King-Parliament Secondary Plan Review

POLICY DIRECTIONS

Open House

November 21, 2019





Land Acknowledgement

The land I am standing on today is the traditional territory of many nations including the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples and is now home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. I also acknowledge that Toronto is covered by Treaty 13 signed with the Mississaugas of the Credit, and the Williams Treaty signed with multiple Mississaugas and Chippewa bands.



Tonight's Presentation

- 1. Understanding the Shifting Legislative Framework
 - Changes in Provincial Legislation
 - An Approved Downtown Plan

2. Proposed King-Parliament Secondary Plan

- Heritage
- Parks & Public Realm
- Built Form
- 3. Zoning By-law Update
 - Existing Conditions
- 4. Q & A

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Bill 108: More Homes, More Choice Act

- Bill 108 received Royal Assent on June 6, 2019. It amends 13 different statues, including the *Planning Act.*
- Some changes will affect the planning and financial tools to support new development that the City uses to provide:
 - parks
 - recreation centres
 - childcare centres
 - subsidized housing
 - other community infrastructure
- It also changes where the City can require new affordable housing, how heritage buildings are conserved and how development applications are reviewed by the City and at the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT).
- The City is currently in consultation with the Province regarding the **draft regulations** released by the Province.



Downtown Plan Official Plan Amendment (OPA 406)

- The Downtown Plan (OPA 406) was approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing on June 5, 2019. It is not subject to appeal.
- The Minister made 224 modifications to the Councilapproved Downtown Plan.
- The Downtown Plan continues to provide a policy framework to shape growth in Toronto's Downtown over the next 25 years.

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Key Modifications: Language

Council-adopted (May 2018)

<u>Prescriptive</u> and clear (e.g. will, required).

Provincially-approved (June 2019)

<u>Flexible</u> and subjective (e.g. encourage, may, as appropriate, generally).

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Key Modifications: Non-Residential Replacement

Council-adopted (May 2018)

<u>Will replace</u> a specific amount or percentage of existing non-residential uses through redevelopment.

Provincially-approved (June 2019)

Encourages replacement of existing non-residential uses through redevelopment.





Key Modifications: Wider Sidewalks

Council-adopted (May 2018)

<u>Requires</u> a 6-metre setback to provide wider sidewalks.

Provincially-approved (June 2019)

City <u>may take</u> a 6-metre easement, sidewalks to be weighed against other community benefits.











Public Art and Pedestrian Amenities



Key Modifications: Sun-protected Parks

Council-adopted (May 2018)

No net-new shadow on 44 downtown parks.

Provincially-approved (June 2019)

Development must <u>"adequately</u> <u>limit</u>" net-new shadow.





Key Modifications: Rapid Transit

Council-adopted (May 2018)

Detailed planning studies around each station to consider local context.

Provincially-approved (June 2019)

Requirement to "accommodate higher density development to optimize return on investment."



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Downtown Plan Directions

- Land Use: Four Mixed Use Areas designations, Priority Retail Streets
- Public Realm: Great Streets, Park Districts
- Transportation: Planned Rapid Transit, Priority Cycling Routes
- Culture: Cultural Precinct and Cultural Corridors
- Housing: 40% 2- and 3-bedroom units









Interpretation Policy Directions

The proposed **Secondary Plan clarifies** the interpretation of a complex and multilayered planning framework, identifying which policy or plan prevails in specific instances.





Objectives Policy Directions

"The King-Parliament Secondary Plan area is targeted for growth and new investment across a full mix of uses that are designed to be compatible with their existing and planned context, conserve cultural heritage resources and improve and expand the public realm."

