

Information Session: Heritage, Parks and Public Realm

King-Parliament Secondary Plan and Zoning Review

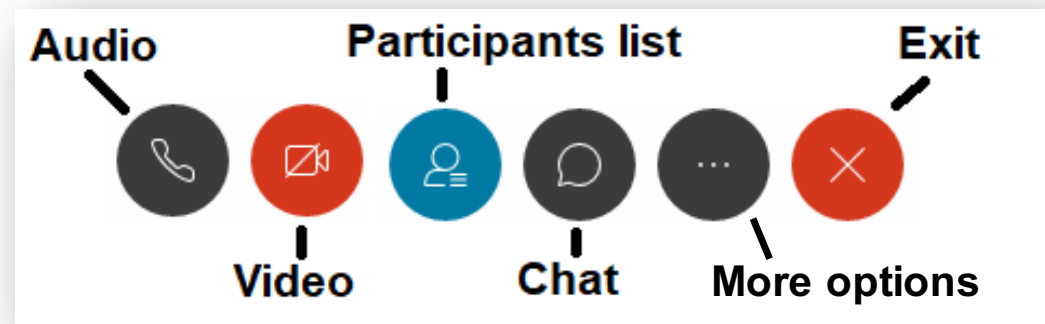
October 29, 2020

7:00-8:00 pm





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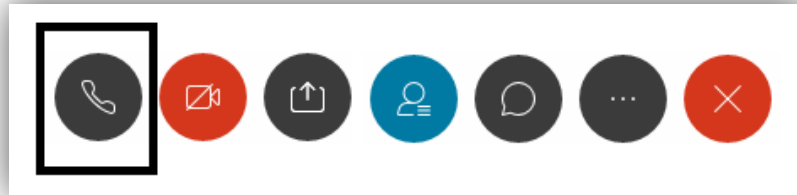
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Welcome



Land Acknowledgment

Tkaronto, now known as Toronto, is under Treaty 13 and is home to many Indigenous Nations from across Turtle Island, including the Inuit and the Metis. It is the traditional territories of the Huron-Wendat, Anishinabek, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and most recently, The Mississaugas of the Credit River First Nations.

We are all Treaty people. Many of us have come here as settlers, immigrants, or newcomers in this generation or generations past. I'd like to also acknowledge those who came here involuntarily, particularly as a result of the Trans-Atlantic Slave trade. And so, I honour and pay tribute to the ancestors of African Origin and Descent.



Agenda



7:00 p.m.

Welcome



7:05 p.m.

Presentation

Melanie Melnyk, Senior Planner, City Planning Division

Gary Miedema, Project Manager, Heritage Planning

Alex Corey, Senior Heritage Planner, Heritage Planning



7:30 p.m.

Questions and Comments

Facilitated Discussion



At the end of the presentation we will go through each of the questions and one of our panelists will respond.



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Conduct



- Please be brief and limit yourself to one question or comment at the time, so that we may hear from others. There will be other opportunities to engage.
- Keep an open mind while listening to others.
- Be respectful. City of Toronto is an inclusive public organization. Racist or other forms of discriminatory, prejudicial, or hateful comments and questions will not be tolerated.
- Engage with high energy, be personable as you would in person!



Tonight's Meeting Scope

- Focus on Heritage, Parks and Public Realm in the King-Parliament area
- Background and brief overview of work in progress to update the Secondary Plan
- Purpose: to inform and collect feedback. No decisions will be made tonight.
- Individual sites or development applications will not be addressed in this forum.



Upcoming Information Session

**Jarvis-Parliament
Area**

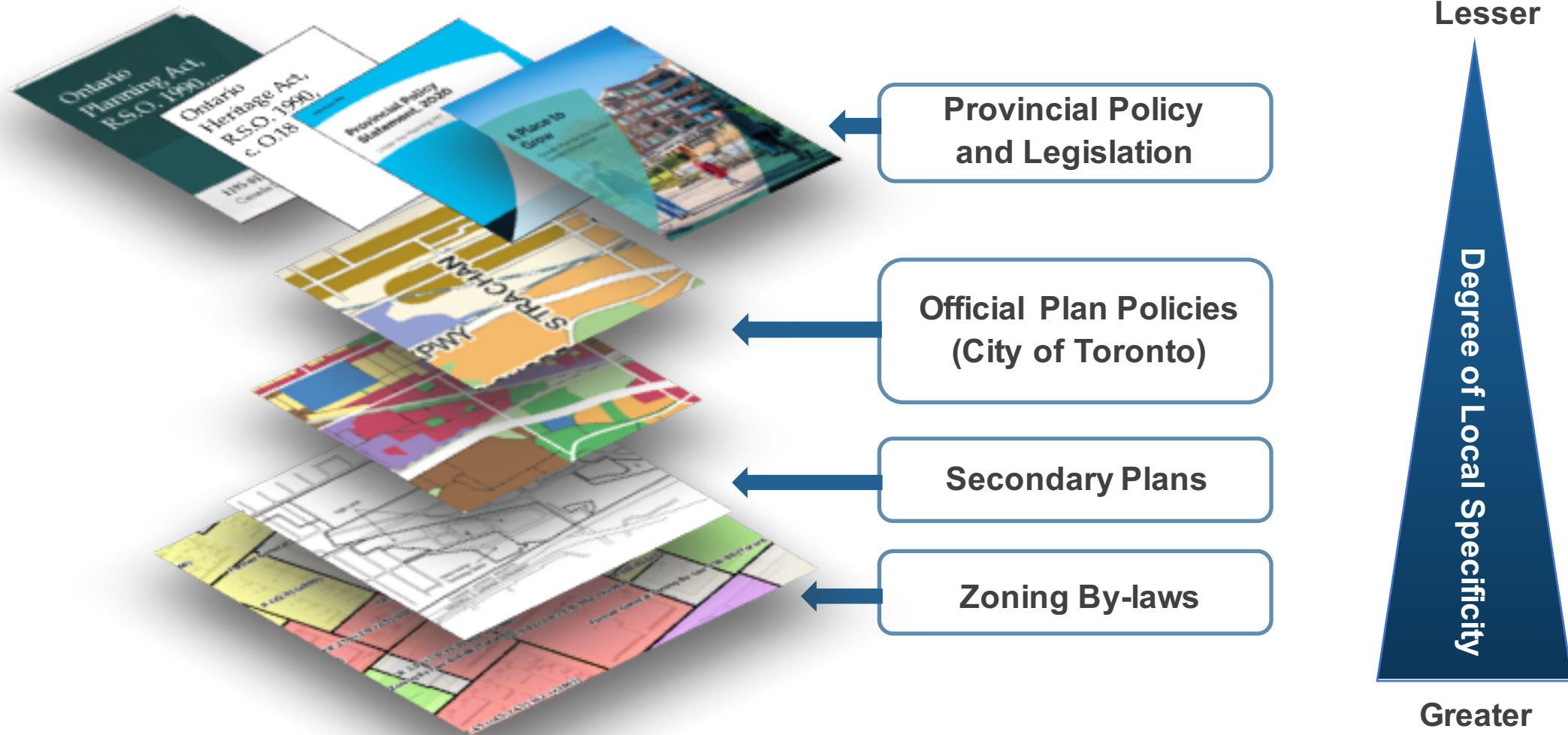
Tuesday November 3
7:00 - 8:00 pm

Meeting information posted at www.toronto.ca/king-parliament

Background

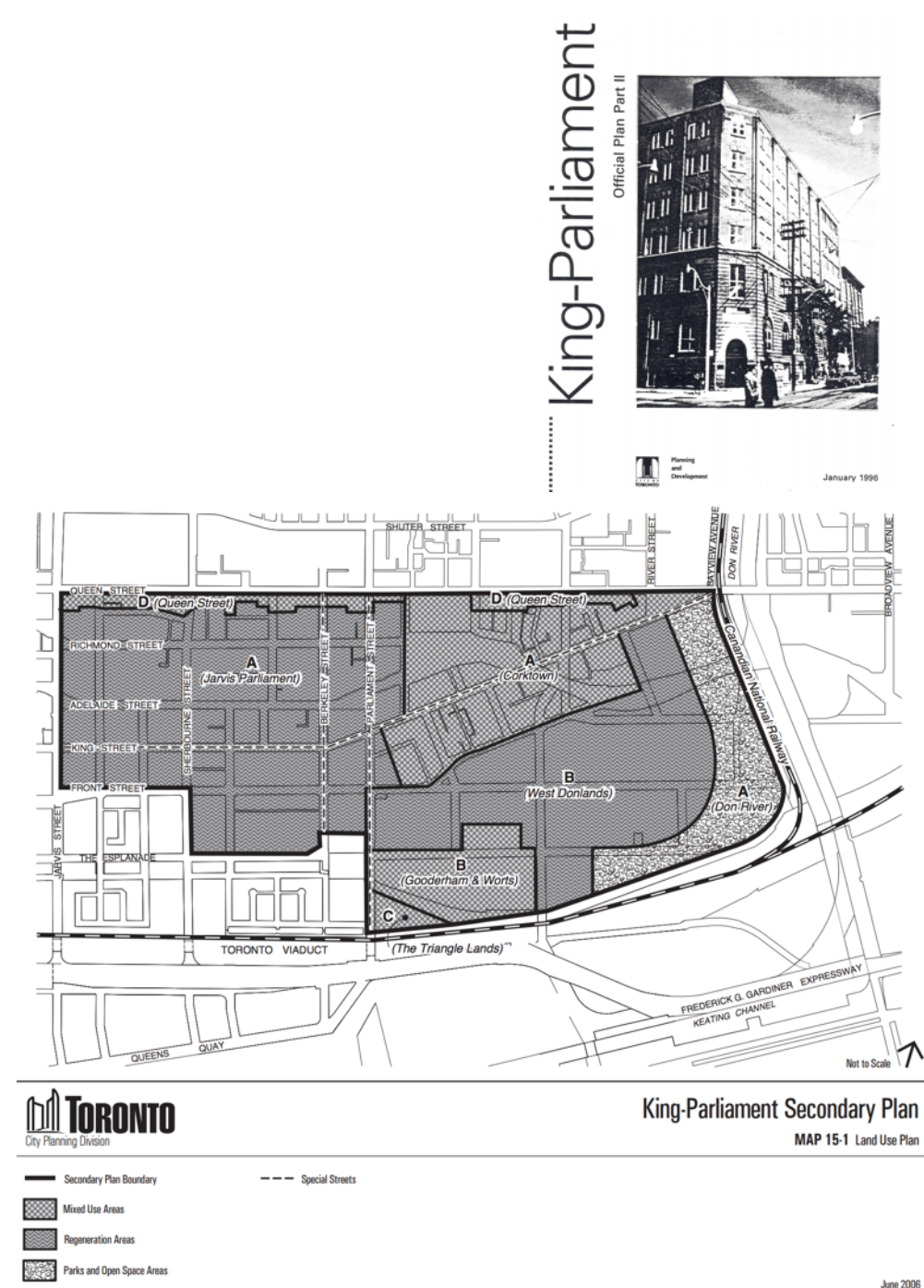


Planning in Ontario 101



Why this Study?

