

Notice of Poll

April 07, 2022

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Poll Regarding: Intention to expand Toronto Downtown West Business Improvement Area

On February 2, 2021, City Council stated its intention to pass a by-law to expand the Toronto Entertainment District Business Improvement Area (BIA) to include the area bounded by Richmond Street West (both sides) to the north, Spadina Avenue to the east, Front Street West to the south, and Bathurst Street to the west. On May 5, 2021, City Council approved the renaming of the Toronto Entertainment District BIA as the Toronto Downtown West BIA.

On July 5, 2021 the City Clerk sent out notice of City Council's intention to pass a by-law designating the expanded Toronto Downtown West Business Improvement Area, in accordance with the City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 19, Business Improvement Areas. As of September 2, 2021, the closing date of the poll, a total of 37 ballots were received, out of 258 ballots sent by the City Clerk. Although the majority of ballots received were in favour of expanding the BIA, the City Clerk did not receive a sufficient number of ballots to validate the poll.

On November 9, 2021, City Council voted to waive Subsections 19-2.4 I, 19-2.4 N (2) and 19.2.4 N (4) of Municipal Code Chapter 19 to allow for a secondary 30 day polling period in light of the impact of the pandemic on the response to the poll.

A BIA is an association of persons who own rateable property in a business property class and all persons who are non-residential tenants of rateable property within a business property class within a defined area who work in partnership with the City to create thriving, competitive and safe business areas that attract new investment. By working collectively, BIAs have the organizational and funding capacity to be catalysts for local civic improvement, enhancing the physical quality and economic vitality of their local neighbourhood.

The Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 19, Business Improvement Areas section 19-2.4. requires that a formal poll be conducted before passing a by-law to expand an existing BIA. **The owner of the property to which this Notice relates shall give a copy to each non-residential tenant of the property within 15 days of receiving this Notice.**

Ballot Instructions:

- A person receiving this Notice is entitled to submit ONLY ONE ballot regardless of the number of rateable properties or businesses owned by that person within the proposed area.
- Returned ballots will be treated in confidence and are subject to the provisions of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA).
- If you are a non-residential tenant of rateable property or a new property owner who did not receive a personally addressed polling notice, please complete the enclosed Declaration Form.
- If you already submitted a ballot during the original polling period – you are not required to submit another ballot – your original ballot will be honoured.
- Completed ballots must be received in the City Clerk's Office by 4:30 pm on or before May 06, 2022.

For additional information on this application, contact:
City of Toronto BIA Office Phone:
(416) 392-1291
biaoffice@toronto.ca

For information on the polling process, contact:
City Clerk's Office, Registry Services
registryservices@toronto.ca
www.toronto.ca/polling

Instructions:

- This form is **only for New Property Owners who own rateable property in a business property class and Non-Residential Tenants of rateable property in a business property class**
- Failure to provide Proof of Ownership or Tenancy will result in your ballot not being included in the poll
- Complete the Declaration and Ballot and mail to the address provided on the ballot

Declaration

Name of New Property Owner / Name of Non-Residential Tenant

Name of Business (If applicable)

Legal Address

Proof of Ownership or Tenancy

- **New Property Owners who own rateable property in a business property class and Non-Residential Tenants of rateable property in a business property class** are required to provide proof of tenancy/ownership in order to vote in the creation of a new BIA or expand an existing BIA.
- The only documents accepted as Proof of Ownership or Tenancy are included in the list below.
- The document **must include the legal business name and business address.**

<input type="checkbox"/> Utility Bill (telephone/internet/hydro/gas/water) <input type="checkbox"/> Lease or Rental Agreement/Statement <input type="checkbox"/> Bank/Credit Card Statement <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance Policy/Statement <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Agreement with Financial Institution	<input type="checkbox"/> City of Toronto Business Licence <input type="checkbox"/> Document issued or certified by a court in Ontario <input type="checkbox"/> Evidence of Business Registration <input type="checkbox"/> Any Canadian Revenue Agency (CRA) Document <input type="checkbox"/> Invoice / Business Card
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I declare I am:

- the rateable property owner and/or non-residential tenant of rateable property of the address noted above which is located wholly or partially within the polling area, and
- qualified to vote in this poll.

Signature	Date
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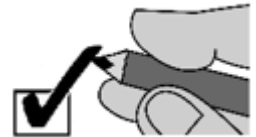
The personal information on this form is collected under the legal authority of the City of Toronto Act, S.O. 2006, Chapter 11, Schedule A, s. 136 (c) and the City of Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 190, Polling and Notification. The information will be collected for proof of ownership or tenancy and determining eligibility to vote.

