

# Community Consultation Meeting

## Liberty Village Public Realm and Community Services and Facilities Study

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December 7 and 8, 2021



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# Agenda

-  **Welcome, Virtual meeting information and Introductions**
-  **Presentation – Study Overview**
-  **Facilitated Discussion**
-  **Closing Remarks**



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# Introductions – City Staff

## City Planning

### Community Planning

- Aviva Pelt
- Tommy Karapalevski

### Urban Design

- Janet Lee

### Transportation Planning

- Brent Fairbairn
- Greg Tokarz
- Thomas Schwerdtfeger

### Policy

- Susan Kitchen

## Other City Divisions/Agencies

### Parks, Forestry and Recreation

- Andrea Bake
- Drew Graham
- Paul Farish

### Transportation Services

- Samira Behrooz

### Councillor Cressy's office

- Anthony McMahon

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- Jennifer Kowalski

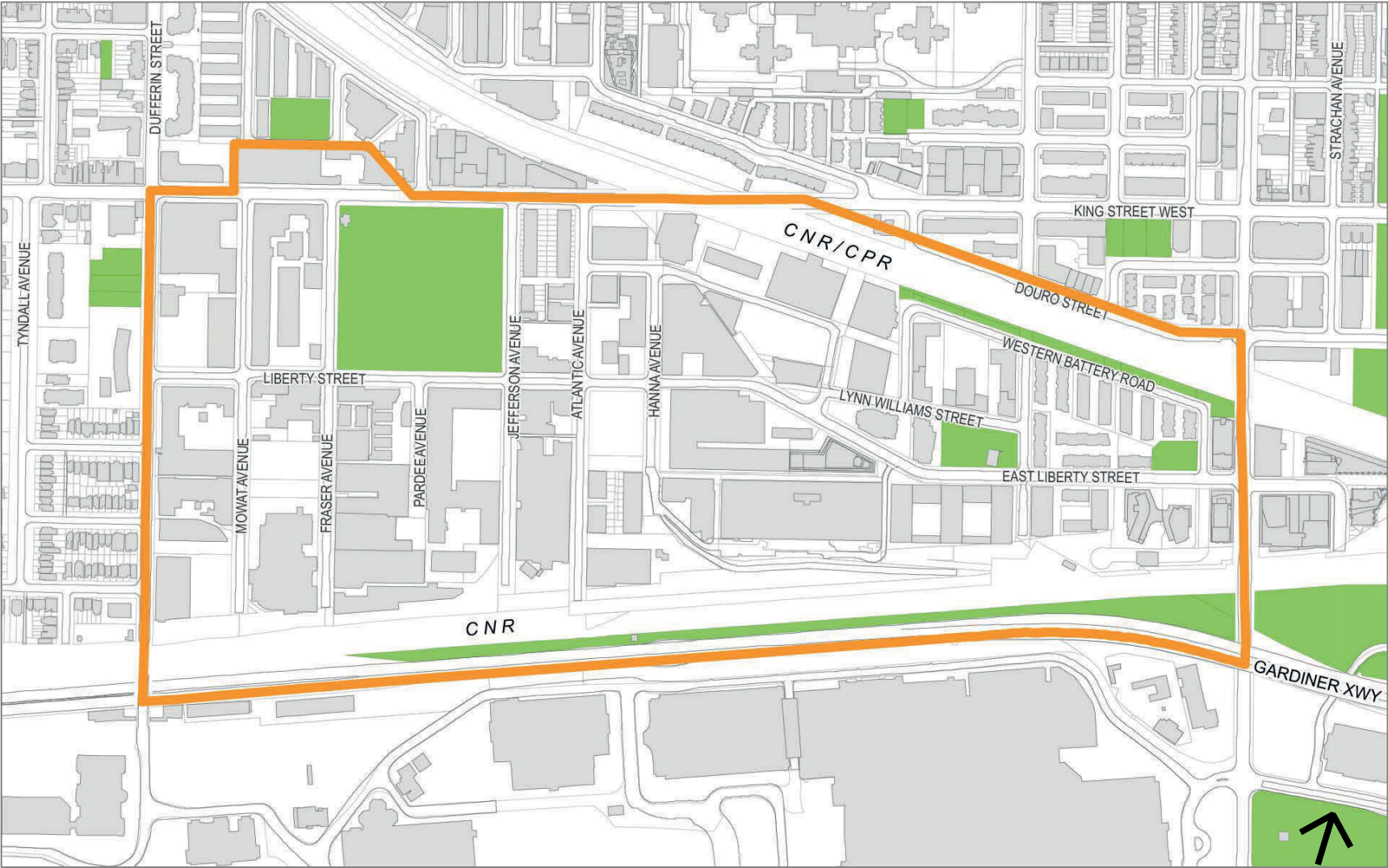
# Study Overview




# Why Study Liberty Village?

- Significant population growth and ongoing development activity
- City Council directed staff to undertake study in July 2020 to:
  - Find opportunities to improve and expand open spaces and community services that will serve both residents and businesses in the area
  - Identify a number of City-owned properties within the area that could be repurposed to better meet the needs of the area