Key Objectives:

- Enhance King-Parliament's role as an employment cluster
- Maintain the area's diverse physical character through retention of heritage properties
- Improve and expand parks and the public realm



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St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Heritage Conservation District (under appeal) Distillery District Heritage Conservation District

(Under Study)

Properties identified through the Cultural Heritage Resource Assessment (2019)

- Properties on the City's Heritage Register*
- Contributing properties in the St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Heritage Conservation District (under appeal)

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Built Form Policy Directions

The proposed Secondary Plan:

- Includes built form direction for each Policy Area based on land use designations and local character.
- Provides clear direction on public realm improvements including wider sidewalks and streetscaping
- Includes a series of tools and numeric standards used to shape built form:
 - Stepbacks
 - Setbacks
 - Angular Planes
 - Streetwall height
 - Base building heights





Streetwall





Built Form Policy Directions – Queen Street

QUEEN STREET

The Queen Street Policy Area includes direction for:

- Maximum height
- Minimum stepbacks above heritage base buildings
- Transition to Neighbourhoods on the north side
- Minimum setbacks from the front property line to allow for wider sidewalks
- Direction for the materials, ground floor heights and articulation of base buildings

"Development in the Queen Street Policy Area will occur incrementally and will generally take the form of additions or mid-rise buildings compatible with the area's diverse main street character and large number of heritage buildings."









Conceptual illustration of potential building envelopes. For discussion purposes only.

Built Form Policy Directions – Jarvis Parliament

The Jarvis Parliament Policy Area includes direction for:

- Minimum stepbacks above heritage base buildings
- Minimum setbacks from the front property line to allow for wider sidewalks
- Direction for the materials, ground floor heights and articulation of base buildings on King St. E.



"The Jarvis Parliament Policy Area will be targeted for growth. The area includes the original 10 blocks of the Town of York and is characterized by its historically and architecturally significant buildings. Development will be context-specific and responsive to the form and scale of surrounding buildings, and will support a balance of residential and non-residential uses."





BUILT FORM JARVIS PARLIAMENT - BRITAIN STREET



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Built Form Policy Directions – Corktown

The Corktown Policy Area includes direction for:

- Maximum height on King St. E.
- Maximum streetwall height and minimum stepback on Eastern Ave.
- Transition requirements on King St. E. and Eastern Avenue
- Minimum stepbacks above heritage base buildings
- Minimum setbacks from the front property line to allow for wider sidewalks
- Direction for the materials, ground floor heights and articulation of base buildings on King St. E.

CORKTOWN

"The Corktown Policy Area will experience gradual growth and change over time. Development will be primarily through infill and adaptive reuse of buildings that complement the existing character of the area, including small lot sizes, clusters of historically significant buildings and fine-grain retail streets. Development will support a balance of residential and nonresidential uses."





BUILT FORM CORKTOWN - KING STREET EAST



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BUILT FORM CORKTOWN - EASTERN AVENUE



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Built Form Policy Directions – West Don Lands

The West Don Lands Policy Area includes direction for:

- Maximum heights on Eastern Ave., Front St. E. and Mill St.
- Maximum streetwall height and minimum stepback on Eastern Ave.
- Minimum setbacks from the front property line to allow for wider sidewalks
- Design criteria for larger retail stores

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"The West Don Lands Policy Area will accommodate residential, commercial and institutional growth as the area develops into a vibrant mixed-use community in a manner that builds upon the positive features of the area and adjacent areas, in particular the Distillery District and Corktown Common."





Built Form Policy Directions – Distillery District

The Distillery District Policy Area:

- Covered by three Site and Area Specific Policies:
 - Gooderham and Worts Area
 - Triangle Lands
 - 31R Parliament Street

"Development in the Distillery District Policy Area will be limited and subject to the Site and Area Specific Policies included in Section 12 of this Plan; responsive to the heritage context of the area; and will continue to integrate conservation, rehabilitation, adaptive re-use and new construction to support a balance of residential and non-residential uses."

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BUILT FORM GOODERHAM & WORTS - TRIANGLE LANDS





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Zoning By-law Update Existing Zoning Permissions



Zoning By-law Update Existing Height Overlay

Height in Metres





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Next Steps

| WHEN | WHAT |
|-------------------------|--|
| TONIGHT | Provide feedback on the proposed Secondary Plan Provide initial input on the Zoning By-law Update |
| FALL 2019 / WINTER 2020 | Secondary Plan policy development & Zoning By-law work Stakeholder consultation meetings |
| SPRING / SUMMER 2020 | Open House #3: Recommended Secondary Plan and Draft Zoning By-law |
| FALL 2020 | Recommended Secondary Plan and Zoning By-law Update to City Council (statutory meeting) |





THANK YOU!

QUESTIONS?

