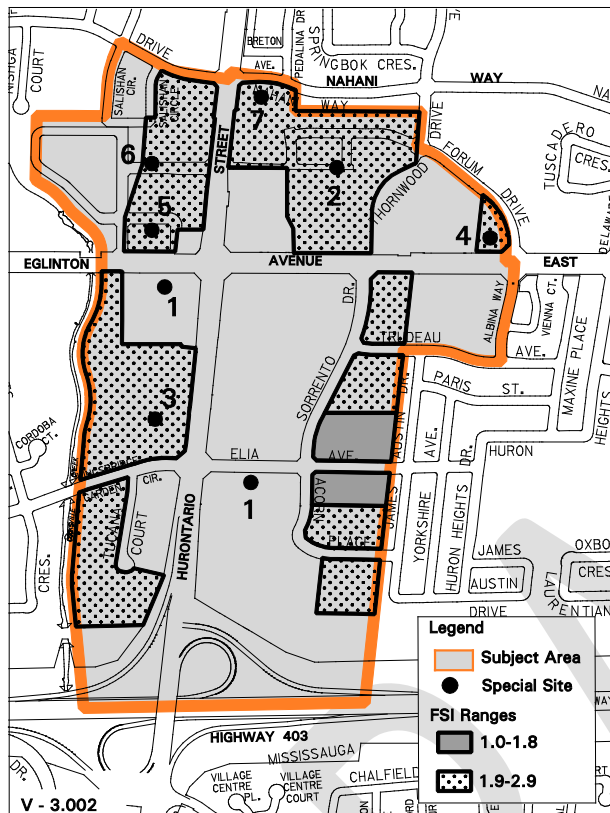


Appendix 3: Uptown Major Node Character Area – Draft Official Plan Amendment

Draft policies are shown in **red**; deleted text is shown as ~~strikeouts~~; existing policies are in black

13.4 Uptown



Map 13-4.1: Uptown Major Node Character Area

13.4.1 Guiding Principles

Uptown will be planned as a mixed use community with a vibrant public and private realm, a high quality network of open space, housing choices and a range of employment opportunities. Uptown will be transit oriented in support of the Hurontario Light Rail Transit and provide a safe environment for walking and cycling.

Uptown will evolve based on the following Guiding Principles:

1. **Connect:** Supports walking, cycling, transit and vehicular options for all people of all ages to get around.

2. **Mix:** Supports offices, retail uses and a range of employment opportunities, along with medium to high density residential development.
3. **Green:** Incorporates a high quality and well-designed network of parkland.
4. **Partnerships:** Supports innovative partnerships, where they benefit the community.

13.4.2 Housing

13.4.2.1 Uptown is encouraged to develop with a range of housing choices in terms of unit type, unit size, tenure, and price, to accommodate changes in community needs over time.

13.4.2.2 Mississauga will encourage the provision of affordable housing, and in particular, affordable rental housing and apartments with two or more bedrooms.

13.4.2.3 Mississauga will encourage partnerships and collaborations to support the creation of affordable housing in Uptown.

13.4.2 13.4.3 Land Use

13.4.3.1 Uptown will be developed as a compact, mixed use community that supports offices, retail uses and a range of employment opportunities.

13.4.3.2 Redevelopments that result in a loss of office floor space will not be permitted, unless it can be demonstrated that office floor space will be replaced as part of the redevelopment.

13.4.3.3 Redevelopment that results in a loss of retail and service commercial floor space will not be permitted, unless it can be demonstrated that the planned function of the existing non-residential

component will be maintained during and after redevelopment.

~~13.4.2.1~~ **13.4.3.4** For lands designated Residential Medium Density, building heights will not exceed three storeys.

~~13.4.1~~ **13.4.4 Urban Design**

~~13.4.4.1~~ To enhance a sense of community, it is proposed that a number of major **streetscapes** be developed in a manner that will impart a sense of character and identify major geographic areas of the Character Area.

