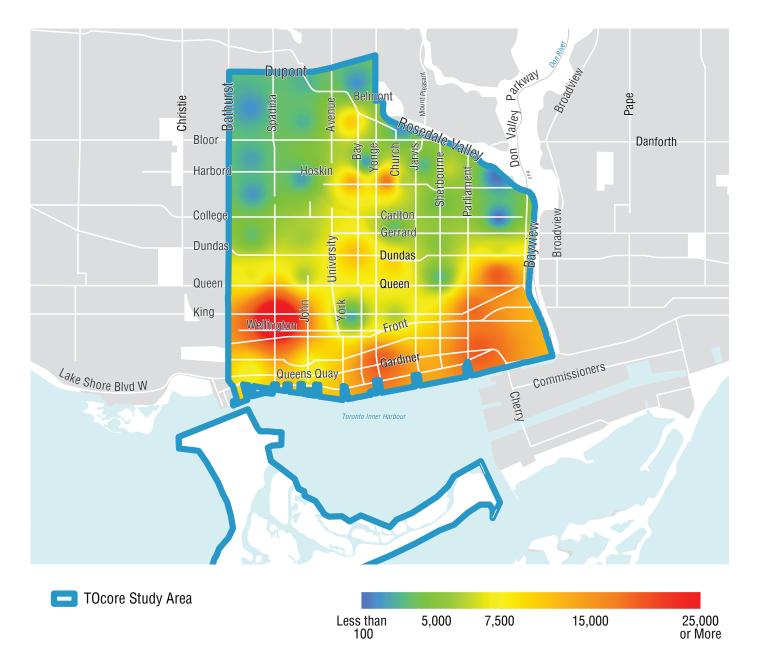


The distribution of that growth, shown in the Projected Population Change (2011-2041) map, shows growth concentrating along the southern edge of Downtown, and then moving up the centre of Downtown, along the Yonge Street spine, generally forming an upside-down "T" pattern.

Employment has also been increasing, with over half a million jobs now located Downtown within multiple new office buildings and other diverse places of work, learning, and culture.

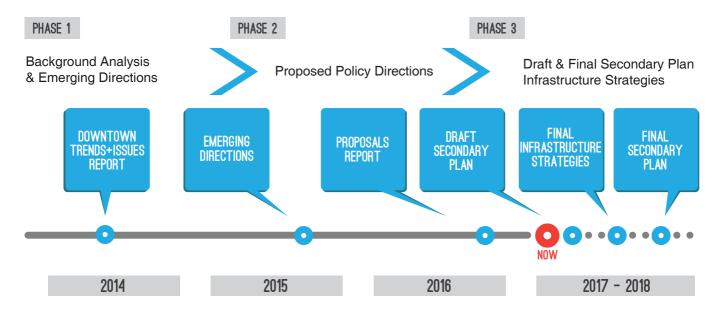
Much of the recent growth has taken advantage of the infrastructure investments made by previous generations of Torontonians. As the excess capacity of existing infrastructure diminishes, we face a tipping point where further growth threatens to undermine the liveability that has long underpinned Downtown's success. This intensity of development will need to be balanced with an equivalent investment in the physical and social infrastructure required to keep the heart of our city strong and liveable.

The Pattern of Growth: Projected Population Change 2011 - 2041



TOcore: Where are we?

This Proposals Report is the third report to City Council on TOcore: Planning Downtown. It outlines the policy proposals for a new Downtown Secondary Plan. The Downtown Secondary Plan and the five infrastructure strategies – Parks and Public Realm, Transportation, Community Facilities, Energy, and Water – will be finalized and presented to Council in early 2018.



Downtown's Contribution

Planning for Downtown Toronto must consider the unique and diverse roles it plays as the economic & cultural hub of the region. It is an economic powerhouse that is indispensable to the economic health and prosperity of our region.



5 Guiding Principles

A Vision for a Downtown Like No Other: The Liveable, Connected, Prosperous and Resilient Heart of Toronto.



• A Downtown of Neighbourhoods

- Flexible and Dynamic Public Spaces
- An Inclusive and Affordable Downtown

LIVEABILITY

• The Region's Most Accessible Centre

- Prioritizing Sustainable Transportation
- · A Green, Connected Public Realm



CONNECTIVITY



PROSPERITY

- A Competitive Image to the World
- Economic Driver for the City, Region and Country
- Flourishing Scene for Arts and Culture



- A Stronger, Healthier Downtown
- Towards a Low-Carbon Downtown



RESPONSIBILITY

- Strong Partnerships
- Sustainable Financial Mechanisms



RESILIENCY

