MIDTOWN IN FOCUS:
BUILDING A LIVABLE YONGE-EGLINTON
DISCUSSION GUIDE

The Yonge-Eglinton area has experienced significant growth and change in the last decade.

The City is developing a plan for the area - **Midtown in Focus** - that ensures the ingredients of a livable community are in place including parks and public spaces, great old and new buildings, community services and facilities, transportation and servicing infrastructure, and more.

Midtown in Focus will provide an updated planning framework to manage future growth. It will also identify the infrastructure investments that are needed to support quality of life in Midtown in the immediate term and beyond.

We need your input to shape Midtown's future and ensure that it continues to be one of Toronto's most dynamic, attractive and livable neighbourhoods.

WHAT IS TODAY ABOUT?

The Midtown in Focus study is moving towards a draft plan at the end of 2017. At today's event, **we need your feedback on**:

- Parkland opportunities and priorities
- Public realm strategies, including for the Davisville area
- Recommendations to preserve the area's cultural heritage
- Community infrastructure priorities

- The location, scale, and form of future development
- Municipal servicing
- Transportation challenges

WHAT'S IN THIS DISCUSSION GUIDE?

1. Information about each of the Midtown in Focus theme areas
2. Inserts with additional information for the built form and public realm workshops and questions for you to consider and provide feedback
3. Inserts you can use to provide your feedback to be shared with the project team

Public Open House
June 3, 2017
9:30 AM - 2:00 PM
North Toronto Collegiate Institute, Cafeteria

Built Form and Public Realm Workshops
1. Yonge-Eglinton Centre (Rm 222)
2. Davisville-Merton (Rm 223)
3. Midtown Villages (Rm 224)
10:30 AM and **11:45 AM**

Midtown in Focus

Built Form

Midtown Toronto is a collection of diverse places with their own rich histories, complementary functions and distinct building typologies and streetscapes.

The team has identified 23 distinct character areas in Midtown in consultation with the community. Built form principles have been developed to guide the scale, shape and location of future development in these areas.

To provide your thoughts on the Yonge-Eglinton Centre, Davisville-Merton, and the Midtown Villages areas, attend the workshops at 10:30 am and 11:45 am today.

Cultural Heritage

The Cultural Heritage Resource Assessment, nearing completion, includes documentation of Midtown's historical themes, events, and people as well as the identification of cultural heritage resources including individual properties, heritage conservation districts, and cultural heritage landscapes.

The Assessment identified more than 150 heritage potential properties. City Planning will further evaluate these properties in phases and will bring forward staff reports for their inclusion on the City's Heritage Register.

Transportation

With over 60,000 residents, a large employment base, regional destinations, and (soon) five transit stations, Midtown lies at the centre of a complex transportation network.

The Midtown in Focus study is evaluating the capacity of the local transportation network given anticipated growth and demographic, behavioural, and technological changes. Recommendations will build on recent plans for Eglinton Avenue and the regional transit network and focus on opportunities for active and sustainable transportation.

Today we're asking you to identify what's working well with the transportation system and what needs improvement to support the movement of people in Midtown.
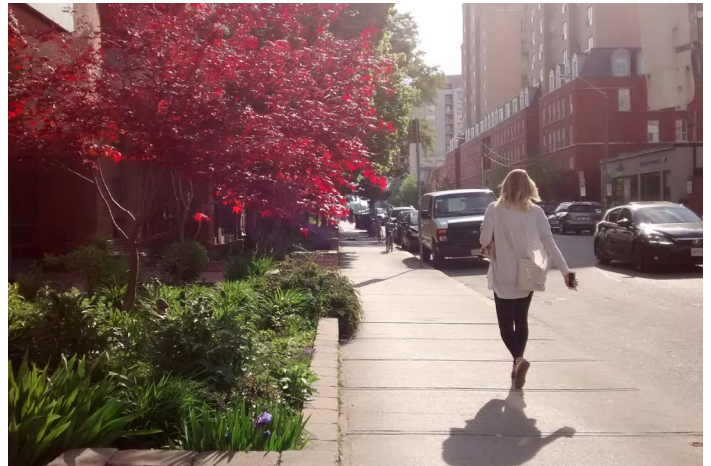
Building a Livable Yonge-Eglinton

Parks and Public Realm

The first phase of Midtown in Focus resulted in a Parks, Open Space and Streetscape Plan for the Yonge-Eglinton area. Approved in 2014, this plan reinforces Midtown's green, open character through a series of public realm improvements and planning policies.

This study will extend this vision to include a public realm strategy for the Davisville area and a parks plan that outlines the preferred types and locations of new and expanded parkland.