# Study Boundary

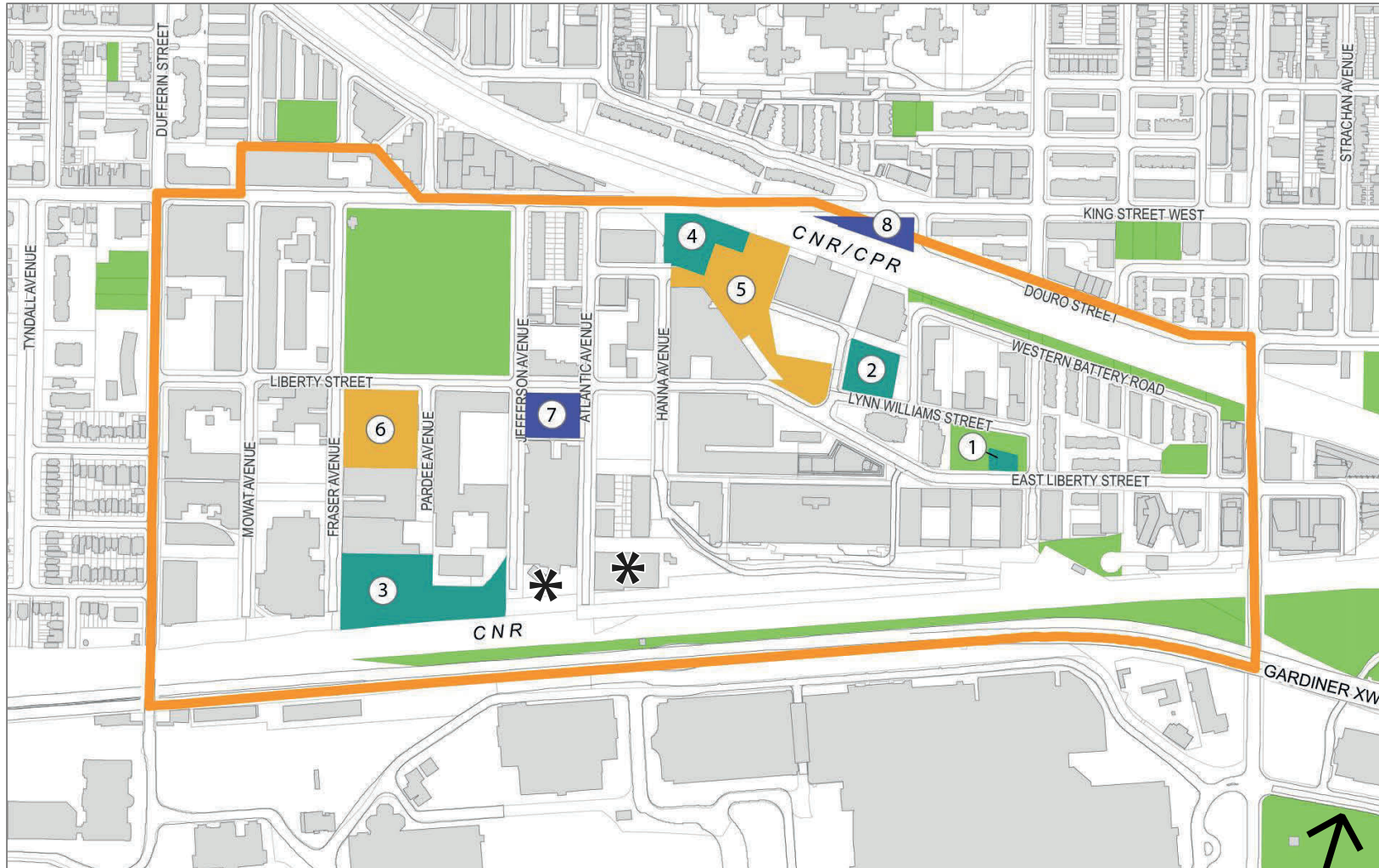


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 Study Area



# Development Applications



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## Development Proposal

Rezoning

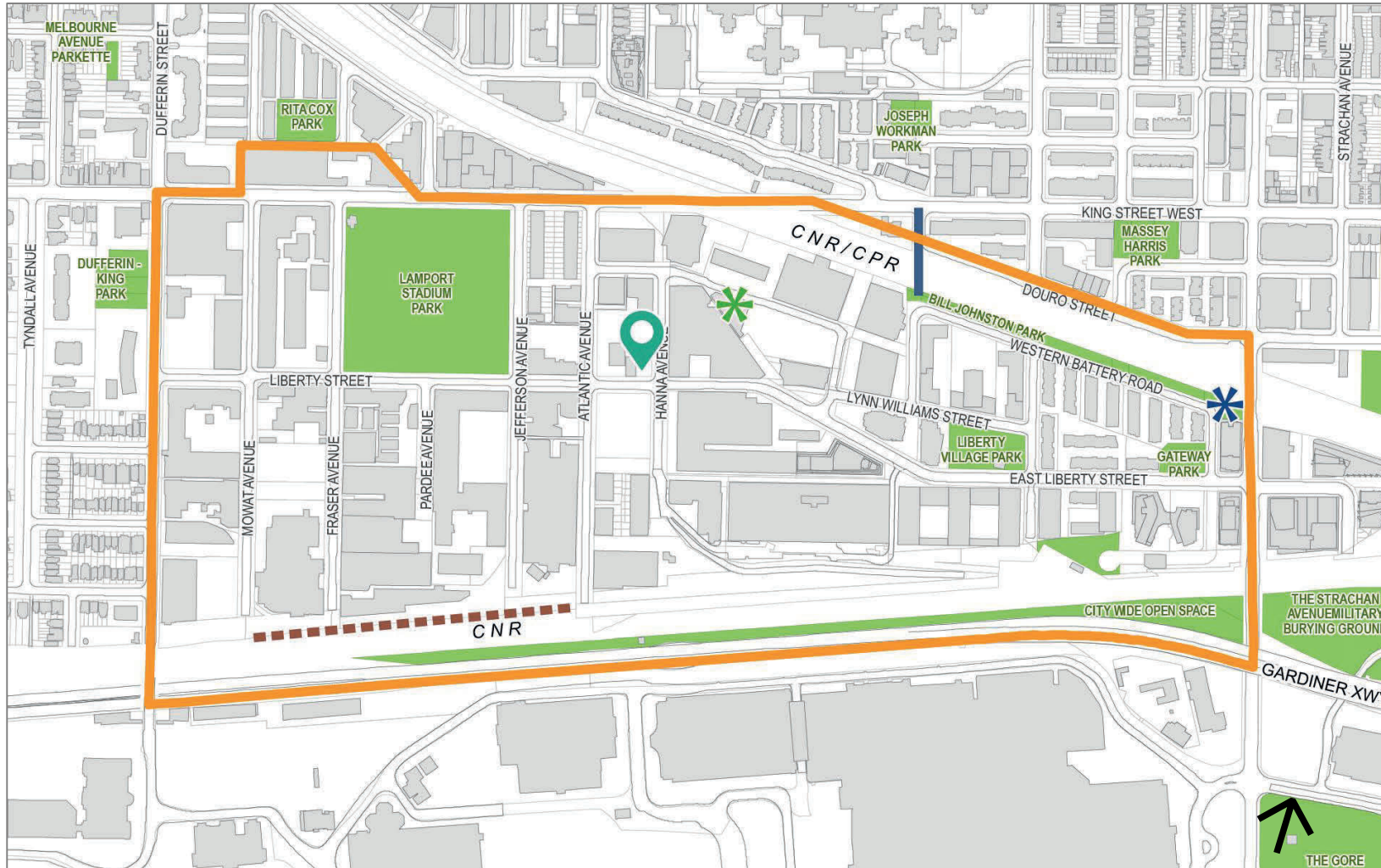
Site Plan

Council/Tribunal Approved

Exhibition TOC Proposals  
(Transit Oriented Community)