~~13.4.4.2~~ Community Form and Structure Uses along Hurontario Street should be integrated with the overall community design by providing for:

- ~~a. a graduated transition in development intensity and building scale; and~~
- ~~b. orientation of buildings, related open spaces and service functions to minimize visual and functional conflicts on abutting lands.~~

13.4.4.1 Built form in Uptown will create a sense of place, community and contribute to an improved quality of life.

13.4.4.2 Uptown will be developed to:

- a. create a fine-grain grid network of urban scale land blocks and streets;
- b. provide high quality design for streets and intersections that achieve definition, enclosure and comfort for pedestrians and street life
- c. incorporate landscaping, street furniture, street trees, lighting systems and signage to animate roads and create a positive

pedestrian, cycling and transit-oriented experience; and

- d. incorporate and integrate on-street parking into streetscape design, as appropriate, to balance the needs of all modes of transportation and the public realm that share the right-of-way.

13.4.4.3 Buildings shall be designed to consider the street hierarchy and streetscape, as follows:

- a. High priority streets: Buildings on streets that front main roads, parks or public spaces shall be developed to incorporate:
 - i. commercial use at grade, where appropriate;
 - ii. building openings that maximize connections to retail uses, parks and public spaces; and
 - iii. a high percentage of transparent vision glass along the street edge.
- b. Residential streets: Buildings on streets that are predominantly residential should be developed with residential units at grade, which provide direct access to the street.
- c. Service streets: Buildings on service streets should accommodate all service vehicles, vehicular access and utilities.

13.4.4.4 Developments are encouraged to incorporate sustainable measures in their designs and consider opportunities to reduce Green House Gas (GHG) emissions and improve storm water management.

~~13.4.3~~ 13.4.5 Transportation

~~13.4.3.1~~ 13.4.5.1 South of the Character Area between the utility corridor and Highway 403, a new east-west roadway is proposed to provide access to the Downtown area. The proposed Highway 403 North Collector would be connected to Highway 403 west of Hurontario Street and east of Mavis Road and would be developed within the Parkway Belt West corridor as a one-way westbound two lane roadway with grade separations at Hurontario Street, Duke of York Boulevard, Confederation Parkway, the Highway 403/Mavis Road westbound off-ramp, and Mavis Road. ~~In addition, ramp connections would be provided at Duke of York Boulevard and Confederation Parkway to provide access to and from the Downtown road network.~~

Road Network

13.4.5.2 The road network identified in Map 13-4.2 will provide connectivity and a fine grained multi-modal network to encourage walking and cycling within the Node.

- a. All roads shown should be public.
- b. The design, access requirements and public/private responsibilities for roads and pedestrian connections will be determined through the development application process.
- c. Adjustments to the road network may be made without amendment to Map 13-4.2 at the City's discretion to accommodate block development, while maintaining the goal of breaking up large blocks with roads and pedestrian easements.

13.4.5.3 A limited number of private roads may be considered subject to the following:

- a. public easements will be required;

b. required right-of-way widths will be provided; and

c. appropriate terminus may be required for maintenance and operations where a public road connects with a private road.

13.4.5.4 Future additions to the road network will be public roads, unless arrangements for private roads are made that are satisfactory to the City.

13.4.5.5 New roads will connect and align with existing roads in surrounding neighbourhoods.

Road Design

13.4.5.6 Roads will be designed as complete streets. New roads will be designed to incorporate active transportation and transit infrastructure. Existing arterial and collector roads dissecting and surrounding the Character Area will be redesigned to incorporate active transportation and transit infrastructure, as appropriate.

13.4.5.7 Vehicular access from roads will be coordinated and consolidated in order to minimize driveways and disruption to pedestrians, cyclists and transit.

13.4.5.8 Pedestrian and cycling connections to transit facilities will be prioritized.

13.4.5.9 Transit stations and facilities will be incorporated into redevelopment plans adhering to the standards of the applicable transit agency.