We want to hear your ideas for opportunities to improve and expand parkland and the public realm in Midtown.

Community Infrastructure

Quality of life in Midtown is supported by well-used and well-programmed community facilities (libraries, community centres, social service agencies, schools). Providing the next generation of community services and facilities, will require creative solutions in terms of design, location, financing and partnerships.

An assessment of existing community infrastructure capacity and gaps resulted in a set of Council endorsed priorities and recommendations in 2016. These will inform a Community Services and Facilities Strategy for Midtown to guide the delivery of new and expanded community infrastructure in the context of growth and demographic change.

Municipal Servicing

The City initiated the Midtown in Focus study in part to ensure that the planning and implementation of physical and community infrastructure keeps pace with population and employment growth.

The ongoing assessment of the water, stormwater and sanitary networks will identify the capital upgrades required to support growth and livability in the near and long term.

STAY INVOLVED

This summer we are concluding our infrastructure assessments and drafting development policies for all 23 character areas.

Your feedback will be used to shape these policies and strategies and inform the plan for Midtown that will be presented to Council in late 2017.
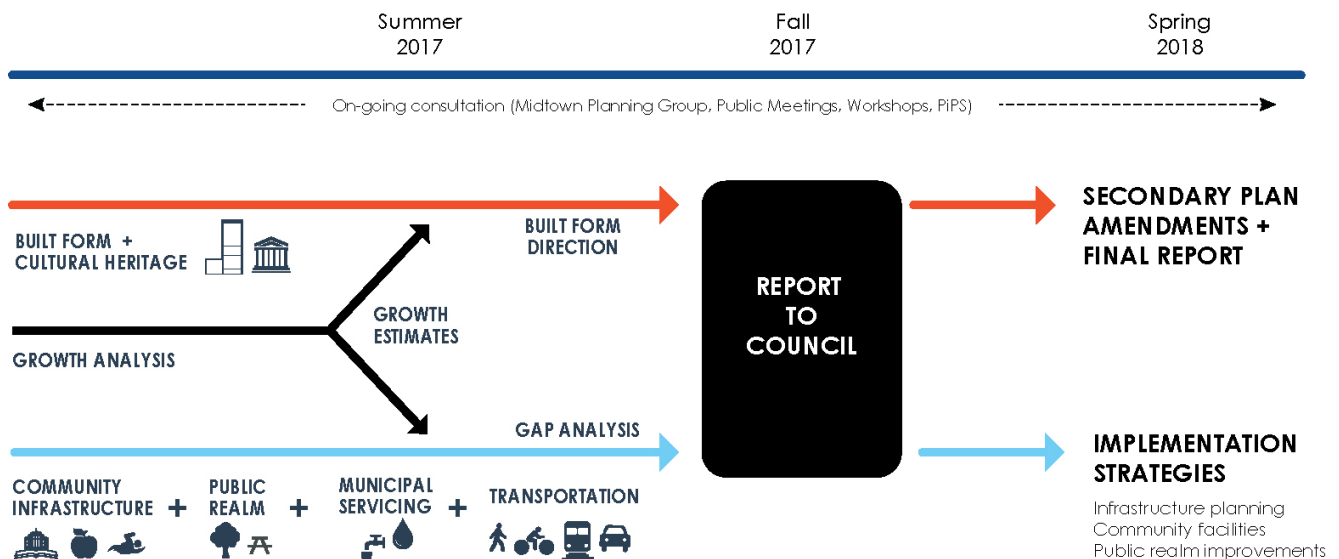
ONLINE TRAVEL SURVEY

Be sure to visit the Midtown in Focus website to fill out a short transportation survey in June and July!

www.toronto.ca/planning/yongeeglinton

Additional consultation will be taking place this summer (Planners in Public Spaces events) and early fall 2017. Subscribe to our E-Updates list on the website (below) to receive periodic updates about upcoming events.

Summer 2017	Fall 2017	Spring 2018

On-going consultation (Midtown Planning Group, Public Meetings, Workshops, PiPS)

BUILT FORM + CULTURAL HERITAGE

GROWTH ANALYSIS

BUILT FORM DIRECTION

GROWTH ESTIMATES

GAP ANALYSIS

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE + PUBLIC REALM + MUNICIPAL SERVICING + TRANSPORTATION

REPORT TO COUNCIL

SECONDARY PLAN AMENDMENTS + FINAL REPORT

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES
Infrastructure planning
Community facilities
Public realm improvements

LEARN MORE

For more information, please contact Paul Farish (City Planning) at paul.farish@toronto.ca or 416-392-3529 and visit the City's website: www.toronto.ca/planning/yongeeglinton