- There is an existing Secondary Plan in force for King-Parliament
- First adopted in 1996 to revitalize the area with more flexible uses and adaptive re-use of buildings
- Need for an update to respond to recent growth as part of the City's Downtown



TOcore: Downtown Plan (OPA 406)

- Ministerial approval June 5, 2019
- Provides a planning policy framework to shape growth in Toronto's Downtown over the next 25 years, regarding:

Land Use

Parks

Public Realm

Transportation

Culture

Housing

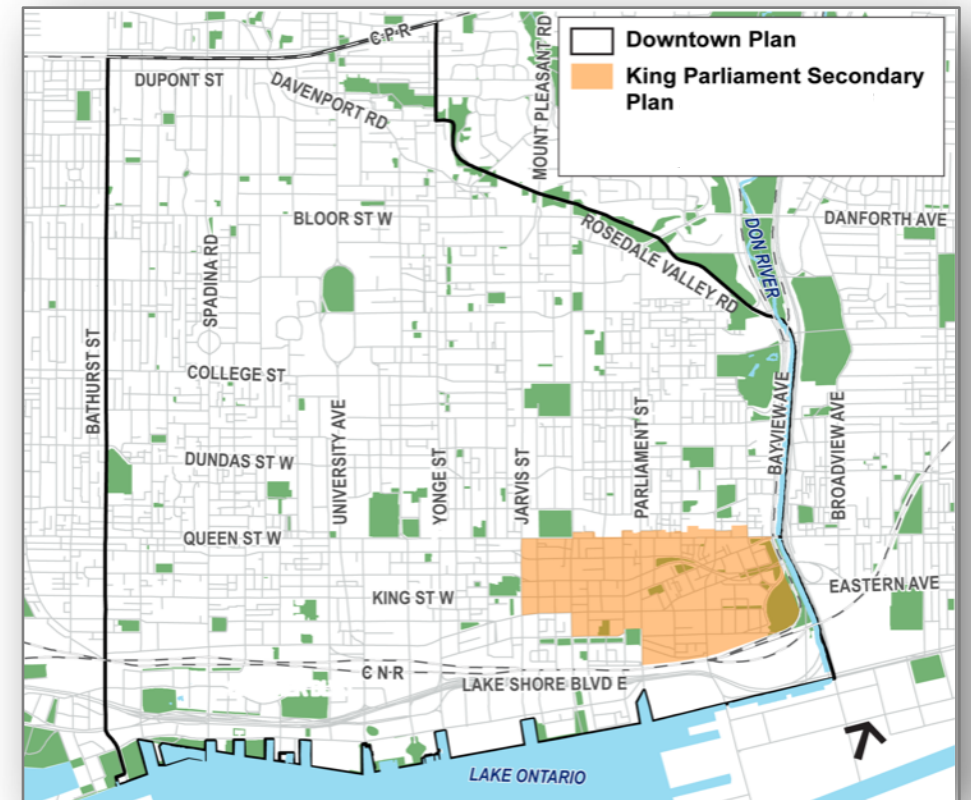
**Community Services
and Facilities**

Built Form

Energy

- Implemented through Infrastructure Strategies and Plans

TOcore Planning
Downtown



King-Parliament Review Timeline

TOcore Planning
Downtown

Phase 1

- Research & Analysis (March 2019)

Phase 2

- Proposed Secondary Plan (October 2019)

Phase 3

- Recommended Secondary Plan & Zoning By-law (Q1 2021)

We are here



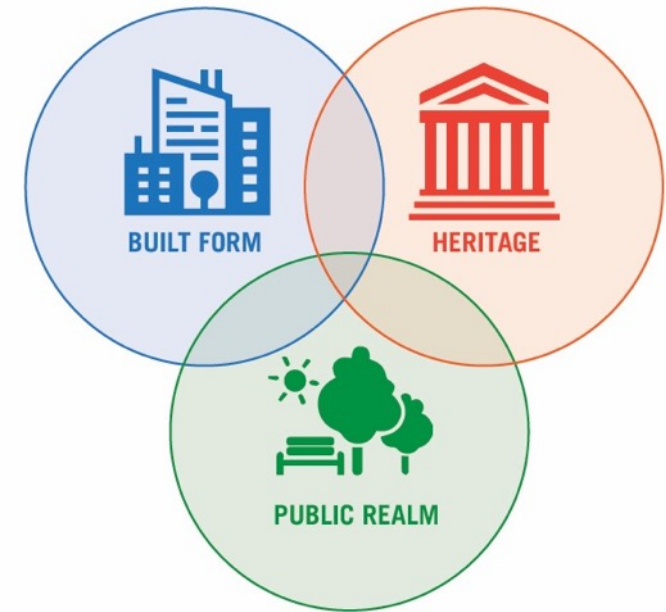
Ongoing Consultation (in-person & online)

Proposed Secondary Plan

Toronto & East York Community Council received a proposed Secondary Plan for King-Parliament at its meeting of October 10, 2019.

Key Objectives:

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



Parks & Public Realm



Downtown Plan

Parks and Public Realm Strategy

SCALE 1: REGIONAL



THE CORE CIRCLE
12 GREAT STREETS

SCALE 2: DISTRICT



PARK DISTRICTS
CIVIC PRECINCT
THE STITCH
AROUND THE BAY

SCALE 3: LOCAL

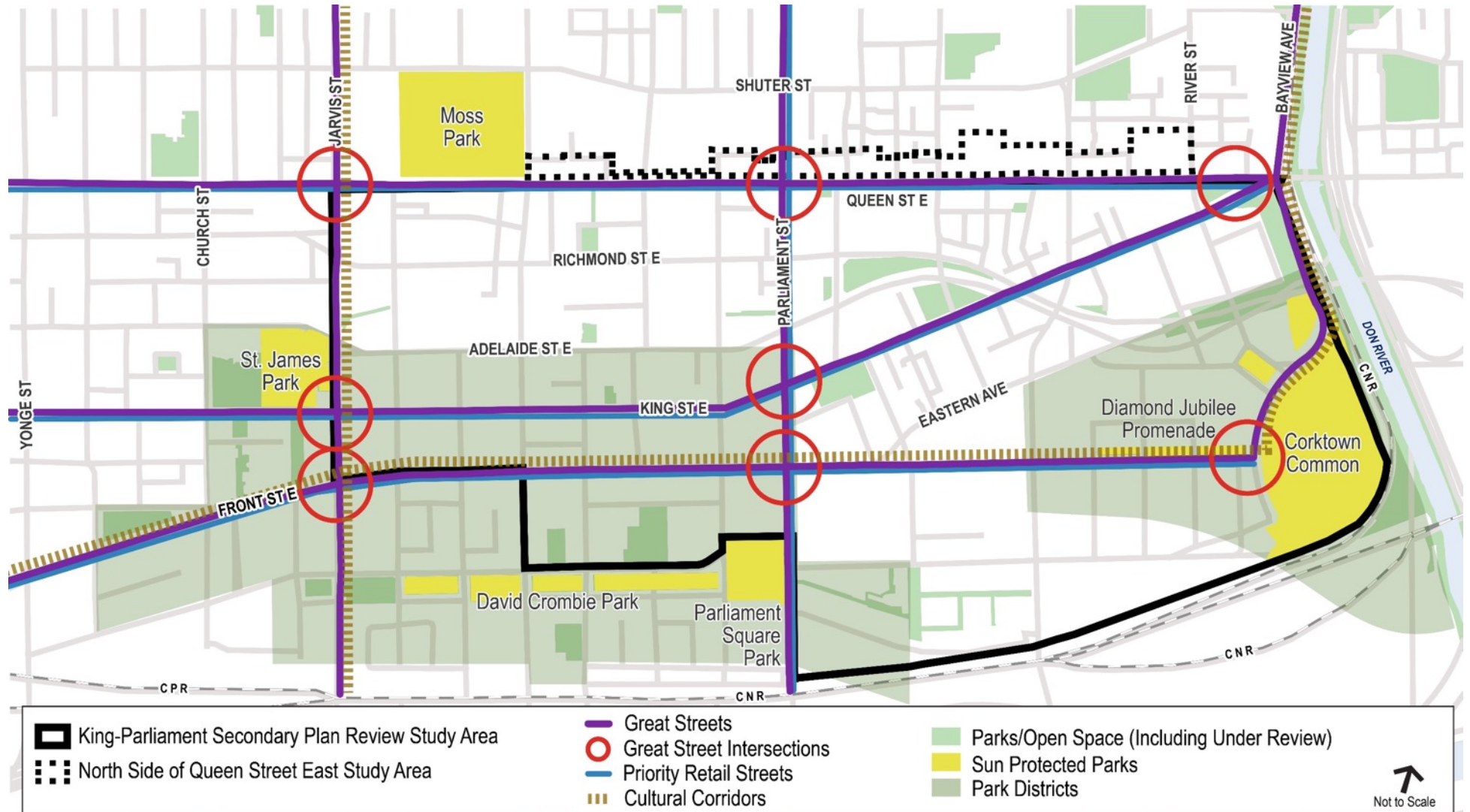


LOCAL PLACES

- Parkettes
- Laneways
- Schoolyards
- Churchyards
- Cemeteries
- POPS
- Streets to Parks
- Overlooked Places