- 1 70 East Liberty St
- 2 80 Lynn Williams St
- 3 7 Fraser Ave
- 4 85 Hanna Ave
- 5 61-75 Hanna Ave and 120 Lynn Williams St
- 6 41 Fraser Ave
- 7 58 Atlantic Ave
- 8 1071 King St West

# City Parks/Private Open Public Spaces

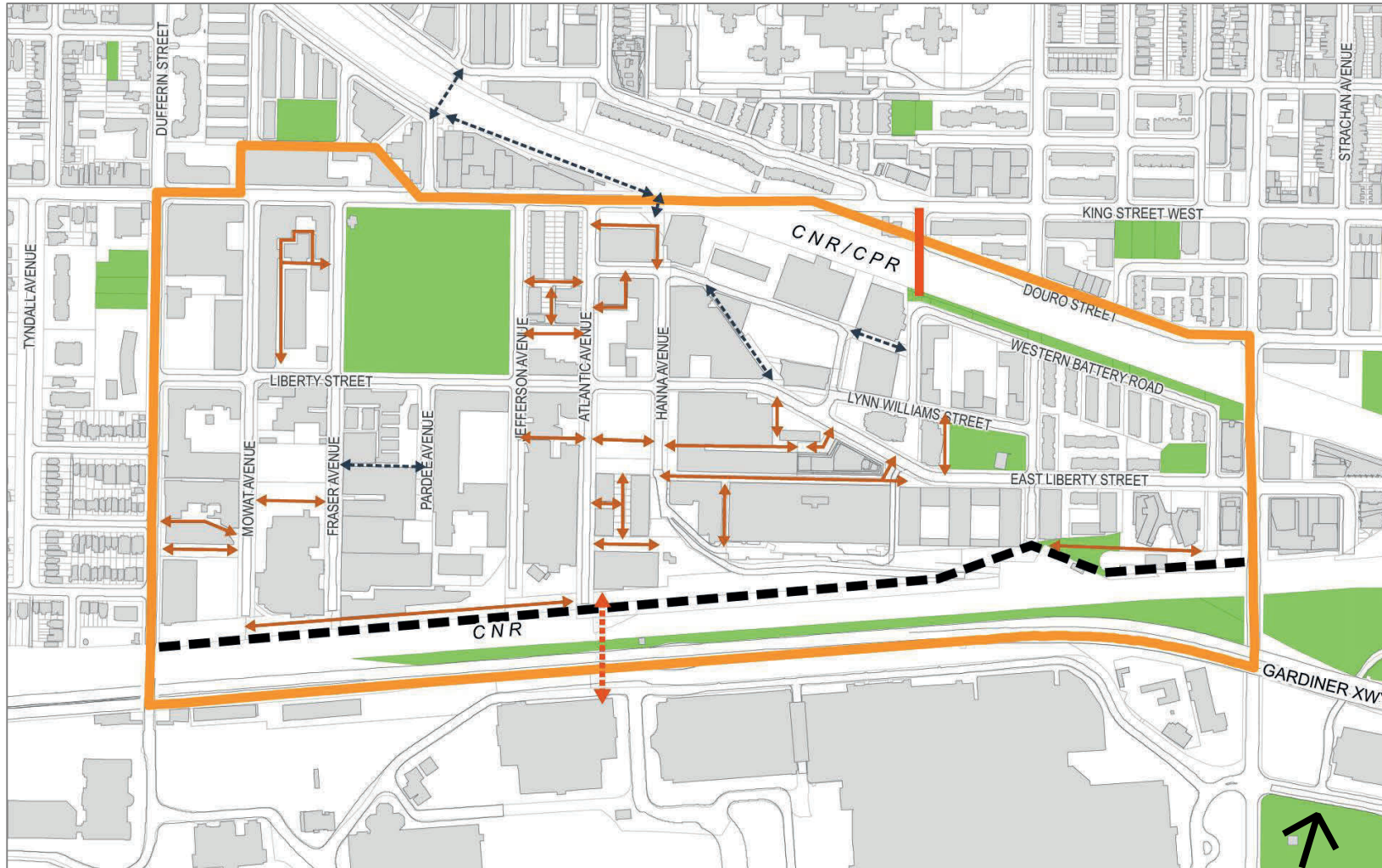


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-  Study Area
-  King Liberty Pedestrian Bridge
-  POPS: Privately-Owned Publicly Accessible Open Spaces
-  South Liberty Trail
-  Proposed Future Park
-  Future Park\*
- \* Outdoor playground for daycare; shared park in off-daycare hours



