

Old East Village Secondary Plan Terms of Reference Comments

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I am happy to be here today to speak to the Old East Village Secondary Plan Terms of Reference.

First I would like to thank John Fleming and his team and Edward Soldo and his group for their early and collaborative work on this project.

When we are talking about infrastructure and development projects, Old East Village has a lot going on.

Adelaide Grade Separation EA just had its last Public Information Centre before moving into the detailed design phase.

Rapid Transit lanes have been designated for King Street and Dundas between Adelaide and Ontario.

And, the work to replace over 100 year old infrastructure on Dundas in the Village will be completed in the coming weeks.

And there are multiple potential residential and commercial developments being proposed or planned.

The Old East Village Secondary Plan and its terms of reference acknowledge these other large scale private and city projects and their relationship to the Old East Village which is so important in identifying opportunities for area improvements that are timely and coordinated.

This report list for review many such potential improvements – things like, a greening plan, cycle lanes, street treatments, traffic flow, area intensification, connectivity from Dundas to King Street and the municipal parking lots to name a few.

We are pleased to support the recommendation to endorse the Terms of Reference. It is exciting to work with Planning and Engineering to review potential opportunities for improvements in the area. The last time Dundas Street scape changed significantly was the straightening of the Dundas curve, which was more than 20 years ago.

So as you can imagine, the BIA is pleased to assist this process moving forward and to work with City staff and the Old East Village Community Association to encourage Old East Villagers to get involved in shaping this comprehensive and potentially transformative secondary plan.