



Policy Direction Highlights - Booklet 5

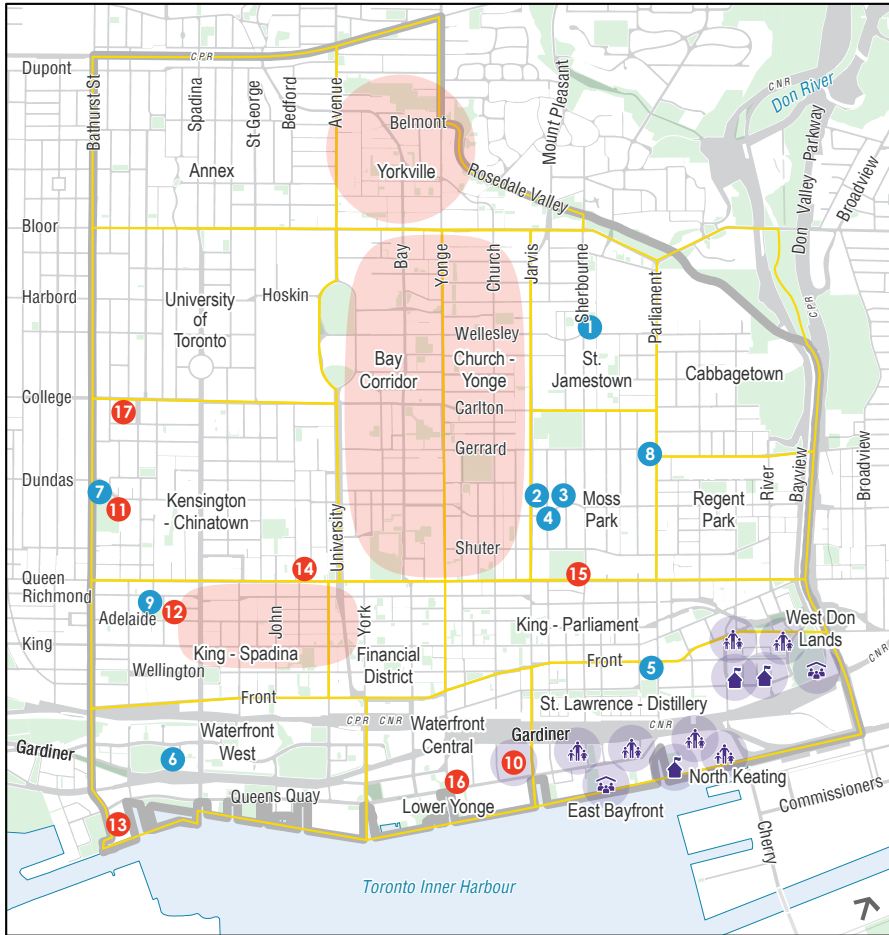
ENHANCING COMMUNITY SERVICES & FACILITIES

Access to community services and facilities (CS&F) contributes to the quality of life, health and well-being of Downtown residents, workers and students. TOcore is developing a CS&F Strategy for Downtown that is responsive to the needs of a growing and diverse population for recreation, child care, libraries, schools and human services and supports by strongly linking the provision of these services with the growing population.







HOUSING

The City's liveability and prosperity is intrinsically connected to the provision of housing that meets the requirements of a diverse population with varying housing needs. Throughout our consultation and engagement we heard how important housing affordability and diversity is to achieving the liveable and inclusive Downtown residents want.

Community Services & Facilities - Opportunities



Planned Future Facilities

-  Licensed Child Care Centres
-  City of Toronto Recreation Facilities
-  Schools
-  Location Approximate
-  Priority Areas for Future CS&F Opportunities
-  TOcore Study Area

Planned Capital Facilities

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| 1 Wellesley Community Centre (New Pool) | 6 Block 31 (City Place) Community Recreation Centre, TDSB/TCDSB Elementary School & Childcare |
| 2 261 Jarvis / Centre for Sport Development | 7 Sanderson Library |
| 3 George St. Revitalization | 8 Parliament St. Library |
| 4 Dundas/Jarvis Redevelopment (New Community Space) | 9 505 Richmond St. W (Proposed YMCA Centre) |
| 5 St. Lawrence Library | |

Future Opportunity Sites to Explore

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| 10 Lower Yonge Precinct Potential New TDSB School | 14 Harrison Pool / University Settlement House |
| 11 Scadding Court Community Centre and Pool / Sanderson Library | 15 Moss Park Redevelopment Project (John Innes / 519) |
| 12 Brant St. School (Potential Hub) | 16 Lower Yonge Precinct New PF+R Facility |
| 13 Bathurst Quay (Potential New Pool Location) | 17 Kensington Community School (Potential Hub) |

Community Facilities for a Thriving Downtown

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Community Services and Facilities support a diverse range of programs and services that build communities and act as neighbourhood focal points where people gather, learn, socialize and access services.