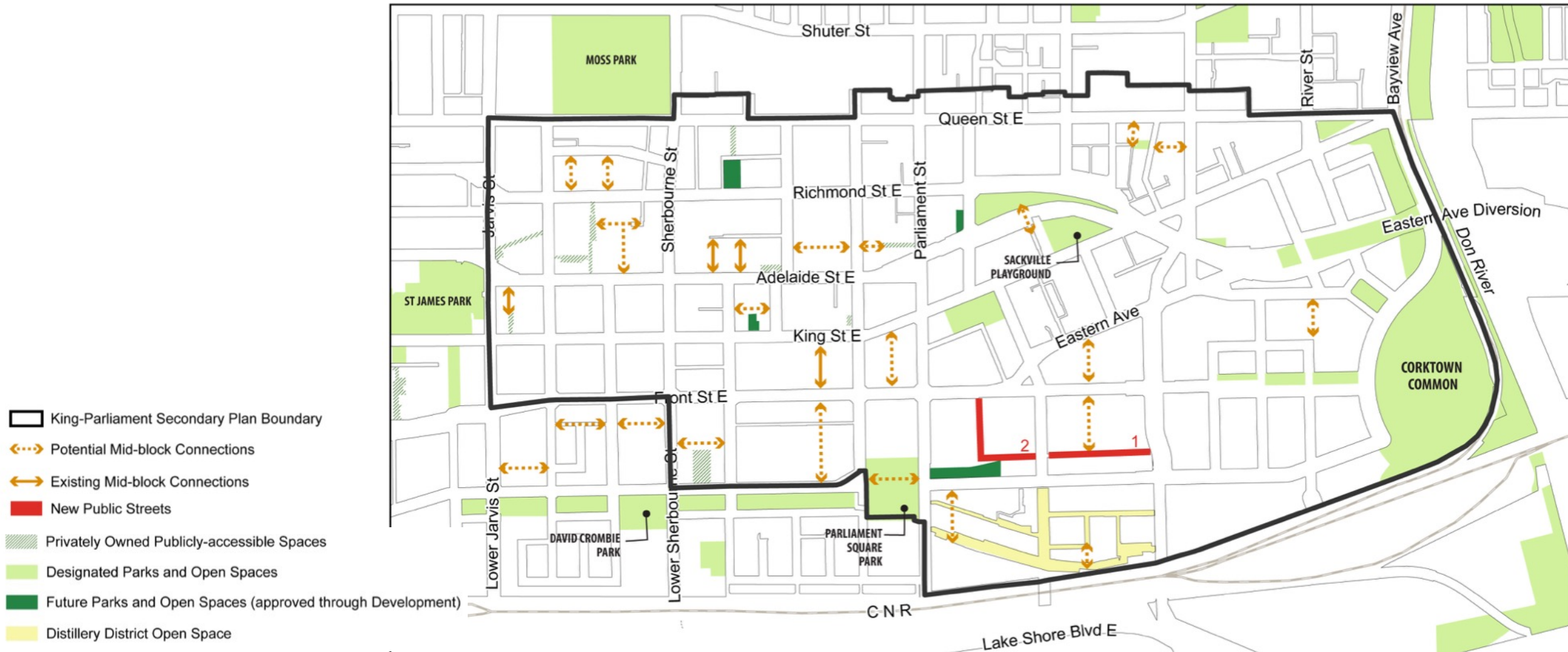
Downtown Plan

Parks and Public Realm Directions for King-Parliament



Parks & Public Realm Plan

Proposed Secondary Plan – Oct 2019



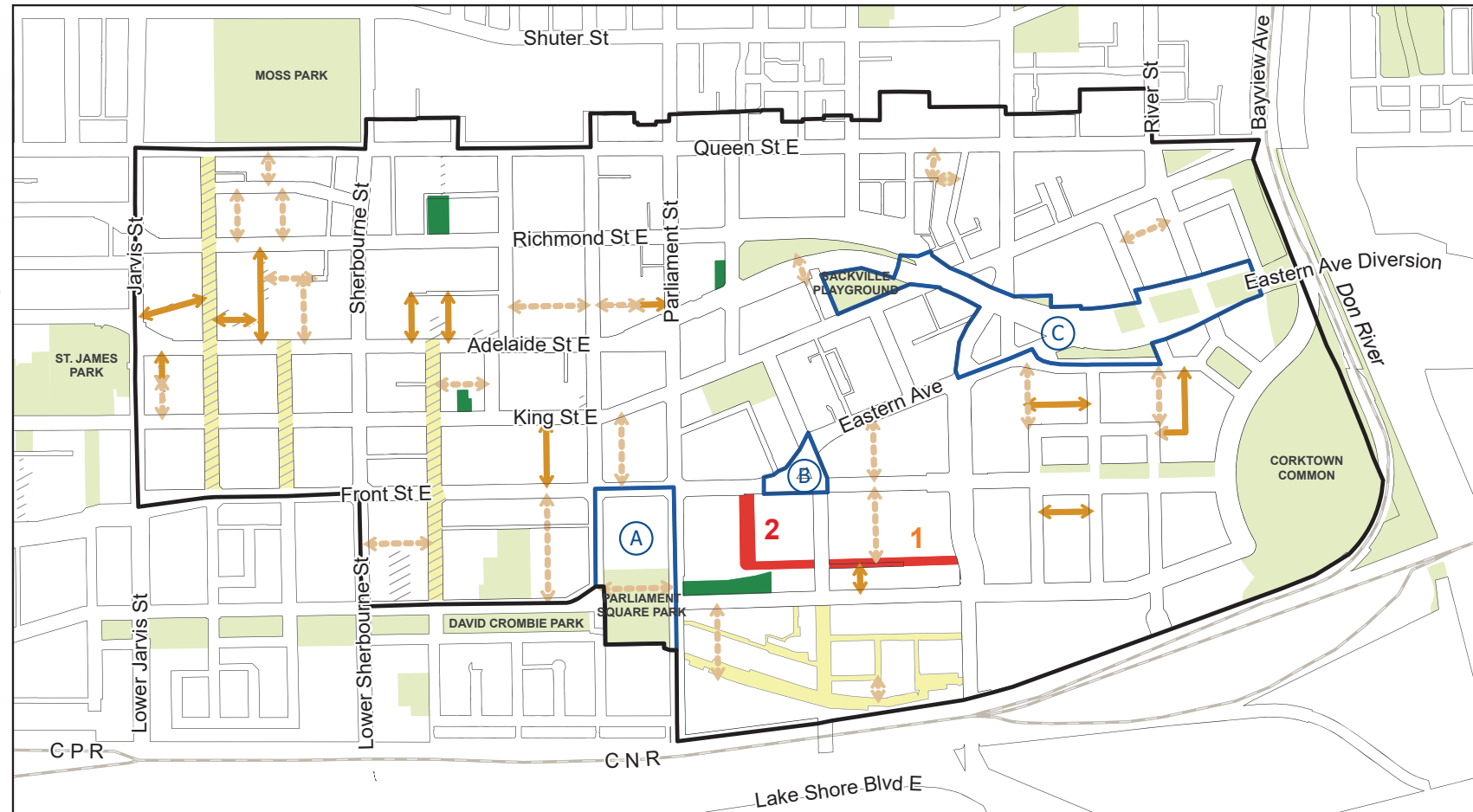
Parks & Public Realm

Proposed Secondary Plan refinements – October 2020



Public Realm Big Moves:

- (A) First Parliament Site & Parliament Square Park
- (B) Trinity Triangle
- (C) King-Sumach Plaza Belt



Parks & Public Realm Plan

Revised Secondary Plan – Oct 2020



Expanded mid-block network

 King-Parliament Secondary Plan Boundary

 Potential Mid-block Connection

 Existing Mid-block Connection

 New Public Street

 Privately Owned Publicly-accessible Spaces

 Future Parks and Open Spaces (approved through Development)

 Parks and Open Spaces

 Distillery District Open Space

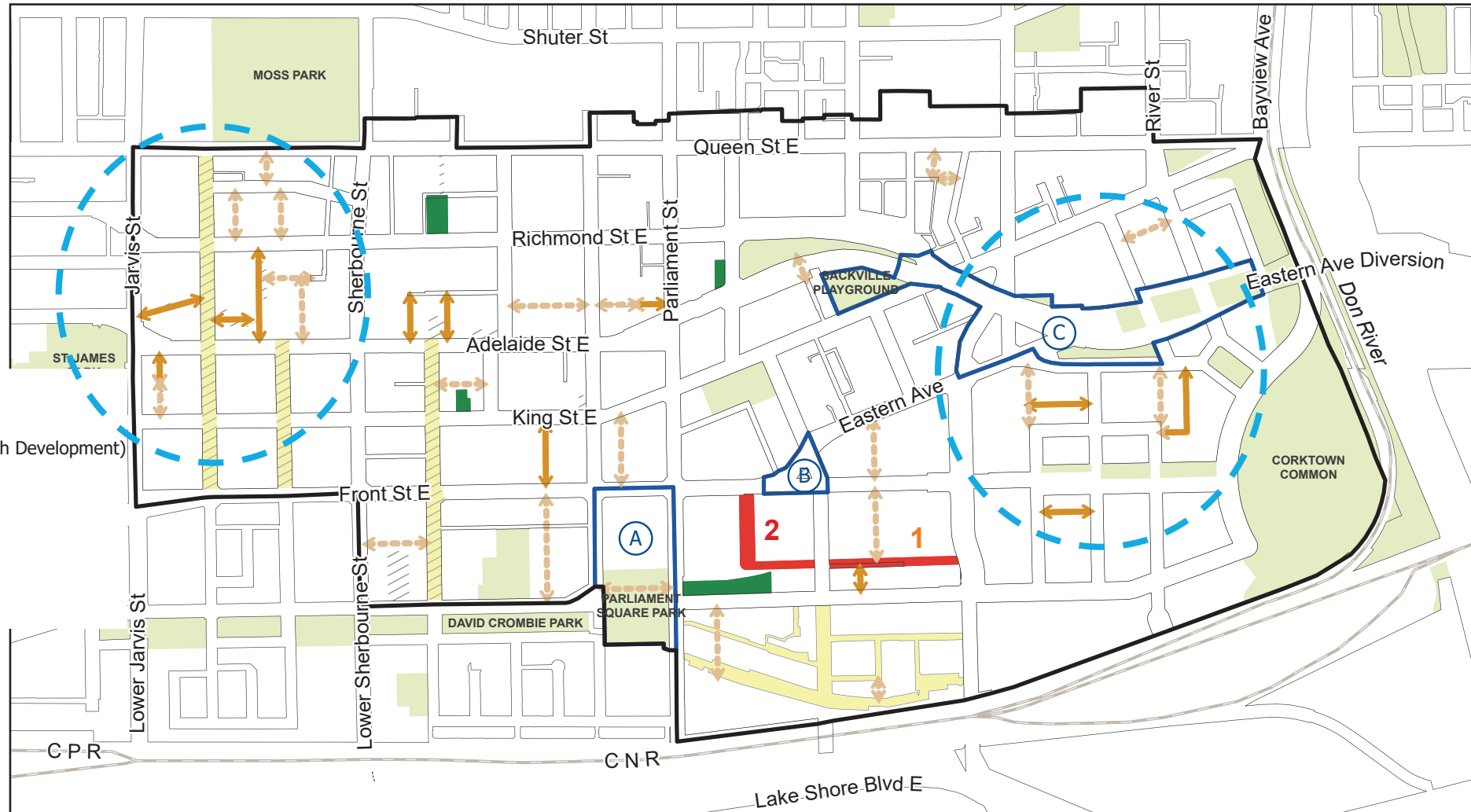
 Park Link Streets

Public Realm Big Moves:

 First Parliament Site & Parliament Square Park

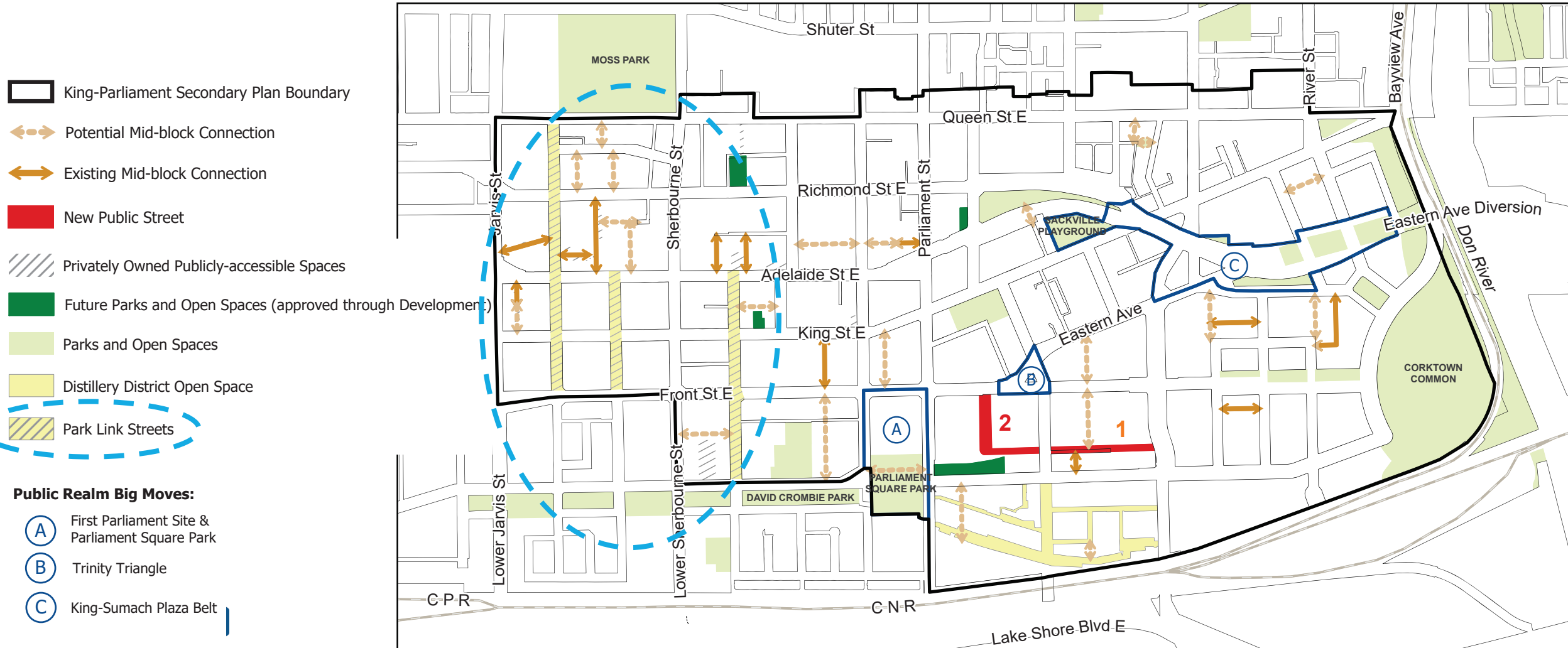
 Trinity Triangle

 King-Sumach Plaza Belt



Parks & Public Realm

Proposed Secondary Plan refinements



Parks & Public Realm Plan

Revised Secondary Plan – Oct 2020

Integrated “Big Moves”

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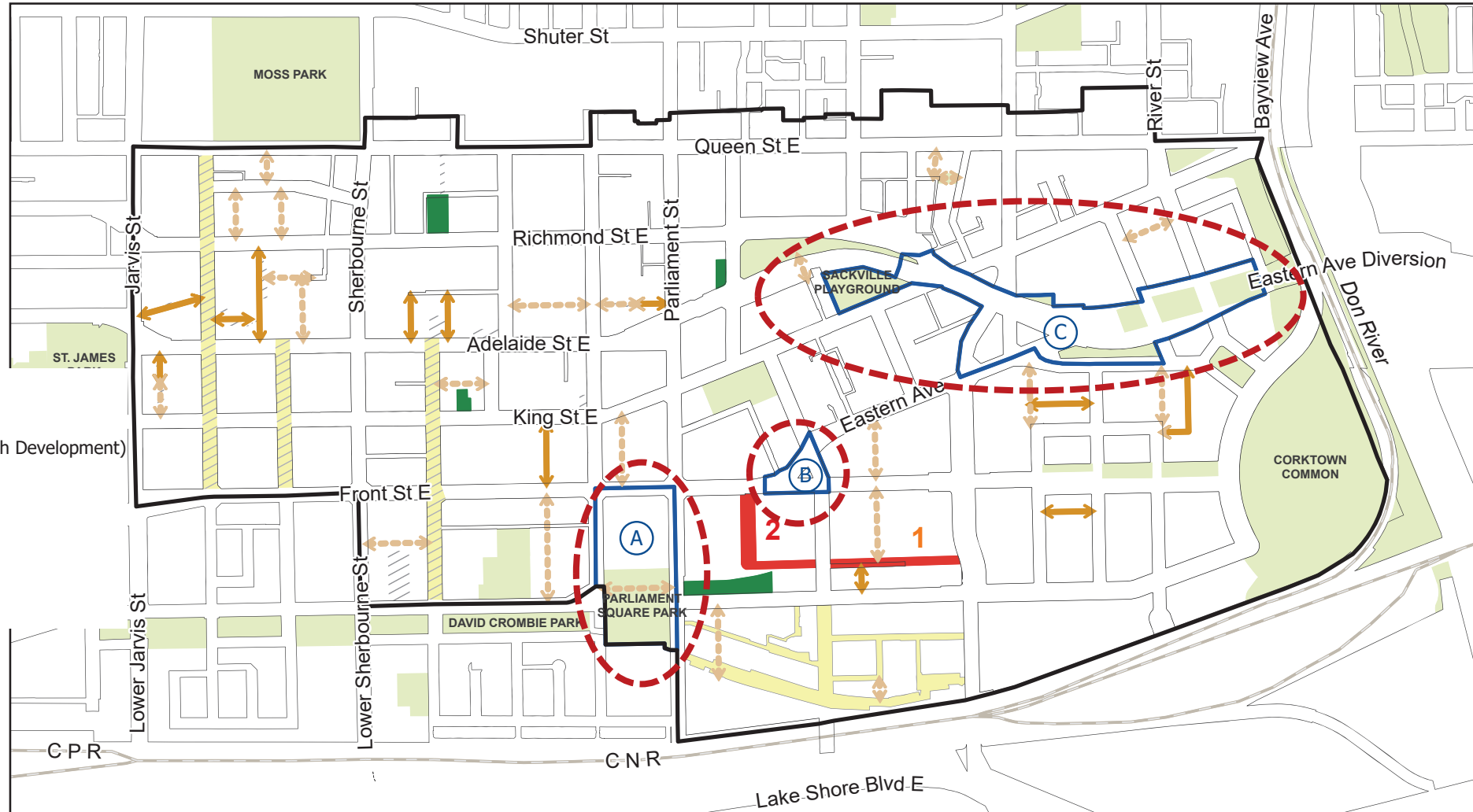
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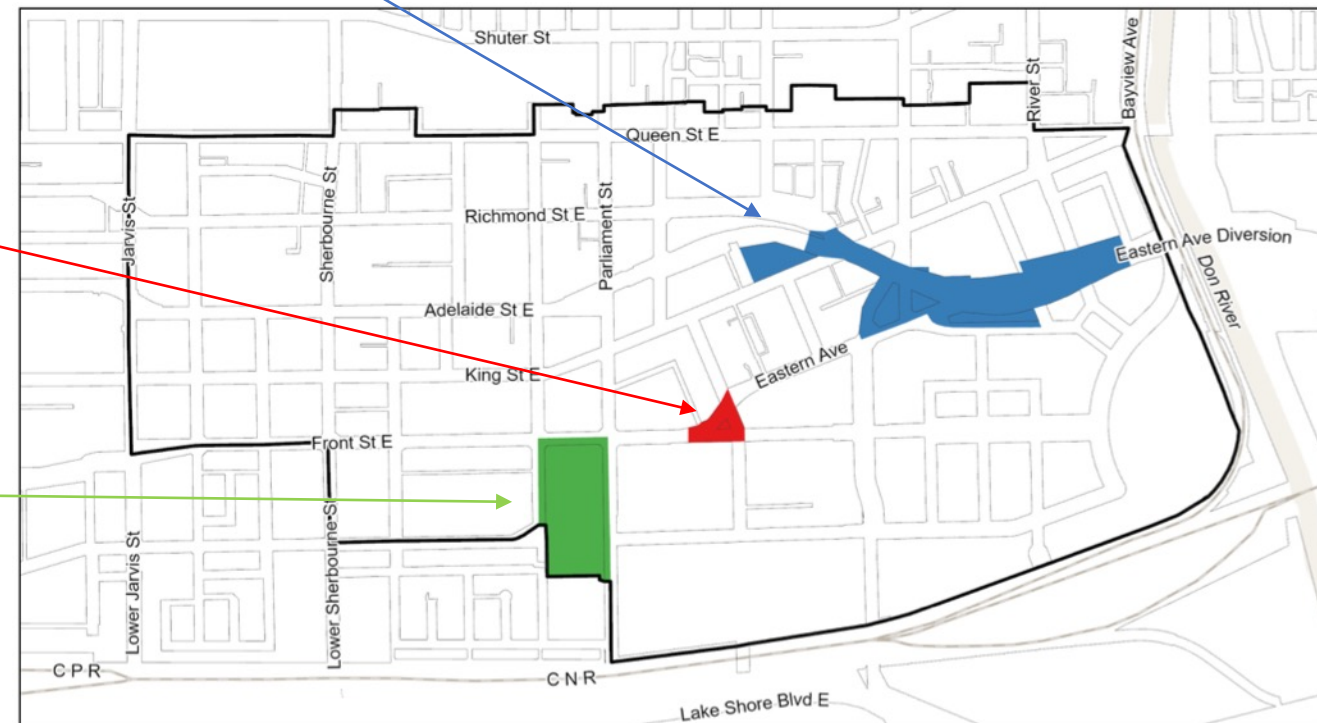
Proposed Secondary Plan refinements

Review and refine mapping and policy directions for “Big Moves”:

King-Sumach Plaza Belt

Trinity Triangle

First Parliament Site

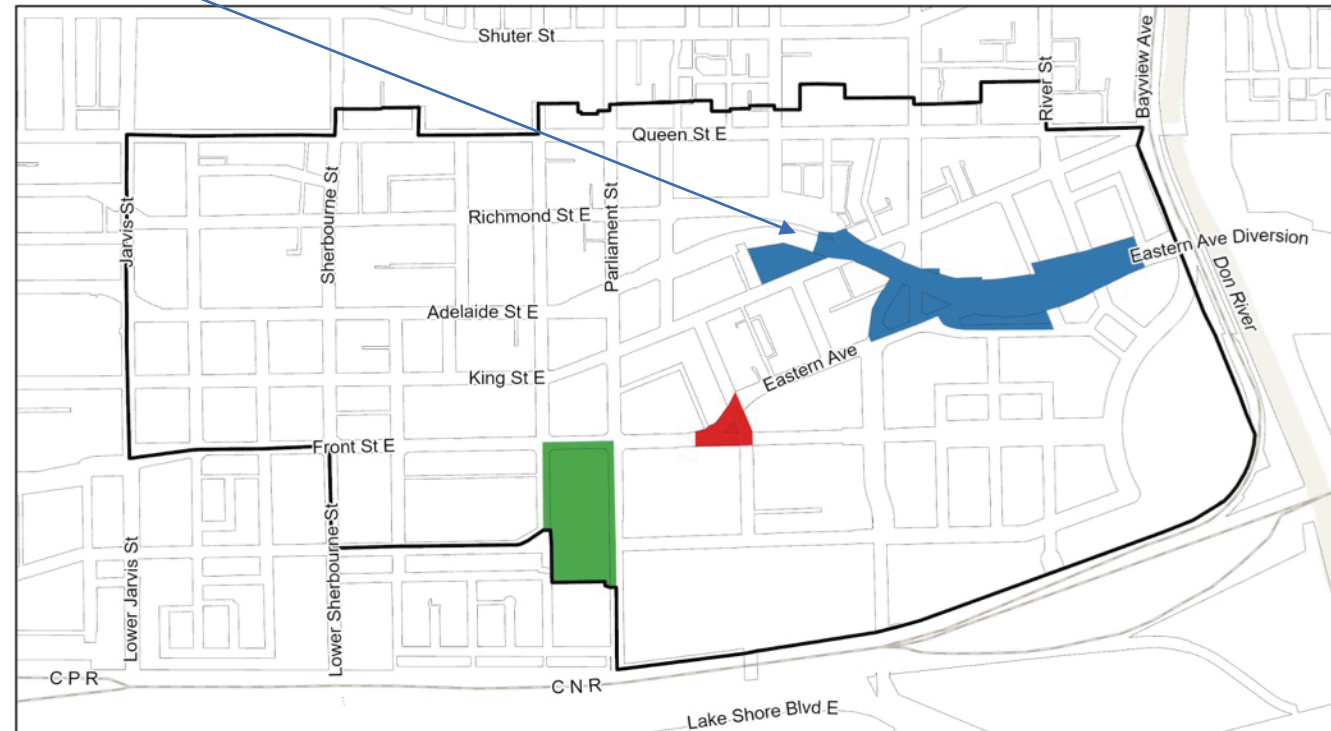
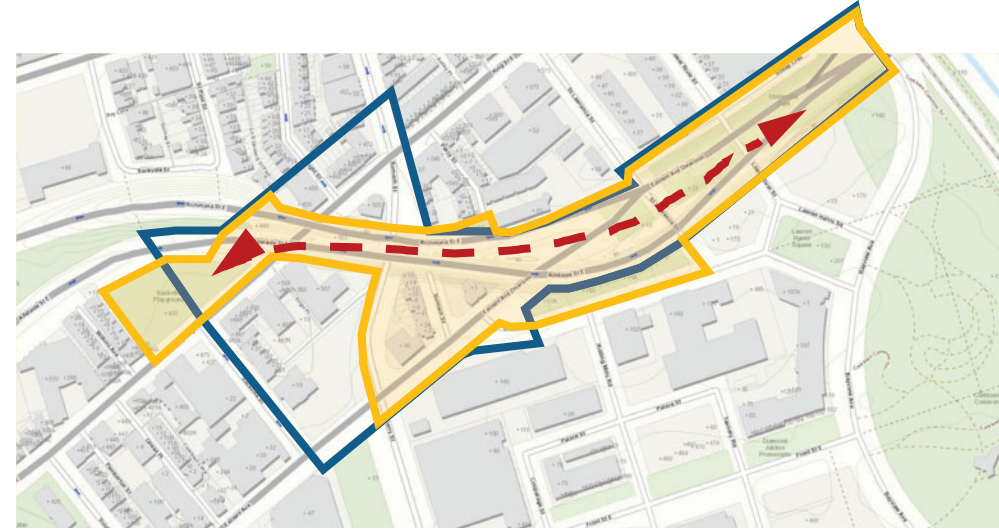


Parks & Public Realm

Proposed Secondary Plan refinements

King-Sumach Plaza Belt

- Reframe its role and function assuming relocation of transit hub
- Support opportunities for placemaking and public use of City-owned lands within revised boundary
- Promote visual connectivity of new and existing open spaces in the “plaza belt”
- Include policies to allow for interim uses (e.g. parking, staging) while providing for pedestrian access

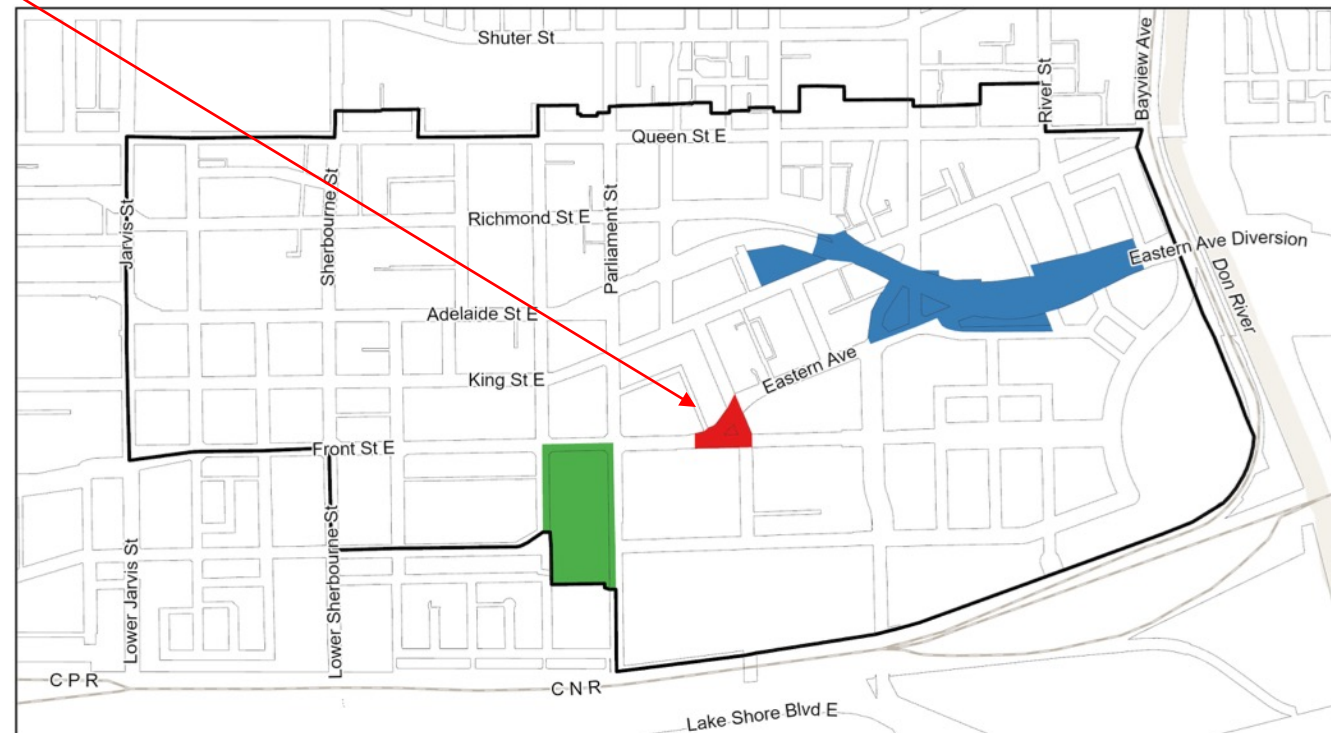


Parks & Public Realm

Proposed Secondary Plan refinements

Trinity Triangle

- Support opportunities for expanded public open space through redevelopment, potential road closure and/or realignment
- Enhanced safety and connectivity for pedestrian and cyclist movement
- Streetscape improvements and amenities for Front, Eastern and Trinity Streets

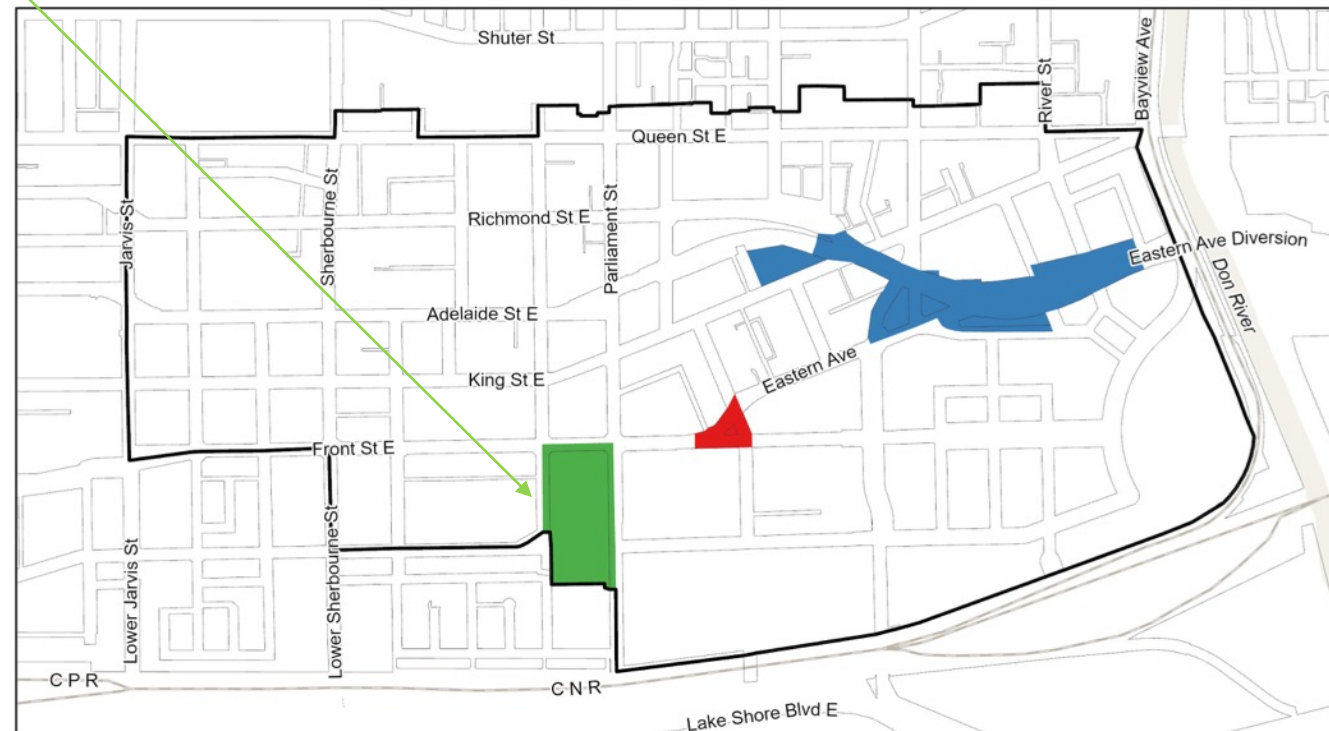


Parks & Public Realm

Proposed Secondary Plan refinements

First Parliament Site & Parliament Square Park

- Support for ongoing Master Plan process, defining objectives for:
 - Retaining key archaeological resources
 - Heritage interpretation through public realm and building design
 - New parks, open spaces and enhanced streetscaping initiatives along Berkeley and Parliament Streets
 - Development of a civic hub