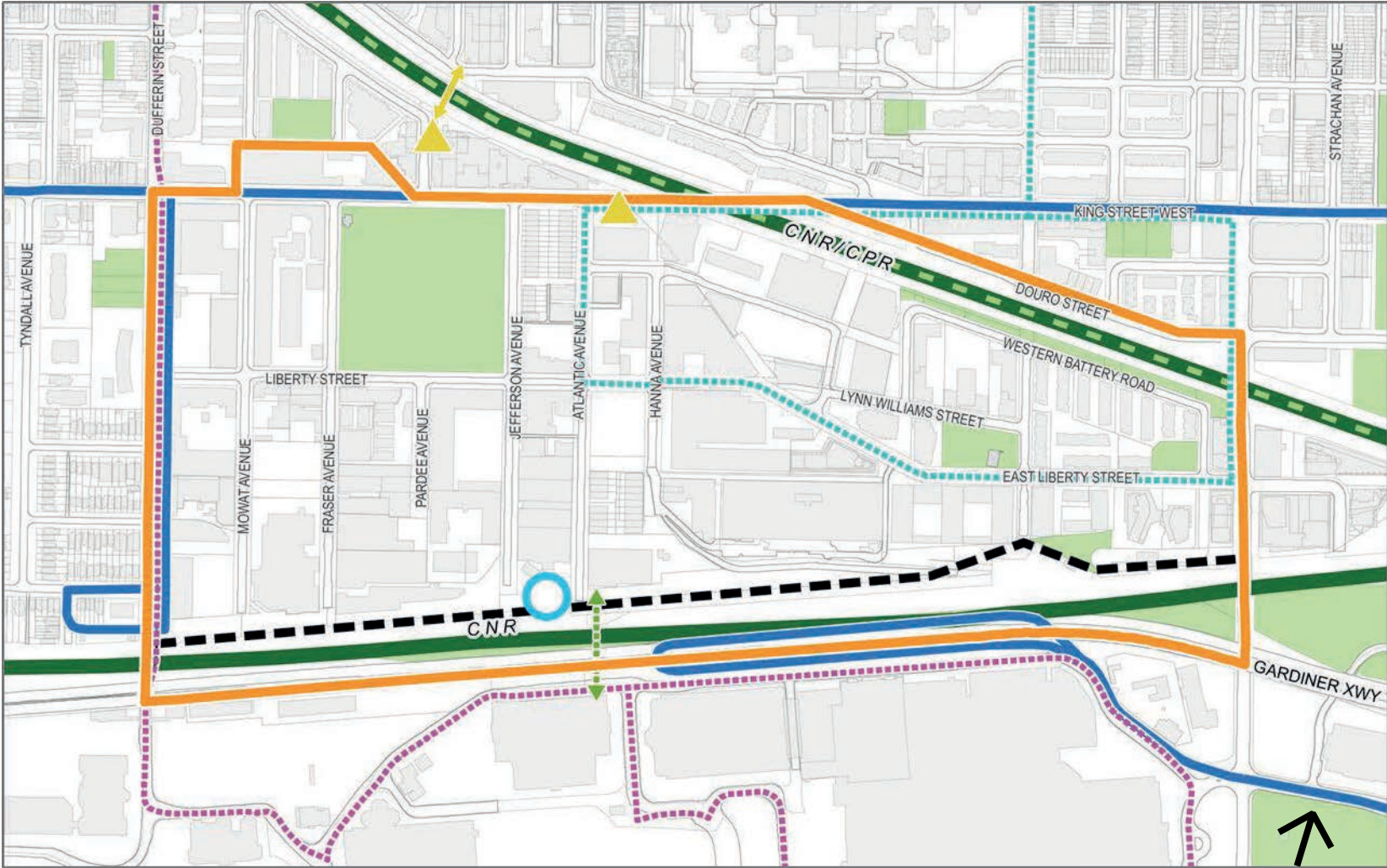
# Connections



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-  Study Area
-  Future Liberty New Street
-  Bridge Connections
-  Tunnel Connections
-  Existing midblock connections
-  Future midblock connections

