

# Outcome of Higher Order Transit designation Lake Shore West OPA456

The proposed Official Plan Changes were Approved at City Council today with Amendments.

OPA 456 was approved today with amendments approving Higher Order Transit along Lake Shore Blvd W. The amendments were in a form of a Supplementary Report penned by Chief Planner Gregg Lintern and his staff.

Your letters of concern to Councillor Grimes did make a difference. The LBNA met with the Chief Planner, City Staff and Councillor Grimes to discuss the effects of this amendment on Long Branch. Our biggest concern was the approval of an LRT when the Waterfront Transit Plan 2018 didn't recommend it after intensive study and public consultation. This change risked also potentially justify intensifying in Long Branch beyond along the avenue (Lake Shore) but ultimately not getting any improved transit. We support the recommendations made in the 2018 Plan for improving existing mixed traffic streetcar operations.

The result of the meeting was a compromise.

The Chief Planner added a Supplementary Report in response to the deputations from the LBNA at the Housing and Planning Committee on Jan 29, describing what this Official Plan amendment was intended to be - consistent with other plans with the intent of preserving Lake Shore Blvd W for the future beyond 2041. This was in no way to be used as justification to intensify in neighbourhoods for an LRT that is not planned for nor budgeted for. And that any changes would require a comprehensive planning exercise including public consultation (see box below).

To solidify this, Councillor Grimes asked questions during City Council today to have a digital record that there will not be an LRT in the near future on Lake Shore nor should this be used as justification to intensify in Long Branch beyond the current site and area specific plans.

Ideally, we would have liked to have this written into the Official Plan, however this Supplementary Report does help clarify the City's intent with this amendment on what Transit will be in the near future and for now, development in Long Branch should not be influenced by this change.

Thank you for all your letters to get our concerns noticed. Without them, this report and the digital record would not exist.

Sincerely

Christine, Judy and Ron, Long Branch Neighbourhood Association Feb 27 20

# OPA 479 and 480 Public Realm & Building Form

Letter to Steven Dixon, Planner in charge, city of Toronto

Hello Steven,

Thank you for referring me to your letter of 10 January 2020. I note that CORRA and FONTRA are satisfied. When you said a fulsome report I thought you would address each of the issues I raised. So that is the discrepancy. It seems you are not will willing to support any changes unless they come from the Ministry, which I now have to rely on.

I have not had the opportunity to meet with you on the matter but if any issues relating to my comments are raised I am available to be involved. Certainly I would be glad if you can explain easily how losing Policy 3.1.2.3 and not referencing impact on private neighbours or referencing Character Guidelines should be handled.

Thanks. Regards, David

Letter from Adam, Planner in charge at Ministry

Hello Adam,

Thank you for your update as my new contact at the Ministry.

As you will see there is a trail of emails below and I would like you to count these as submissions please.

Thank you and have a great day.

David Godley

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Good morning David,

Thank you for your recent email which has been forwarded to my attention regarding the City of Toronto's adopted Official Plan Amendments 479 and 480 with respect to Public Realm and Built Form policies.

City Council adopted Official Plan Amendments 479 and 480 on December 17, 2019. The records were submitted to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) on February 7, 2020 and have now been determined to be complete in accordance with the Planning Act.

The ministry will be reviewing these official plan amendments to ensure they meet the requirements of the Planning Act, including those under s. 26 of the Act, and that they are in keeping with provincial land use plans and policies. Any public submissions received will be considered, including your comments.

Notices regarding these official plan amendments has been published on the Environmental Registry for a 30 day comment period to seek input from the public and other interested stakeholders. The postings can be found online at [www.ero.ontario.ca](http://www.ero.ontario.ca) under registry #019-1357 (OPA 479) and #019-1358 (OPA 480).

I encourage you to submit any additional comments you may have through these postings or by sending comments to my attention, via mail or email.

You will also be added to the list of those to be notified of any decision under the Planning Act.

Sincerely,

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