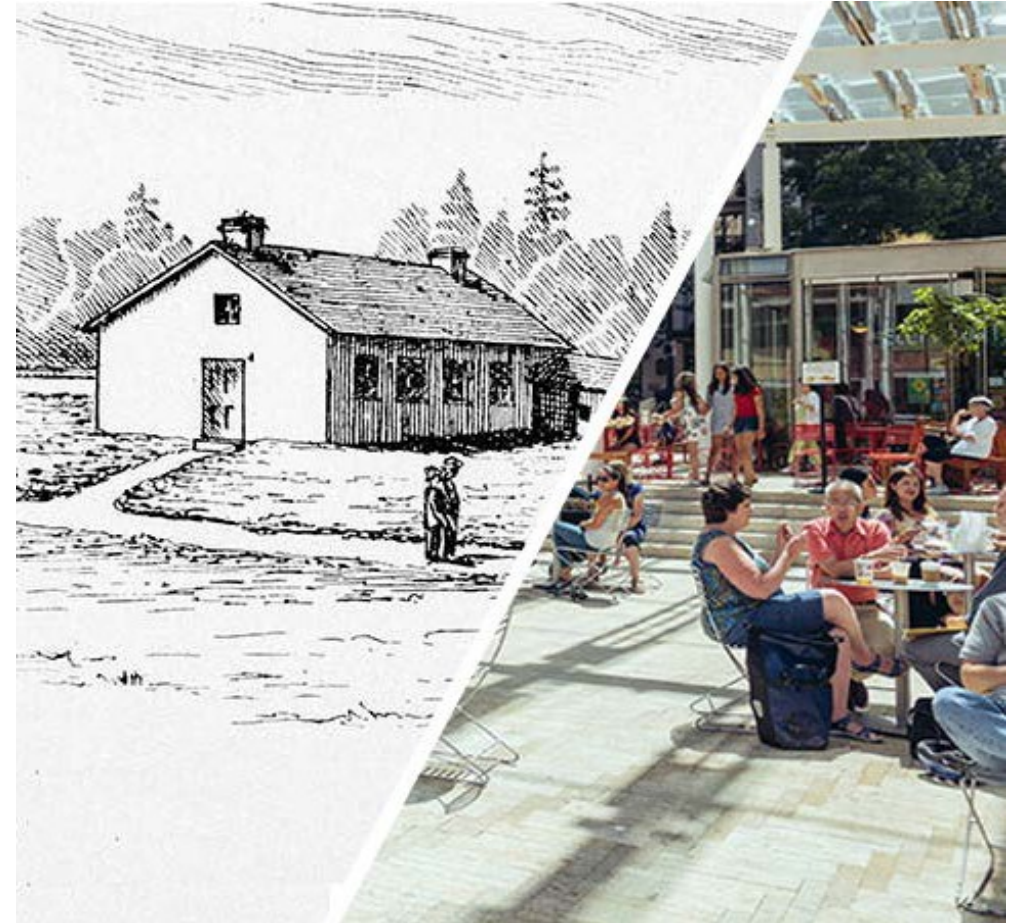


A Vision for First Parliament

The First Parliament site is an important historic site. It will be protected and developed to tell its stories.

The First Parliament site will also become a vital public/community resource. The site will be developed to meet the needs of a growing resident, working and visiting population.

- **Authentic**
- **Exciting**
- **Unique**
- **Bold**
- **Visible**
- **Inclusive**



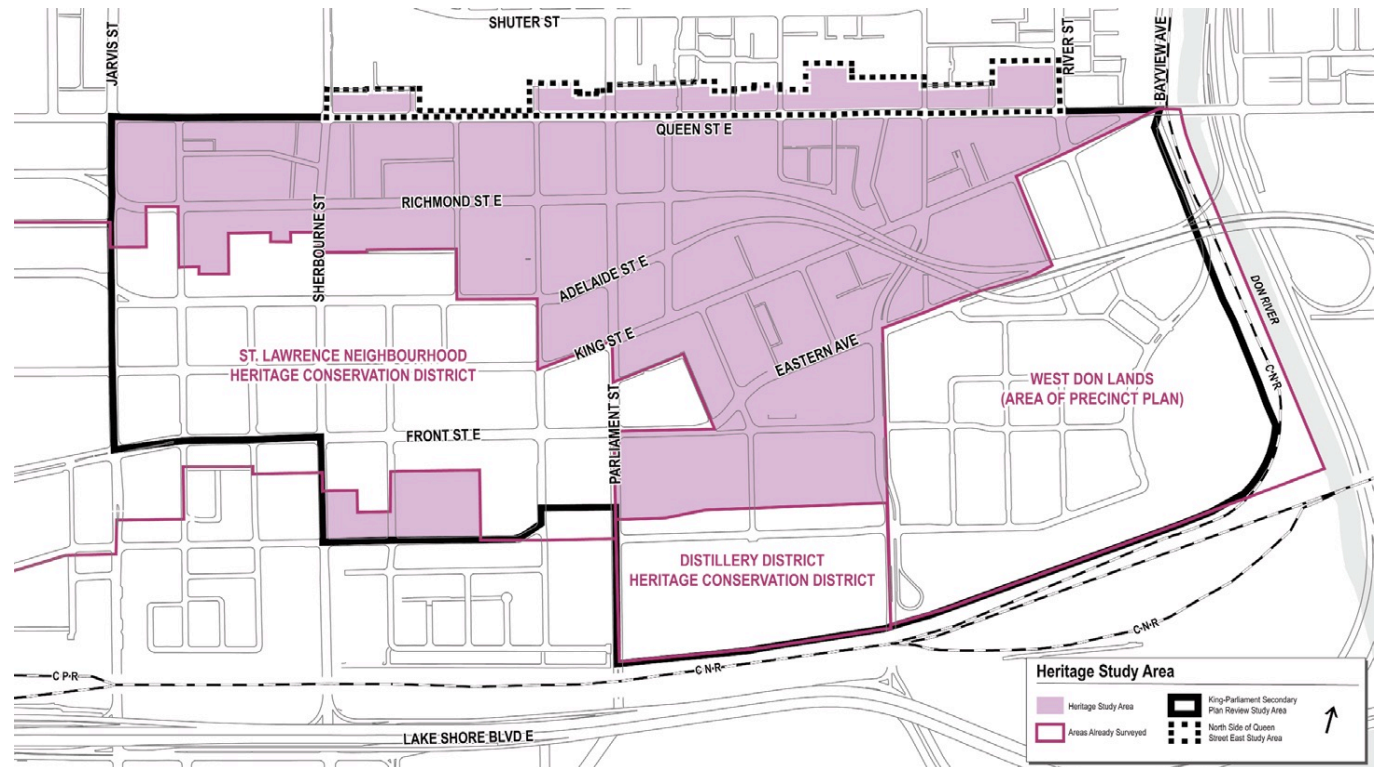
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King-Parliament Cultural Heritage Resource Assessment

City Planning undertakes a Cultural Heritage Resource Assessment to document an area's development history and to ensure that properties of cultural heritage value or interest are appropriately identified, understood and conserved.



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King-Parliament Cultural Heritage Resource Assessment

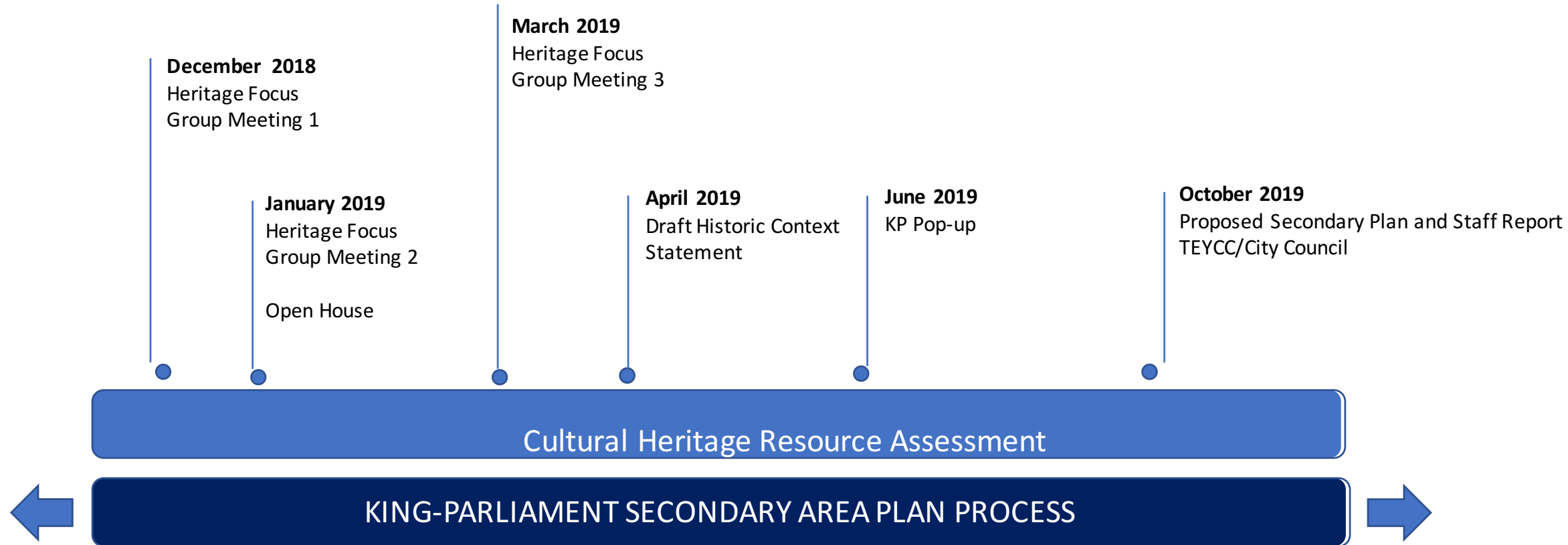
A CHRA applies provincial criteria to evaluate properties for their cultural heritage value or interest. That evaluation is informed by community engagement and historical research. A CHRA results in an understanding of the history of an area, and identifies built heritage resources that are important to that history.