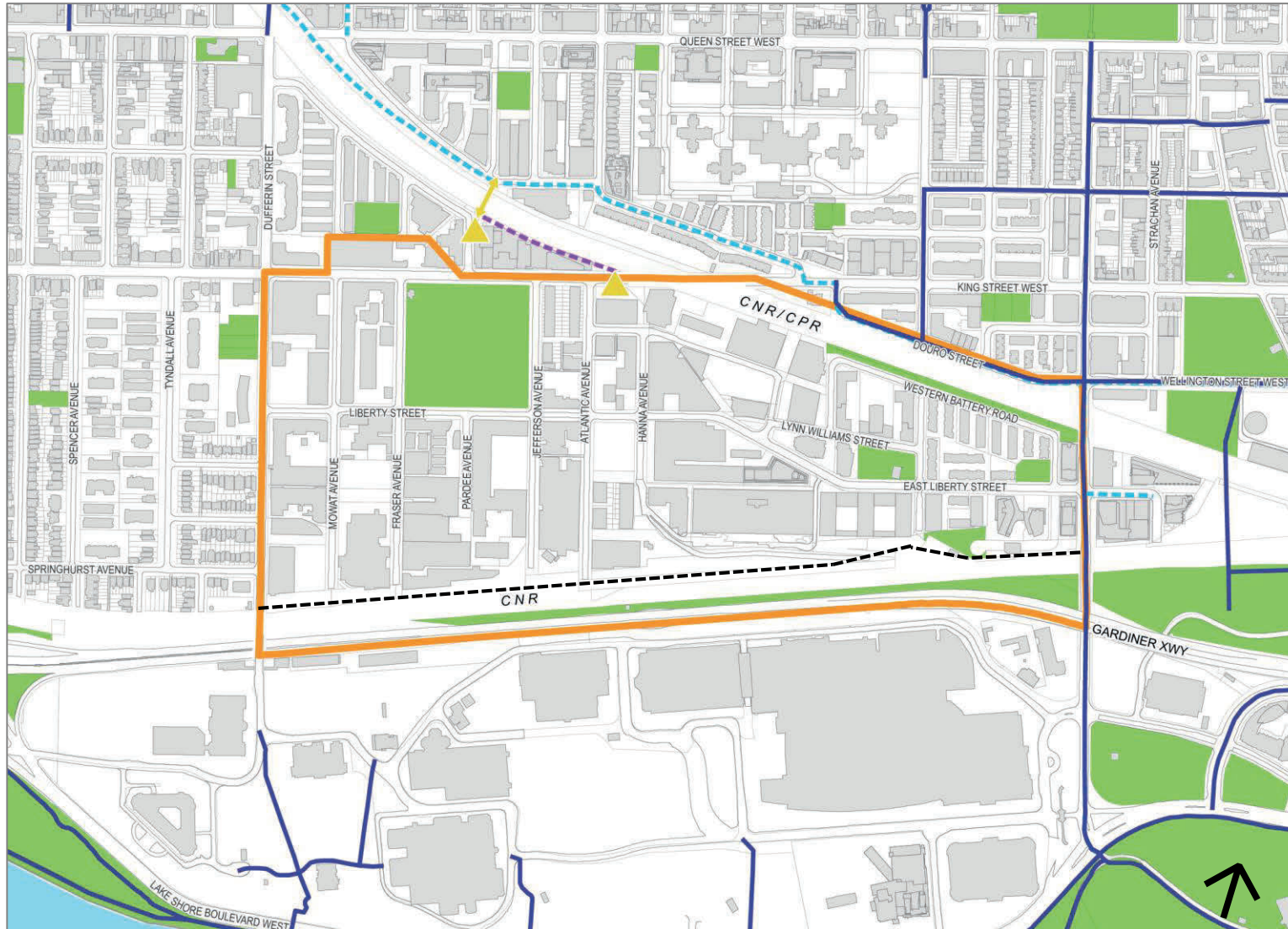
# Transit










- Legend**
- Study Area
  - Future Smart Track Entrances
  - Future Smart Track Bridge
  - Future Exhibition Ontario Line Station Entrance
  - Exhibition GO tunnel
  - Future Liberty New Street
  - Lakeshore West GO Line
  - Barrie, Georgetown, Milton GO Line
  - Streetcar
  - Dufferin Bus
  - Ossington Bus



# Cycling



## Legend

-  Study Area
-  Existing Bikeways
-  2022-2024 Near-Term Program Bikeways
-  Future Smart Track Entrances
-  Future Smart Track Bridge
-  Existing Multi-Use Path
-  Future Liberty New Street

# Study Objectives

The study will:

- undertake an analysis of existing public realm conditions and a **Community Services and Facilities study**;
- **inform and identify opportunities for new parks, open spaces and public realm improvements** as well as **community service and facilities** that can be secured through funding or space within future developments; and
- provide direction and a strategic, coordinated approach for the **City-owned assets in Liberty Village** to better meet the needs of the area

# Study Areas





# Parks and Public Realm



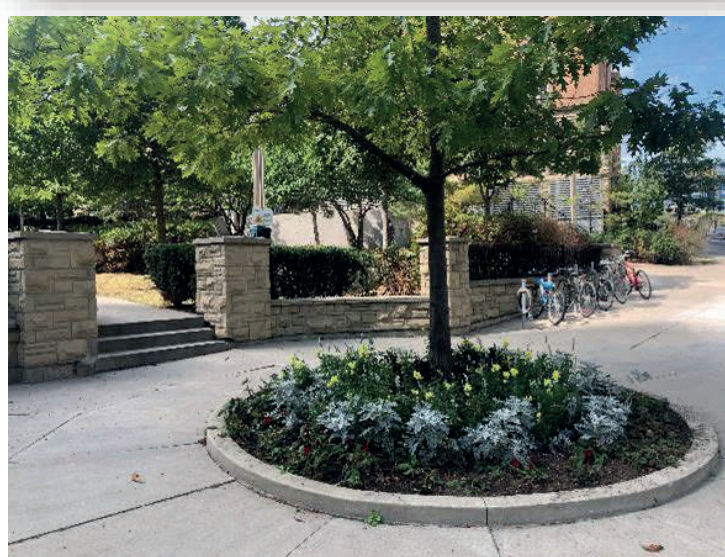
# What is Public Realm?

**The public realm is comprised of all public and private spaces which the public has access to.**

- Parks and Open Spaces
- Sidewalks and other Pedestrian Connections
- Trees and Landscaping Elements



