

# Public Consultation Strategy Report

2343-2363 Eglinton Avenue East City of Toronto

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# Introduction

This Public Consultation Strategy Report has been prepared to describe the proposed consultation approach for the Zoning By-law Amendment application by 1764174 Ontario Inc. ('the applicant') for 2343-2363 Eglinton Avenue West (the 'site' or 'subject site') in Toronto's Caledonia-Fairbank neighbourhood.

The subject site is located at the southwest corner of Caledonia Road and Eglinton Avenue West. It is located approximately a 3-minute walk from the upcoming Caledonia Station, which will be an intermodal station providing access to the Eglinton Crosstown LRT and Barrie GO Line.

The site is currently occupied by a one-storey Shoppers Drug Mart, including a Canada Post location, and associated surface parking to the south and west of the building.

The proposed development consists of a 43-storey tower and a 12-storey mid-rise building sharing a 6-storey podium, with ground-floor retail and 638 new residential units.

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# Targeted Goals & Desired Outcomes

### GOAL



**Inform** the community to learn about the perspectives from different interest groups and gather questions, comments, and feedback

# OUTCOME

The community felt actively engaged and informed, and there were different ways to get involved at key milestones of the consultation process

### GOAL

**Determine** overarching themes and key points about the proposal from various consultations



### OUTCOME

The feedback received during consultations helped inform the Applicant's understanding of the community's sentiments related to the project

outcomes

### GOAL

**Communicate** with the public in a transparent and open manner about the proposal as well as the engagement process

### OUTCOME

The public, interested stakeholder groups, and the Applicant are clear on the overall engagement and feedback processes and their

# Site & Surroundings

# The Site & Surrounding Area

- The site is located on the south side of Eglinton Avenue West, west of Caledonia Road
- The site is currently occupied by a one-storey Shoppers Drug Mart, including a Canada Post location, and associated surface parking to the south and west of the building.
- The surrounding area in the vicinity of the subject site is comprised of:
- Low-rise mixed-use buildings and a newly built mid-rise building to the north
- Low-rise single-detached houses and apartment buildings to the west, south, and east.



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## Transit Context

- The site will be well served by higher order transit with its proximity to the Caledonia Crosstown LRT / GO station. This intermodal station will provide access to:
- Eglinton Crosstown LRT
- Barrie GO Line
- Connections to other key transit systems, including Line 1 (Yonge-University) of the TTC subway, the UP Express, and the several GO Transit lines
- On the Site, there is a stop for the TTC bus route 47 along Caledonia Road, which provides north and southbound connections to Line 1 Yorkdale Station and Line 2 Lansdowne Station
- The site is approximately a 1-minute bike ride from the east-west York Beltline trail, which connects to cycling routes like the Lower Don River Trail
- The eglintonTOday Complete Street Project will implement complete street features along Eglinton Avenue West, including bikeways and other public realm improvements, to complement the upcoming Eglinton Crosstown LRT



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## Development Context

- With future access to Caledonia GO and LRT Stations, the Caledonia-Fairbank neighbourhood will soon begin to transition into a high-density mixed-use node
- North of the site is the Castlefield Caledonia Design and Décor District, an area which has undergone change in the past several decades related to evolving uses:
  - While zoned as an employment area, new and upcoming developments are introducing a mix of uses into the neighbourhood, such as the master-planned "Beltline Yards" community at the previous Canada Goose headquarters, which will introduce over 2000 new homes to the area
- Northwest of the site, the master-planned redevelopment of Westside Mall at 2400 Eglinton Avenue West will transform 9.3 acres of land with mixed-use developments and new public spaces.

#### Legend





- (6) **2270-2280** and **2296** Eglinton Avenue
- (7) 2116 Eglinton Avenue West 9-storeys; approved (2022)



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## The Neighbourhood

- The site is located in:
- **Caledonia-Fairbank**, according to the City of Toronto neighbourhood profiles
- **Census Tract 5350160.00**, which provides a more localized source of demographic data

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## Proposal Highlights



#### 43-storeys

Including a 12-storey element atop a shared 6-storey podium



<mark>878 m²</mark> Retail Area



**638** Total Residential Units

2

**348** 1-bedroom (55%)

**225** 2-bedroom (35%)

**65** 3-bedroom (10%) **2,690 m<sup>2</sup>** Total Amenity Space

**1,331 m<sup>2</sup>** Indoor Amenity Space



**1,359 m<sup>2</sup>** Outdoor Amenity Space





**184** Car Parking Spaces

\*Icons are for illustrative purposes only – they are not to scale.



**714** Bicycle Parking Spaces

7

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# Key Messages

Key messages have been developed to communicate and share information about the proposed development with retail tenants and the public in a simple and straightforward way. As we move through the development review process, these messages will be updated to reflect current information and adapted based on the engagement tool used.



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The site is approximately 65m from the upcoming Caledonia Station, which will be an intermodal station providing access to the Eglinton Crosstown LRT and Barrie GO Line. With the site's proximity to a major local and regional transit hub, adding new housing here will provide future residents with convenient access to transit.

