

Avenue study for Bloor West Village in Toronto underway

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The long-awaited Bloor West Village Avenue Study is underway.

The study will assess land uses, transportation, servicing infrastructure, community services, facilities, built form character and redevelopment potential for Bloor Street West between Keele Street and the Humber River, the city said on its website.

A consulting team has been formed and is led by landscape architects DTAH and includes R.E. Millward + Associates Ltd., WSP | MMM Group Limited, Swerhun, Taylor Hazell Architects and J.C. Williams Group.

“They will be doing all the background work and looking at the current situation,” said Greg Byrne, a senior planner with Toronto and co-lead for the project. “We will be holding community consultation meetings to discuss sort of the important features of that street.”

The study will evaluate existing conditions, develop a vision for the study area and establish recommendations for future development and infrastructure improvements, a post on the city’s website added.

Byrne added that the city is hoping to have the study complete by the end of the year.

“We’ve been wanting this for quite a long time,” said Jamie Isbister, chair of the Bloor West Village Residents Association. “It’s finally happening.”

On July 8, 2014, city council approved a motion to request the chief planner and executive director of city planning review the area.

The study has four phases, and is currently in phase one: existing conditions assessment.

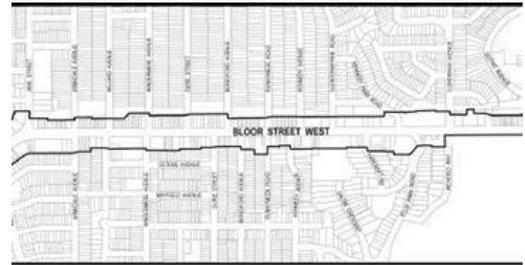
Isbister told The Bloor West Villager the results of the study will help “preserve and enhance the character” of the area.

“Any new buildings coming should sort of recognize that there’s a character to the village, and try to fit it rather than be totally different,” he said. “We recognize that development is going to happen, but we just want the best possible (outcome) to actually happen.”

The first community consultation meeting and public open house will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 27, in the gymnasium at St. Pius X Catholic School, which is located at 71 Jane St.

The city has also created a website where the study’s progress can be monitored.

For more information, visit: www1.toronto.ca/wps/portal/contentonly?vgnextoid=a9120643888a9510VgnVCM10000071d60f89RCRD



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(Bloor Street West from

The boundary of the Bloor West Village Avenue Study. The study area will be focused on Bloor Street West between Keele Street and the Humber River.