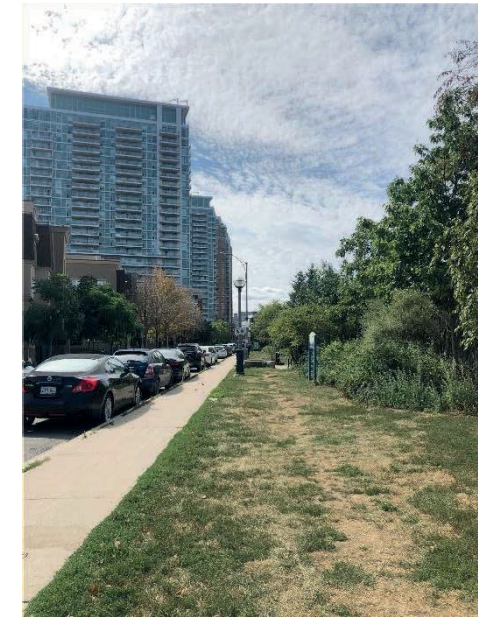
















# Community Services & Facilities Study

# What are Community Services and Facilities?



**Community Recreation**



**Child care (and family support)**



**Libraries**



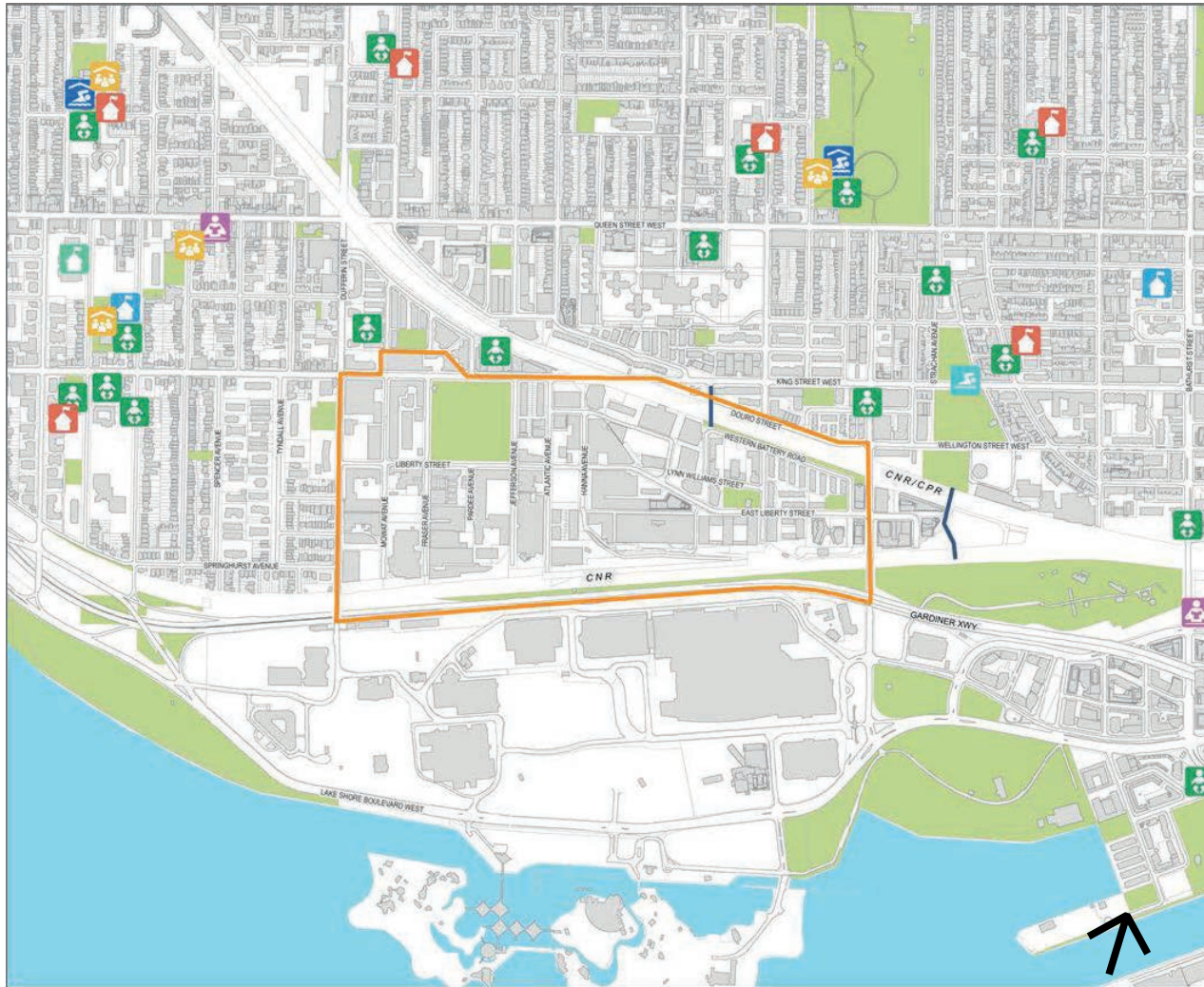
**Human services & Community Agency Space**