Historic Context Statement for King-Parliament
CHRA included in October 2019 Staff Report.
<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2019.TE9.32>

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Cultural Heritage Resource Timeline

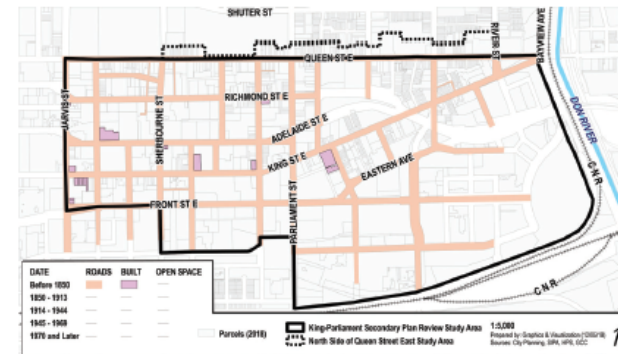
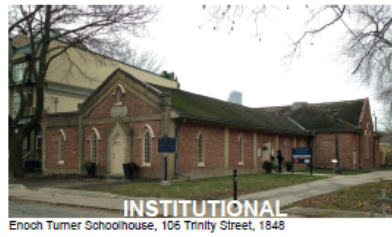
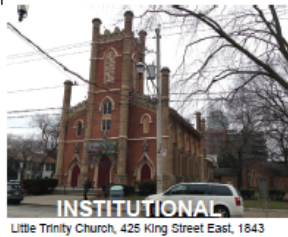


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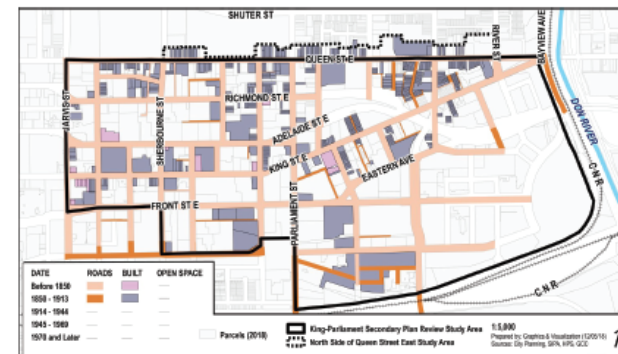
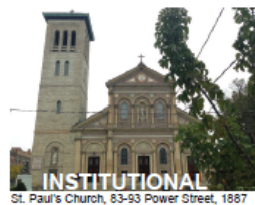
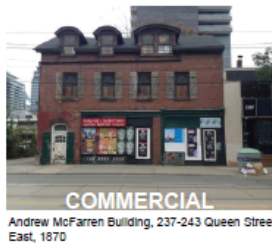
King-Parliament Cultural Heritage Resource Assessment

Buildings remaining from identified periods of development

1793-1850



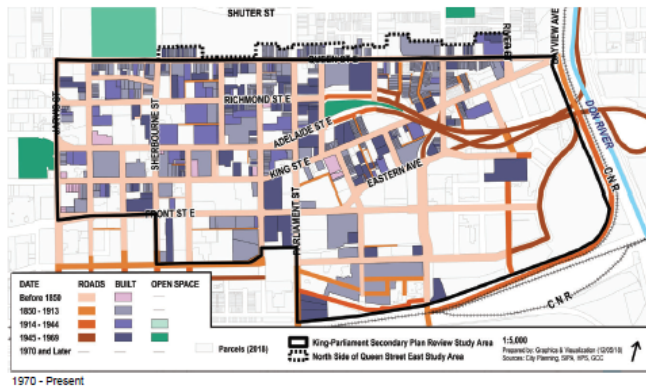
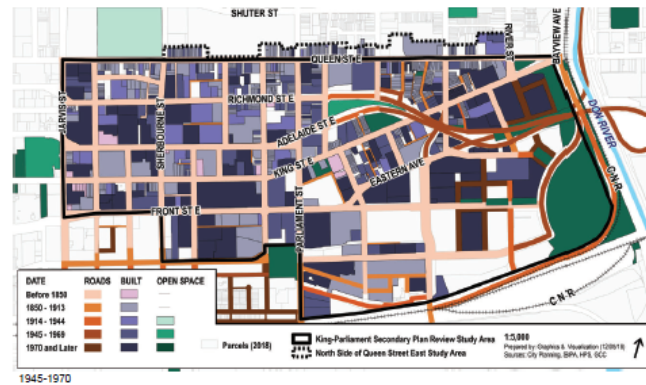
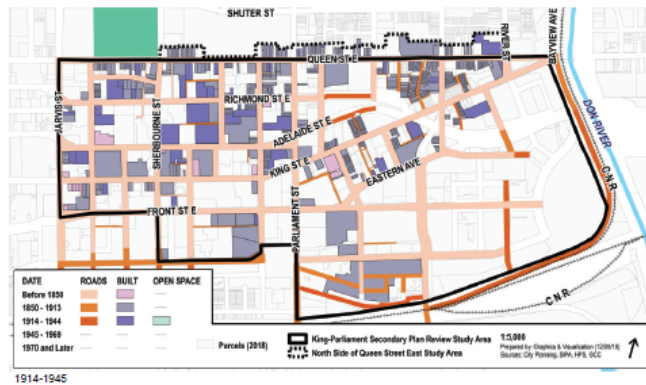
1850-1914



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King-Parliament Cultural Heritage Resource Assessment

Buildings remaining from identified periods of development



1914-1945



Drug Trading Company Administration Office, 25 Ontario Street, 1941-42

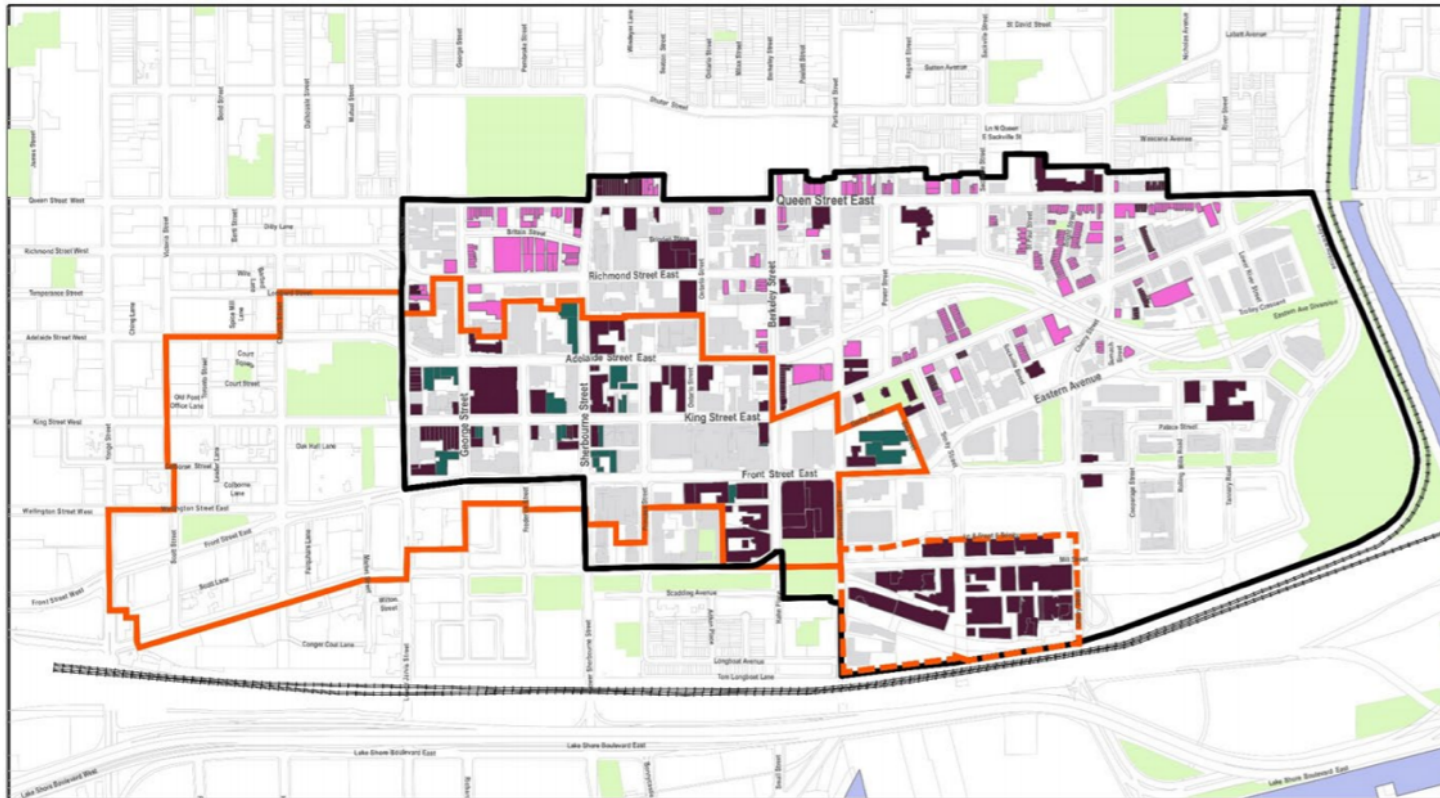
1945-1970



Trefann Court, 440-450 Queen Street East

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King-Parliament Cultural Heritage Resource Assessment



-  King-Parliament Secondary Plan Boundary
-  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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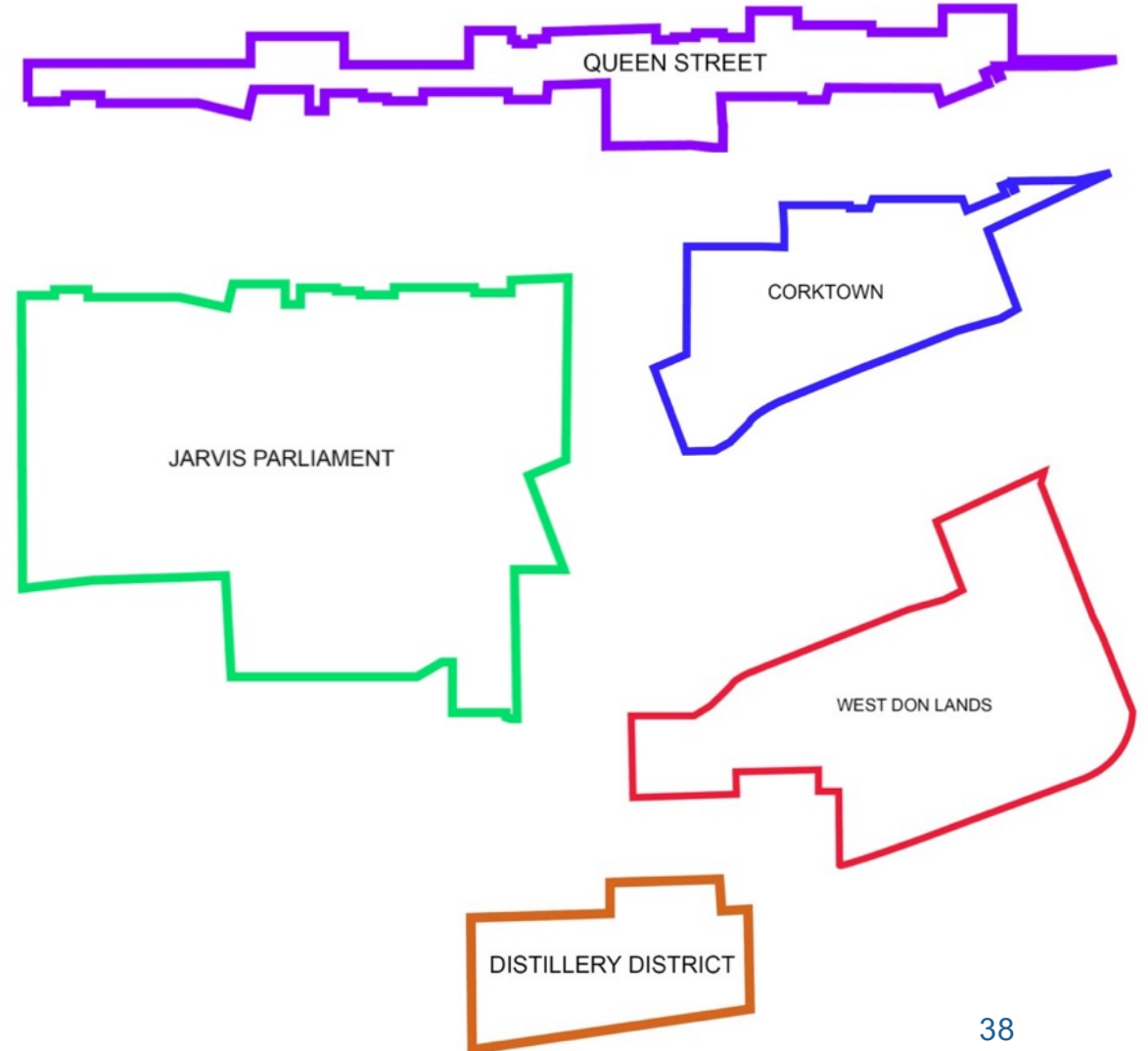
Secondary Plan and Zoning

