

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

Midtown in Focus is a comprehensive study to guide the evolution of the Yonge-Eglinton area and ensure its continued vitality and liveability. The study will result in updates to the **Yonge-Eglinton Secondary Plan** and the completion of **infrastructure assessments** focused on parks and public realm, water infrastructure, transportation and community services and facilities.

The Secondary Plan will set in place a road map for Midtown's evolution over the next 25-30 years including detailed direction for the physical development of the area. The infrastructure assessments will ensure that infrastructure capacity keeps pace with growth and supports quality of life for all in Midtown.

Today's open house is your opportunity to review the proposed Secondary Plan and the work-to-date on the infrastructure assessments and provide your feedback.

AGENDA FOR TODAY

The Open House will run in the Cafeteria from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with staff available to answer your questions.

Workshops and presentations on the Secondary Plan, Parks and Public Realm Plan, Transportation Assessment and Community Services and Facilities Assessment will run in the morning and afternoon. Drop in to all of the sessions or attend the ones of most interest to you.

SESSIONS

10:00 AM: Welcome and Introduction (Auditorium)

10:30 AM: Secondary Plan Presentation (Auditorium)
Parks and Public Realm Plan Workshop (Room 222)

11:45 AM: Community Services and Facilities Presentation (Room 223)
Transportation Workshop (Room 224)

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Built Form

Midtown is a collection of diverse places with their own rich histories, complementary functions and distinct building types and streetscapes. In addition to general policies regarding building heights, building design and land uses, the Secondary Plan includes policies for 22 distinct character areas to guide the scale, shape and location of future development and set expectations about where and in what form intensification is and is not appropriate.



Cultural Heritage



The Cultural Heritage Resource Assessment was completed in 2017. It included documentation of Midtown's historical themes, events and people as well as the identification of cultural heritage resources including individual properties, recommended heritage conservation districts and cultural heritage landscapes. In 2017, Council approved the addition of over 200 "Main Street" properties in Midtown to the Heritage Register. The City continues to evaluate identified properties and will bring forward additional listings in 2018.

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 transportation assessment is evaluating the capacity of the existing transportation network and trends of how people move to, from and within Midtown. The assessment is also evaluating the capacity of the network in the future given anticipated growth and demographic, behavioural and ongoing technological changes. Recommendations will build on improvements to Eglinton Avenue and the regional transit network and focus on opportunities to move people safely and conveniently by walking, cycling and transit.



Workshops on the Transportation Assessment are being held at 11:45am and 1:15pm in room 224

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Parks and Public Realm

Parks and public spaces are important as places for people to play, relax, come together and celebrate. As Midtown continues to grow, it is essential to improve and expand the area's network of parks and public spaces and reinforce Midtown's green, landscaped character. The Parks and Public Realm Plan will build on the 2014 Parks, Open Space and Streetscape Plan with priorities for parkland expansion and improved pedestrian infrastructure, streetscapes and public spaces across Midtown.

Workshops on the Parks and Public Realm Plan are being held at 10:30am and 1:15pm in room 222



Community Services and Facilities



Community services and facilities - schools, child care, libraries and more - are vital components of a neighbourhood's liveability and must be provided in a timely manner to support growth. An assessment of existing community services and facilities capacity and gaps resulted in a set of Council-endorsed priorities and recommendations in 2016. Work is underway on a number of new projects. The Community Services and Facilities Strategy for Midtown will identify the next set of priority projects and guide capital plans for the delivery of new and/or expanded facilities.

Presentations on Community Services and Facilities are being held at 11:45am and 1:15pm in room 223

Municipal Servicing

One of the fundamental goals of Midtown in Focus is to align the area's growth with the timely provision of infrastructure. The municipal servicing assessment is comprehensively evaluating the existing and future capacity and performance of the water, storm water and sanitary networks and will identify any capital upgrades that may be required to support growth in the near and long term.





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NEXT STEPS

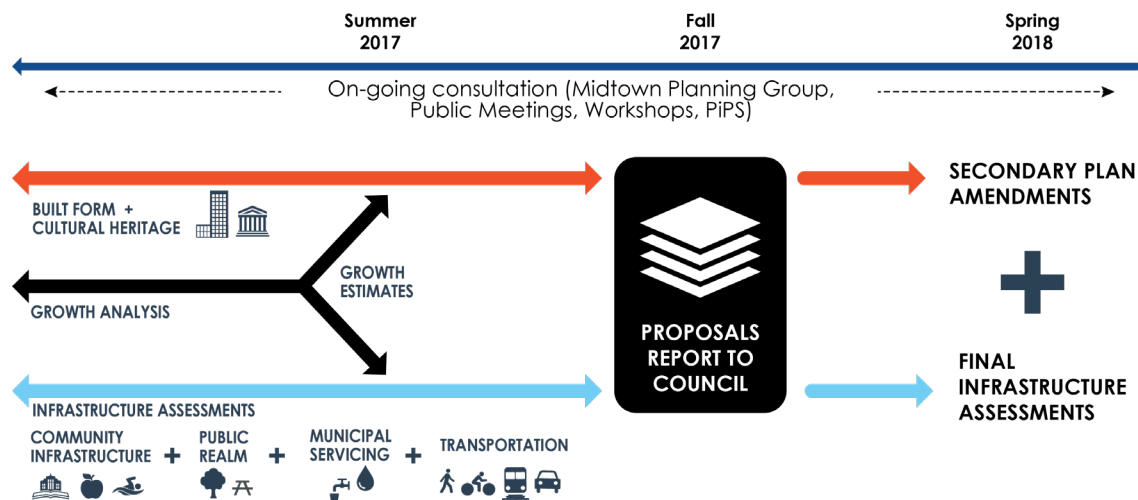
A proposed update to the Yonge-Eglinton Secondary Plan was presented to City Council in December 2017. We are now consulting on the proposed Plan and the ongoing infrastructure assessments. The final recommended Secondary Plan and infrastructure assessments are anticipated to be presented to Council in May 2018.

Your feedback will be used to refine the Secondary Plan policies and the assessments before the Plan is presented to Council.

KEEP IN TOUCH!

Please visit the Midtown in Focus website to read the Proposed Secondary Plan. You can also provide your feedback on the Secondary Plan policies by filling out a [short survey](#) until February 24, 2018.

Visit our website to access the survey: www.toronto.ca/planning/yongeeglinton



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