**Schools (TDSB, TCDSB, French boards)**



# Community Services and Facilities



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Study Area

Bridges

Public Elementary

Public Secondary

Catholic Elementary

Childcare

Library

Community/ Recreation Centre

Indoor Pool

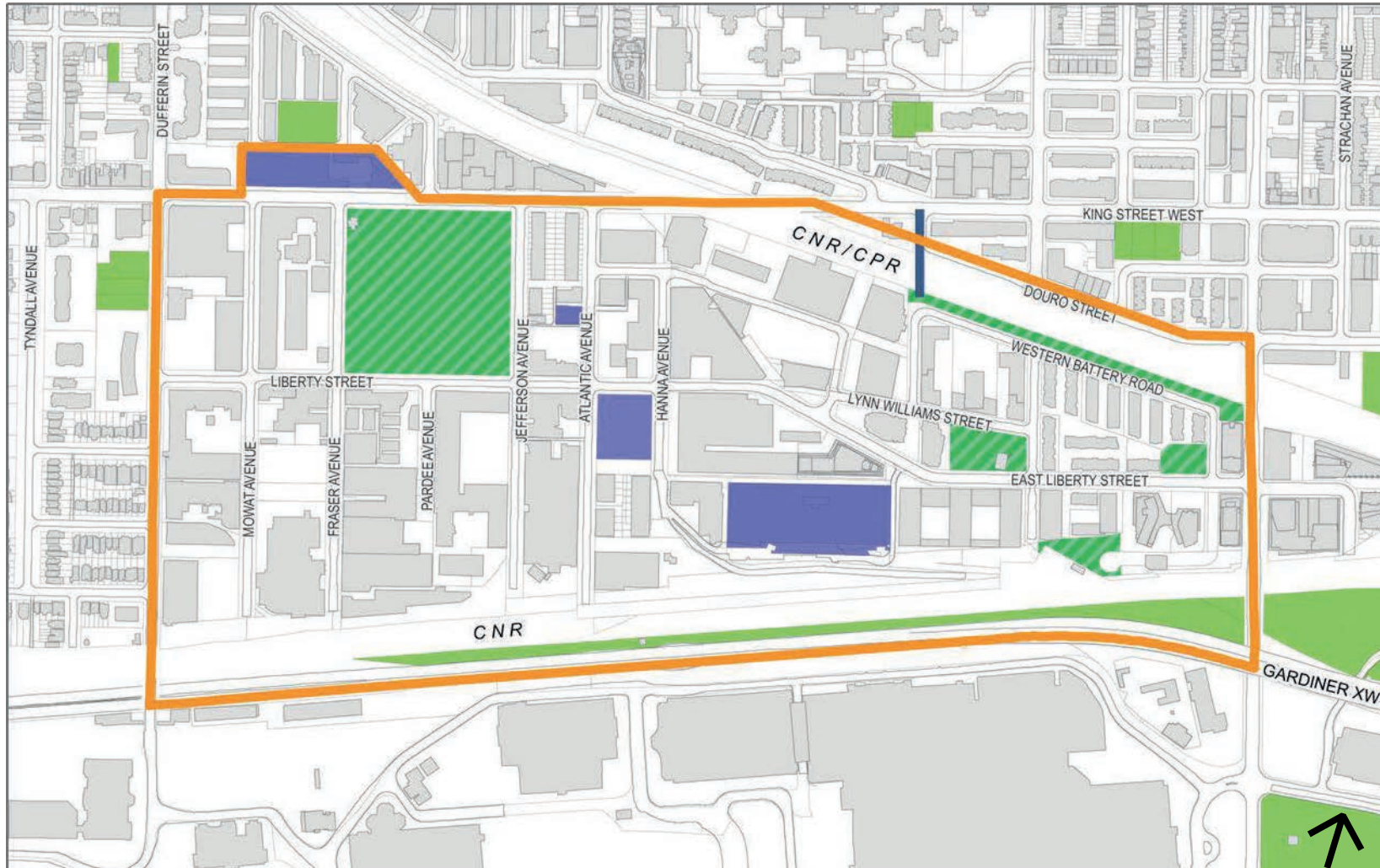
Outdoor Pool



# City Assets



# City Property Assets

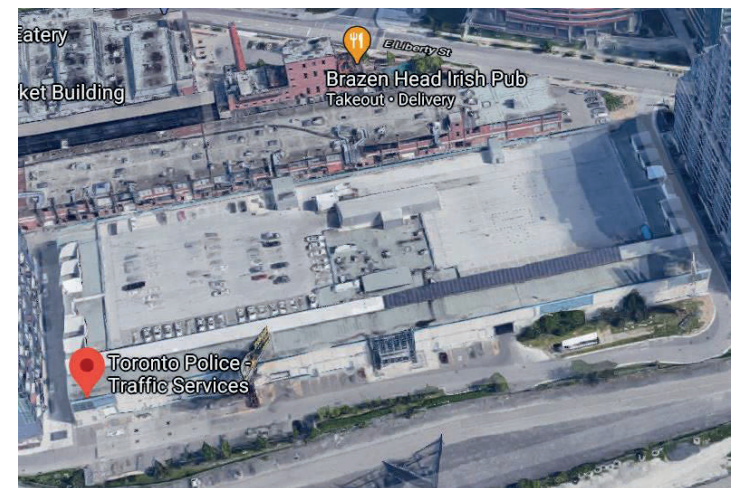


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-  Study Area
-  King Liberty Pedestrian Bridge
-  City Property Assets
-  City Property Assets (Parks)



# City Assets





# Utilizing City Assets for City Services





# Park Improvements and Opportunities



# Park Improvements - Liberty Village Park



## March 2020: Final Concept Plan

The City of Toronto is making improvements:

- May 2022: Anticipated construction schedule to start
- September 2022: Anticipated Construction complete

*\*\*This timeline is subject to change and is weather permitting*



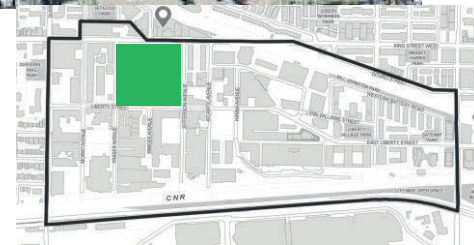


# Park Improvement Opportunity

Allan A. Lamport Stadium Park at 1155 King St W



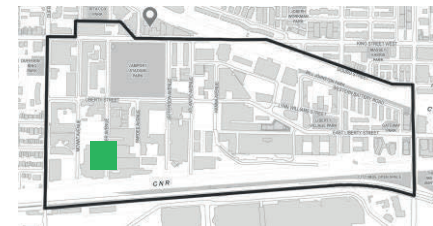
The park size is equivalent to 4 city blocks (approximately 200 metres x 200 metres).





# Opportunity Site

Parking Lot at 34 Hanna – Toronto Parking Authority Land (TPA)





# Streetscape Improvement Opportunities



- Tree planting opportunities to be studied
- Boulevard planting – dog proof treatment needed
- Establish updated standards for new development



# Online Engagement

# Community Consultation

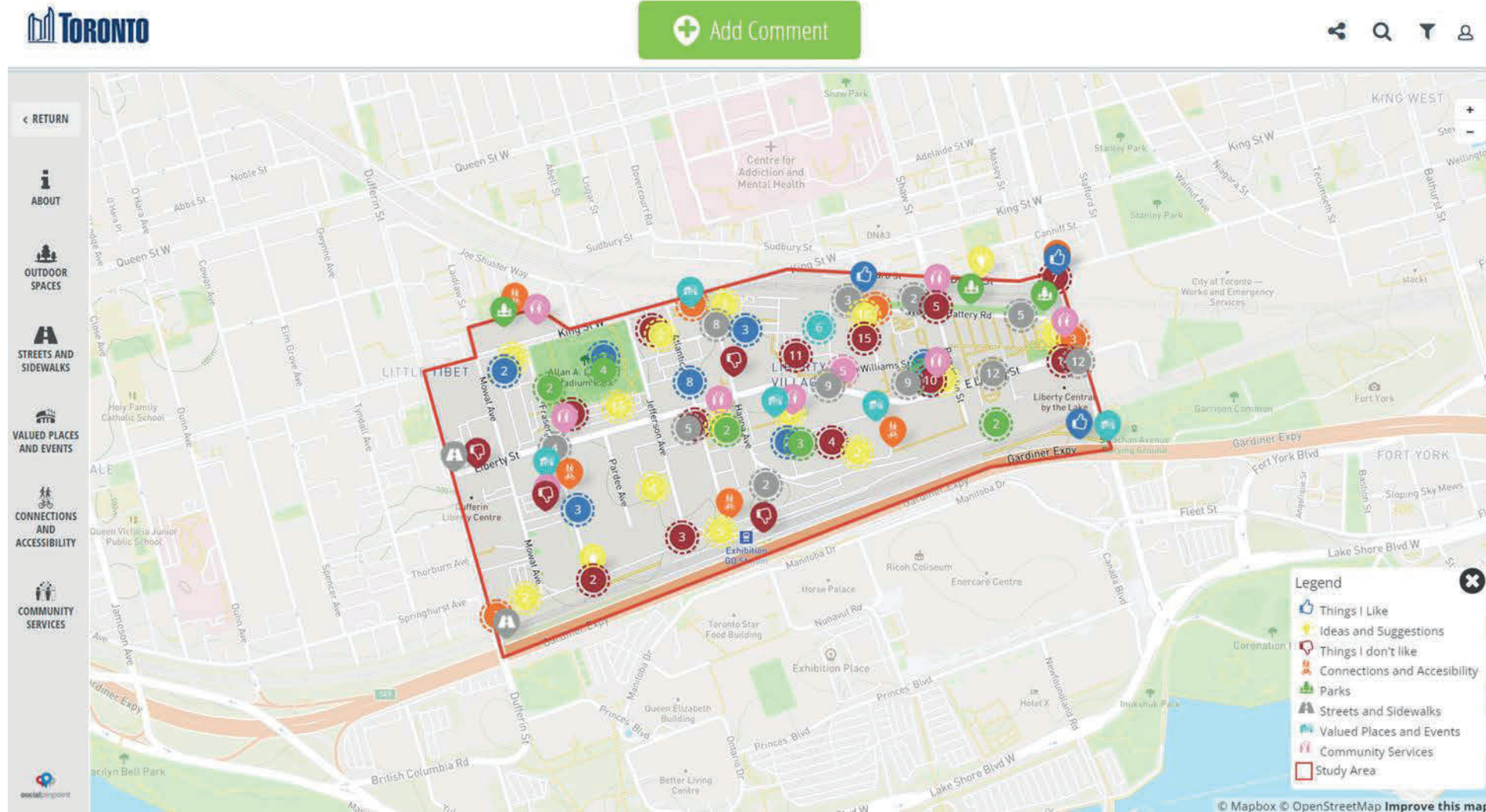
- Online tools
  - Social Pinpoint Mapping Exercise and future surveys
- Community Consultation Meetings
- Working Group Meetings
- Councillor engagement
- Residents Association/Community groups/BIA/Local businesses/Employees and other associations