Secondary Plan

- Pro-active identification of cultural heritage resources
- Character area descriptions have been informed by identified cultural heritage resources

Zoning

- Integration of heritage-specific clause recognizing potential need to go above and beyond minimum requirements



Heritage

Proposed Zoning Refinements

Shift existing proposed Secondary Plan policy to the zoning by-law, allowing for consideration of additional built form requirements to ensure compatibility with heritage scale and character:

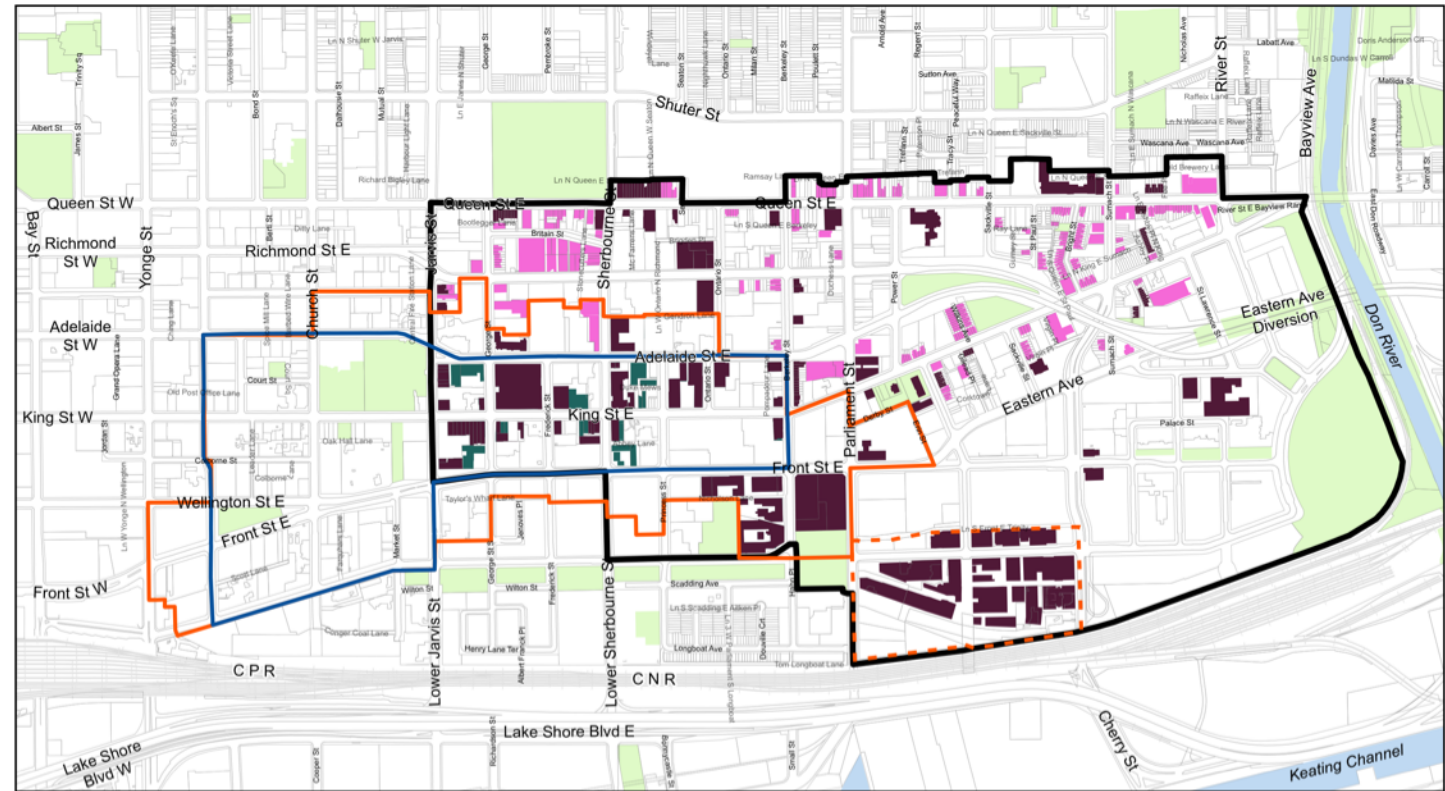
“Additional setbacks, stepbacks, and stepping down of building heights over and above the built form and urban design standards identified in this Plan, or in the zoning by-law, may be required to conserve the scale and character of a property included on the City’s Heritage Register.”



Heritage

Proposed Secondary Plan Refinements

- Inclusion of identified properties on the Heritage Register in advance of the Secondary Plan
- Official Plan policies for properties on the Heritage Register then apply
- Remove map from final Secondary Plan and associated policy



King-Parliament Secondary Plan

• Built Heritage Resources and Cultural Heritage Landscapes

King-Parliament Secondary Plan Boundary

St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Heritage Conservation District (LPAT approved 2020)

St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Heritage Conservation District (adopted 2015)

Distillery District Heritage Conservation District (Under Study)

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Not to Scale



Revised October 22, 2020

Heritage

The Heritage Register

- The Heritage Register is a means to identify properties that have cultural heritage value or interest to a community. The Heritage Register includes all designated properties and non-designated, 'listed' properties that Council believes to have cultural heritage value.
- An owner of a listed property must give the municipality at least 60 days' notice of their intention to demolish or remove a structure on the property. This allows Council time to decide whether to move forward with designation of the property under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.
- As required by the Provincial Policy Statement 2020 and the City's Official Plan, if a property on the Heritage Register is involved in an application for a zoning by-law amendment, official plan amendment, consent to sever or site plan agreement, the impact of the application on the property will be reviewed.
- For more information on the Heritage Register and what listing means:
<https://www.toronto.ca/city-government/planning-development/heritage-preservation/heritage-register/>

Questions & Comments



Next Steps





Upcoming Information Session

**Jarvis-Parliament
Area**

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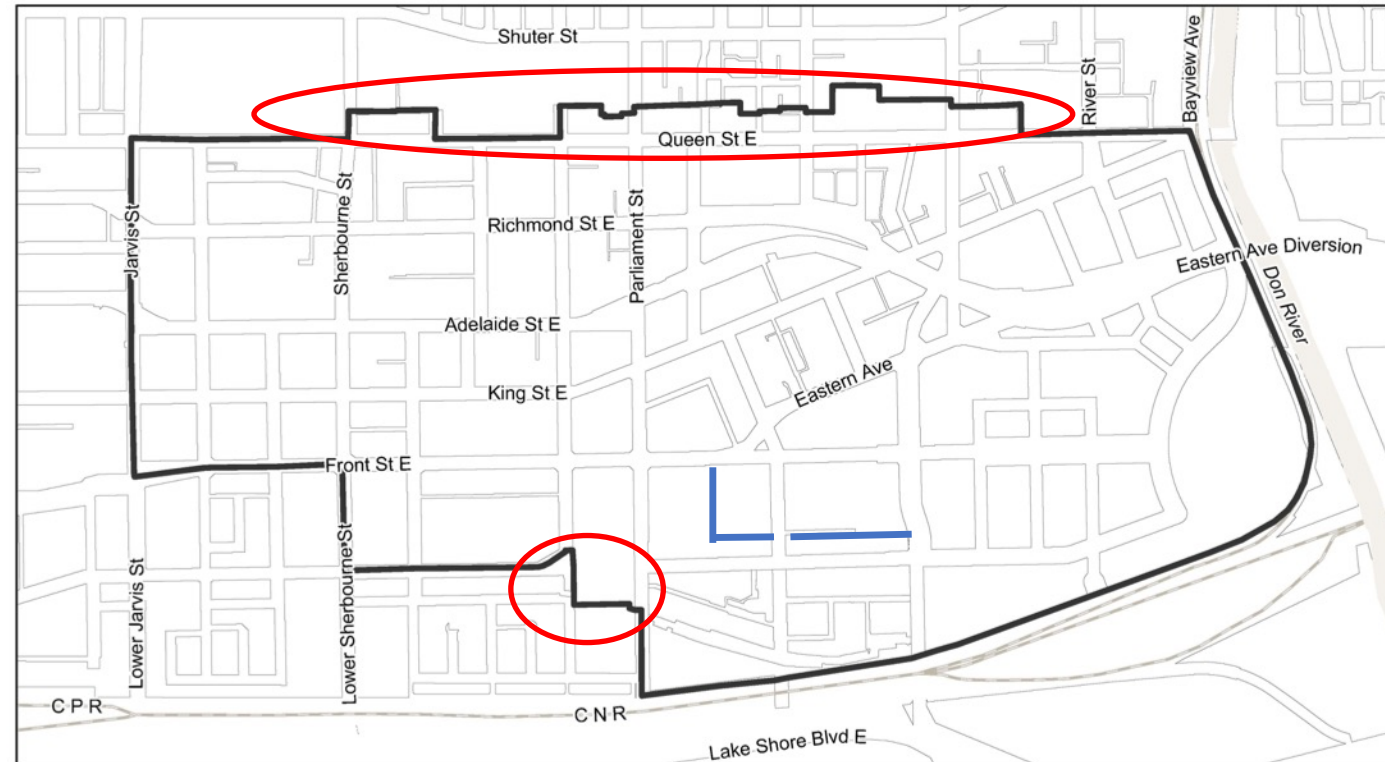
Meeting information posted at www.toronto.ca/king-parliament

Next Steps

- Staff will receive and consider feedback
- Revise Secondary Plan and draft Zoning By-law Amendment
- Prepare report recommending the listing of properties identified through CHRA on the Heritage Register
- Prepare final recommended Plan and By-law for Council consideration – Statutory Public Meeting at TEYCC

Study Outcomes

1. Official Plan Amendment
 - **Final Recommended King-Parliament Secondary Plan**
 - Boundary Revisions
 - New Public Roads
2. Area-Specific Zoning By-law Amendment





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Please provide any comments by November 30, 2020