

Queen Street protection with an "Area Specific Policy"

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Hello Friends and Neighbours,

Great news this week! Following the unfortunate 'Shell' location OMB decision in December, the City will be considering additional steps to reinforce our 2012 "Urban Design Guidelines for Queen Street East" which are so important to the future of Queen Street in our area.

GBNA has urged the City to enhance the legal status of the Guidelines by bringing their essential provisions into the policy framework of the Official Plan. City Planning Staff and Councillor McMahon have listened and are acting with priority. On February 25th, the City Planning Division will be recommending to Toronto & East York Community Council (TEYCC) that it be directed to:
".....report back in the second quarter of 2014 on the merits of a site and area specific policy for Queen Street East between Coxwell Avenue and Nursewood Avenue, and recommendations for an Official Plan Amendment, if appropriate". ([details here](#))

What does this mean?

Bringing forward an "Area Specific Official Plan Amendment" would reinforce the key findings that came out of the Queen Street East Visioning Study and the provisions of the Urban Design Guidelines. This would ensure that the Urban Design Guidelines remain an effective tool for implementing the Official Plan and that going forward, the City will have a greater ability to rely on those Guidelines in the context of appeals to the OMB.

You make the difference!

Your support makes it possible to stay the course on this important community issue. Our actions together speak loudly at City Hall, where we have seen a remarkable response to a reasonable voice. **Just under \$5000 will** cover delayed expenses related to the Shell location appeal and our actions related to "200 Woodbine".

Your financial support is critical. Please visit gbna-toronto.com to help us make these results possible!

Jan Hykamp on behalf of the GBNA team.

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Who we are – Our Purpose

To build strong working relationships with those, such as city planners and our GTA Councillor, whose decisions have an impact on our community.

To continually raise our already strong credibility as the voice for an engaged community so as to influence policy decisions impacting our community.

To encourage, with the member Resident Associations that support us, a strong sense of community in the Greater Beach area, so that the changes that are occurring are ones that make us stronger and healthier.

To support only well considered growth and development that enhances all aspects of the community: economic, social and environmental, for the long term.

GBNA member groups

GBNA is an umbrella association with the following members:

Beach Triangle RA
Kew Beach NA
Toronto Beach East RA
Balmy Beach RA
Beach Waterfront CA
Norwood Park RA
Friends of Glen Davis Ravine

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