The real and significant challenges of future growth require a more rigorous framework to ensure that growth-related CS&F is provided in coordination with new development and delivered in a way that both maximizes access to existing assets and where appropriate provides for new facilities.

Rendering of future Railway Lands
Community Centre and School
(Credit: City of Toronto)

Community Building through Alignments, Partnerships and Collaboration

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Two key priorities form the foundation upon which to develop a CS&F Strategy for Downtown: the need for affordable, appropriate and accessible space; and the need to develop innovative partnerships and collaborations to meet the challenges of growth Downtown.

The opportunity sites shown on the map will be explored to determine how these existing assets can be improved, expanded or renovated to provide facilities and programs to serve the needs of the growing Downtown neighbourhoods.



H POLICY DIRECTIONS

H1: Ensure no net loss of existing CS&F through development.

H2: Prepare a CS&F Strategy for Downtown, approved by City Council, that is reviewed and updated every five years and sets out the priority services and facilities required to support projected growth.

H3: Require the provision of CS&F as new development occurs through reinvestment in existing assets and/or the establishment of new facilities.

H4: Utilize holding provisions where appropriate to ensure the timely provision of CS&F as growth occurs.

H7: Collaborate with sectors and landowners to co-locate facilities, share resources, and integrate programs and services where possible.

Diversity of Housing

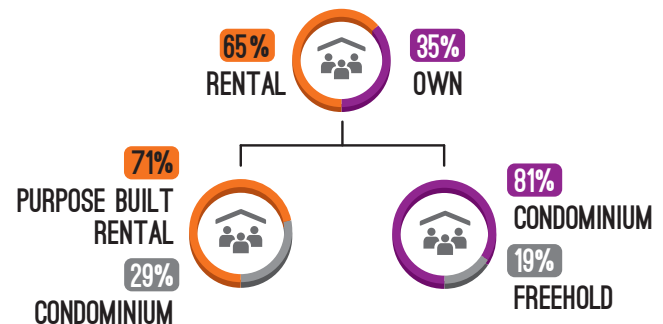
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Sixty-five percent of Downtown residents rent their home, significantly higher than the city-wide number of 45%. A significant proportion of Downtown's population is also low-income, with 23% of households reporting incomes below \$20,000 and 40% below \$40,000 in 2010. While many households rent in existing rental and condo buildings, a great deal of residents rely on Downtown's stock of social housing, rooming houses, single room occupancy (SRO) homes, student residences, transitional housing and emergency shelters. This stock provides a much needed type of housing for vulnerable residents and is not found to the same extent in other areas of the City.

Downtown's neighbourhoods offer a wide range of housing options from grade related to tall buildings. Downtown is also home to families in vertical communities and vulnerable residents who each require housing that is appropriate to their needs.

"Growing Up" Study

City Planning is undertaking a study entitled Growing Up: Planning for Children in New Vertical Communities. This study seeks to address how new multi-unit residential buildings can accommodate the needs of children and youth at three scales: the unit, the building and the neighbourhood.



Tenure and housing form Downtown
(Credit: Statistics Canada, Census 2011)

F POLICY DIRECTIONS

F1: Require new residential development to provide a mix of unit sizes, including a minimum proportion of 2- and 3-bedroom units, which meet design criteria to ensure liveability for families.

F2: Advance policy options to ensure that affordable housing is included in all major new residential developments and that it provides long term, secure tenancy and affordability.

F3: Prioritize affordable housing as a community benefit when Section 37 is being secured for new development.

F5: Seek opportunities to maintain and provide housing for vulnerable populations including relocation strategies, when necessary, due to redevelopment.

Have you met our Avatars?



Cindy

23 years old | Single mother | First Nations
Living in a Shelter

"As a single mother living on a low income, I rely on community facilities to keep my daughter active and healthy. I'm glad to see proposals coming out of TOcore that will make sure new growth Downtown is supported by new investments in community infrastructure."



Jo

18 years old | Trans youth | Homeless | Downtown

"I'm a trans youth and I've gotten huge support from the community services provided by the 519 and Sprott House. These are so important to me and my community and that's why I'm glad to see a policy proposal that ensures no net loss of existing community services and facilities through development."

Tell us about yourself

How will these policies improve the quality of your life?



You

Have Your Say

- How do you think these policies will improve Downtown?
- What policies would you change? How?
- Is anything missing?

This booklet provides you with an overview of the Policy Directions in the TOcore Proposals Report. To see them all please visit

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