13.4.5.10 Bicycle parking will be required and should be located throughout the Character Area and at transit facilities.

13.4.5.11 Cycling facilities will be incorporated per the Mississauga Cycling Master Plan. The City may in the future identify secondary cycling routes to be integrated with the design of the public realm.

13.4.5.12 Development applications will be accompanied by traffic impact studies and/or parking

utilization studies that will address, among other things, strategies for limiting impacts on the transportation network such as:

- a. transportation demand management;
- b. transit oriented development and design;
- c. pedestrian/cycling connections; and
- d. access management plan.

13.4.5.13 The City may consider alternative road design standards to achieve community design objectives.

13.4.5.14 A study of Eglinton Avenue may be undertaken in the future to examine increased transit service and/or higher order transit to support growth along the corridor.

Parking

13.4.5.15 Underground parking is preferred, however, where above grade parking structures are permitted they will be screened in such a manner that vehicles are not visible from public view and have appropriate directional signage to the structure. Along prominent streets, parking structures should be screened by buildings that incorporate a mix of uses between the parking structure and the street.

13.4.5.16 Limited surface parking will be permitted to accommodate matters such as accessibility parking spaces, car-share spaces and pick-up/drop-off point delivery services.

13.4.5.17 Where surface parking is permitted its impact should be minimized by being located at the rear or side of buildings, by using screening and employing low impact development techniques, and by providing pedestrian amenities, where appropriate.

13.4.6 Open Space Network

13.4.6.1 The park network identified in Map 13-4.2 will form a connected parkland system that is green, safe, attractive, and supports a range of social and recreation activities.

- a. The location, configuration and size of the parkland block(s) will be determined in conjunction with the development application process.

13.4.6.2 Parkland should be designed and located to create a central focus for Uptown. Parkland may also provide gathering spaces and connections throughout Uptown, to existing and future open spaces, commercial developments, community facilities and to surrounding neighbourhoods.

13.4.6.3 Playgrounds should be provided within an unobstructed 400 m walking distance from residential areas within Uptown, unimpeded by major pedestrian barriers such as rivers or major roads.

13.4.6.4 Development that has frontage to a park shall protect for maximum sun exposure onto parkland.

13.4.6.5 Publicly accessible private open spaces (POPS) may be incorporated into developments provided that:

- a. the design of private open space will integrate seamlessly with Uptown's parkland system, adjoining street network, and pedestrian environment;
- b. the private open space interfaces with existing and/or proposed development in a legible and cohesive manner; and
- c. the private open space is maintained as universally accessible and open to the public.

13.4.6.6 Notwithstanding 13.4.6.1 opportunities to obtain additional parkland and space for recreational and library services will be explored through purchase by the City, establishment of easements, land dedication, or future agreements with land owners, where appropriate, to ensure the adequate provision of parkland and open spaces.

13.4.7 Community Infrastructure

13.4.7.1 The City will work in collaboration with the school board(s) to determine the need for educational facilities. The location of these facilities will be determined through the development application process.

13.4.7.2 Community infrastructure is encouraged to adopt a compact form.

13.4.8 Implementation

13.4.8.1 Development master plans may be required for large scale developments. The need for a development master plan will be determined through the pre-application meeting and in consultation with staff prior to development application submission.

13.4.8.2 The development master plan should provide a link between Official Plan policies, and subsequent plans of subdivision, rezoning and site plan applications.

13.4.8.3 Development master plans and development applications will demonstrate how the proposal will contribute to the creation of a complete, healthy and connected community in Uptown. This includes, but is not limited to, consideration for how the new proposal supports:

- small block sizes and a fine grained road pattern;
- creation of the road network depicted in Map 13-4.2;

- creation of the park network identified in Map 13-4.2;
- provision of affordable housing;
- future provision of community infrastructure, where applicable; and
- high quality design outcomes for the public realm.

