
**NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF AN OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO
SUBSECTION 17(23) AND 26(1) OF THE PLANNING ACT**

TAKE NOTICE that the City of Toronto adopted Official Plan Amendment 653 on September 6, 2023, by By-law 822-2023 with respect to the Official Plan's policies related to Employment Areas Conversion Requests, a review of Employment Areas that have Chapter 7 Site and Area Specific Policies that include residential permissions and/or have residential uses, and other changes generally described as housekeeping matters including Land Use Designations, Site and Area Specific Policies and related Maps and Schedules.

As part of the City of Toronto's conformity with the Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (2020) (the "Growth Plan") and its Municipal Comprehensive Review under Section 26 of the *Planning Act*, this Official Plan Amendment is an important component of the City's work program to bring the Official Plan into conformity with the Growth Plan, is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement (2020), and has regard to matters of provincial interest under Section 2 of the *Planning Act*. The Official Plan Amendment (OPA) will be submitted to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for approval pursuant to Section 26 of the *Planning Act*.

The City is taking a phased approach to reporting the final recommendations for the conversion requests. OPA 653 implements the third batch of conversion requests and was brought forward to the Statutory Public Meeting held at the July 5, 2023 meeting of the Planning and Housing Committee. The first and second batches of conversion requests were previously considered at Statutory Public Meetings held at the July 5, 2022 and June 1, 2023 meetings of the Planning and Housing Committee respectively.

OPA 653 implements:

1. The adoption of select conversion requests to convert specific lands from an Employment Areas designation to non-employment uses or to broaden permitted uses;
2. For specific lands with Employment Areas designations with a Site and Area Specific Policy that permit residential uses, either removes the residential use, or redesignates to a designation that permits residential uses;
3. Other housekeeping matters;

OPA 653 amends the Toronto Official Plan as follows:

- Amendments to Map 2 Urban Structure of the Official Plan;
- Amendments to some of the Maps 13 to 23, Land Use Plan Map; and,

- The addition and deletion of site and area specific policies in Chapter 7 to provide a further layer of local policy direction.

Pursuant to subsection 17(16) of the *Planning Act*, a statutory open house was held on June 13, 2023, during which the public was given an opportunity to review the proposed changes and ask questions of City staff about information and material made available under subsection 17(15)(c) of the *Planning Act*.

Pursuant to subsection 26(3) of the *Planning Act*, a statutory special public meeting was held on July 5, 2023 and the Planning and Housing Committee considered 32 oral and (51) written submissions. Toronto City Council considered an additional 23 written submissions in making the decision. Please see item 2023.PH5.3 at <https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2023.PH5.3>.

Detailed information regarding the Official Plan Amendment may be obtained by contacting Carola Perez-Book, Project Manager at 416-392-8788, or by e-mail at Carola.Perez-Book@toronto.ca. The By-law and Official Plan Amendment is also available at: <https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/bills/2023/bill0767.pdf>

The Official Plan Amendment will be submitted for Ministerial approval to Heather Watt, Manager, Community Planning and Development (West) Unit, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, 777 Bay St, 13th Floor, Toronto, Ontario, M7A 2J3, heather.watt@ontario.ca.

Any person or public body is entitled to receive notice of the decision of the approval authority, which is the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, if a written request to be notified of the decision (including the person's or public body's address) is made to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing at the address provided. The decision of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing on the proposed Official Plan Amendments cannot be appealed to the Ontario Land Tribunal, pursuant to subsections 17(36.5) and 21(3) of the *Planning Act*.

Compliance with statutory notice requirements may result in you receiving duplicate notices.

Dated at the City of Toronto on September 18, 2023

John D. Elvidge
City Clerk

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