# Community Consultation Schedule

- December 7/8<sup>th</sup>, 2021: Community Meeting #1
- March or April 2022\*: Community Meeting #2
- May or June 2022\*: Community Meeting #3
- June 29, 2022\*\*: Toronto and East York Community Council
- A **Working Group Committee** will be created.
  - Limited spaces available, please contact me directly if you are interested in participating



# Social Pinpoint - Launched August 1



# Analytics



# Top Comments



Parks

Need for green space. Parking lot can be converted into park



Valued Places and Events



Liberty Village Park is important and needs to be improved



Community Services

Opportunity to create a new event space (like a farmers market or local artisan market)





# Top Comments



## Ideas and Suggestions

**Opportunity for a connection to Strachan north of Western Battery**



## Connections and Accessibility

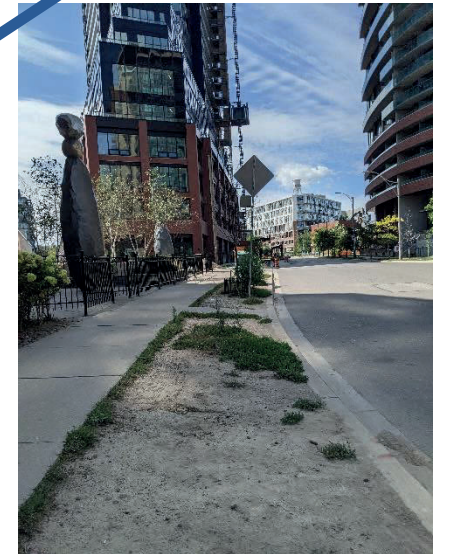


**Need for access to GO Station from the King West Laneway**



## Streets and Sidewalks

**Narrow sidewalks and poor landscaping**







# Next Steps

# Upcoming Study Timeline/Meetings

December 7/8, 2021

- Community Consultation Meeting #1 - Launch

January-February 2022

- Form Working Group, compile/analyze consultation feedback and Status Report to Community Council

January-May

- Continue various consultations-staff/agency work underway

March/April 2022\*

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Community Consultation Meeting with Draft Strategy

May 2022\*

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Community Consultation Meeting with Final Strategy

June 29, 2022

- Toronto and East York Community Council – Final Report with Implementation Strategy Report



# Facilitated Discussion



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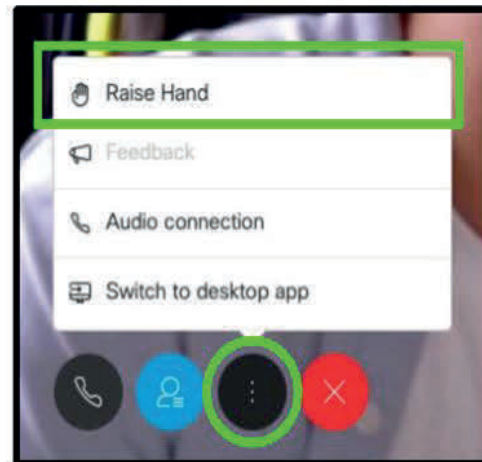


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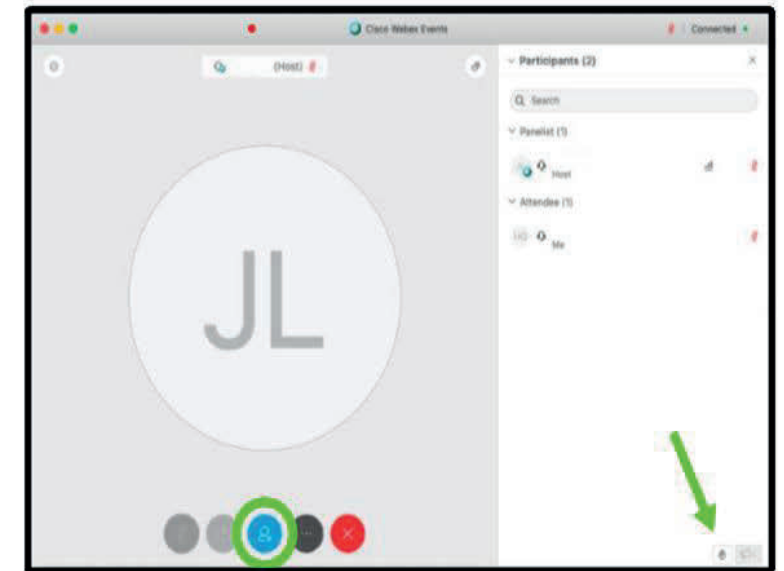
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# Closing Remarks



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