New property owners who own rateable property in a business property class and non-residential tenants of rateable property in a business property class interested in voting in a BIA poll must complete the following steps:

- If not on the BIA poll list, please completed the declaration form found at www.toronto.ca/polling under "How Can You Take Part in a BIA Poll" or download a copy from the Poll Detail Page.
- Complete this ballot by marking the square of your choice and sign below.
- The completed ballot and declaration must be mailed prior to the poll closing date to be considered valid.
- Mail/Fax this ballot to: City Clerk's Office, Registry Services
City Hall, Floor 1 West
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2
Fax: 416-392-1260 / email:registryservices@toronto.ca

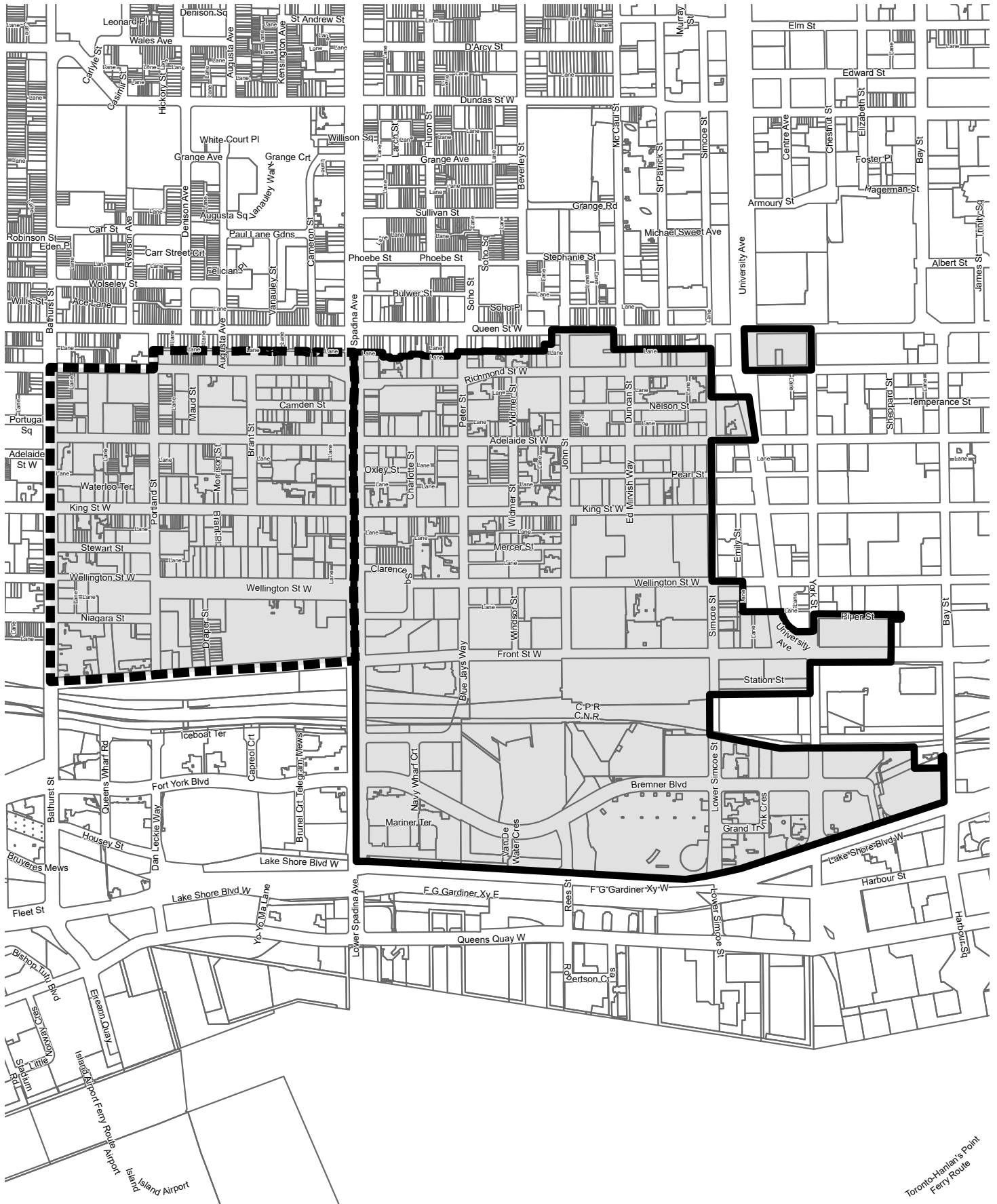
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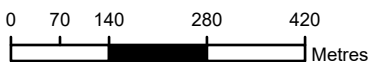
Poll Options	
<p>I am in favour of this application proceeding</p> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;"> <input style="width: 50px; height: 50px;" type="checkbox"/> </div>	<p>I am opposed to this application proceeding</p> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;"> <input style="width: 50px; height: 50px;" type="checkbox"/> </div>

Property owner/ Non Residential tenant	
<p>Name and Address</p> 	<p>Signature</p>



Toronto Downtown West

-  Business Improvement Area
-  Proposed



Toronto-Harbour's Point
 Ferry Route