This site has the opportunity to provide new transitoriented housing options for people hoping to move to the neighbourhood, and a diverse unit mix will accommodate a variety of households.

Complementing the ongoing eglintonTOday Complete Street Project, a new courtyard and wider sidewalks will improve the pedestrian experience and connectivity along this stretch of Eglinton.

With the upcoming Caledonia Station, the development at this site will support provincial and municipal policies that encourage growth in proximity to higher order transit.

There are a number of new buildings proposed and approved in the area, and this development intends to complement the growing density and mixed-uses in the community.

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### **Future Retail**

We are in the early stages of the application process, and no changes are being made at this time. Shoppers Drug Mart remains open and will continue its operations for the foreseeable future. Any updates on the application process will be provided on the project website.

At this point in the process, it is too early to know the details of future retail on site. It is intended that future retail can continue to serve the community.

Frequent customers, neighbours, and members of the public are welcome to submit their feedback regarding the development application through our project email.



### **Application Process**

- We are at the beginning of the process. Once the application is submitted to the City of Toronto and deemed complete, technical review of the application by City Staff of the will begin.
- There are no changes that will happen today. We require approval for the rezoning application from the City of Toronto before proceeding with the project. This development application involves multiple steps and will take some time before any construction will occur.

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# Scope of Consultation

## The Neighbourhood

The Applicant has identified the proposal's geographic area of impact as a 120-metre radius around the Site, which adheres to the minimum notification area as prescribed by the *Planning Act*. The area of impact captures the populations who would be directly and indirectly affected by the proposal, including adjacent neighbours and businesses. The radius of the scope of consultation may be adjusted based on discussions with the Councillor's Office and City Staff.



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# Audience

# Demographic Snapshot

As part of the consultation process, the applicant and project team considered the demographics and population of the local area surrounding the site by referring to Statistics Canada data. Overall, this demographic snapshot reveals key highlights of Census Tract 5350160.00 in the Caledonia-Fairbank neighbourhood where the site is located, in comparison the City of Toronto. A complete demographic profile can be accessed in Appendix A.

### Household Income



Average household income in Caledonia-Fairbank is \$105,500, which is higher than the average household income for the City of Toronto

#### Commute



71% of residents in Caledonia-Fairbank commute by car to work, compared to 61% across the City

#### Language



33% of people Caledonia-Fairbank speak a nonofficial language as the language most spoken at home; this number is slightly higher than the City average (26%). Notably, the non-official language most spoken at home in Caledonia-Fairbank is Portuguese at 20%

#### **Housing Tenure**



There are notably more homeowners in Caledonia-Fairbank (69%), compared to the City average (52%)

### Household Structure



There are significantly more single-detached houses in Caledonia-Fairbank (42%) compared to the City average (23%)



# Interest Groups

The project team has identified several parties that may take an interest in the proposal and wish to contribute throughout the process.

- Existing commercial tenant at 2343 Eglinton Avenue West
- Nearby neighbours
- Frequent customers
- Councillor Alejandra Bravo, Ward 9 Davenport



\*Please note: this list may be adjusted to include other individuals and groups who express interest in the proposed development during the public consultation period.



Frequent customers



Councillor Alejandra Bravo, Ward 9 Davenport

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# List of Matters to be Addressed

The following list covers various topics and issues that will continue to be brought forward for further discussion and consultation.



**Existing & future** retail: tenancy & timeline

unit types & tenure



Site plan: design & built form



**Public realm:** streetscape improvements



**Parking:** access



**Construction:** timeline

Housing:



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# Communication & Consultation Strategy

## Tools, Methods & Techniques

The consultation tools and tactics listed here are meant to provide options for interested groups, individuals, and members of the public to stay informed and get involved. The Applicant will endeavour to support City Staff and the Councillor's Office in the implementation of the City-initiated engagement approach. The engagement tools have been organized into either Applicant- or City-led engagement approaches.

Based on the context of the neighbourhood and stakeholder groups, the applicant and project team have implemented a series of engagement methods to both inform and consult with community members. These methods are ongoing and are adjusted based on feedback.

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Statutory Public Meeting

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# **Applicant-led Consultation Methods**



Project Email & Website

- The project website provides details and updates about the application and process
- The project email and website provide an opportunity for feedback and questions from the public



2343eglintonwest.ca



info@2343eglintonwest.ca



Communications to the Local Councillor and Nearby Neighbours

Communications to introduce the local counillor and nearby neighbours to the project, share the project website and email, and provide the opportunity for further discussion with the project team

# **City-led Consultation Methods**



Community Consultation Meeting

- This meeting is hosted by the City of Toronto and is intended to provide all interested persons the opportunity to give feedback and ask questions
- The project team will proactively consult with City Staff on how to best support the organization and facilitation of this meeting
- Members of the project team will attend the meeting to present the proposal, as well as respond to comments and questions from the public



Application Notice Sign

- Once an application is deemed complete, a notice sign will be installed on the property to notify members of the application's submission. It will include:
  - A 3D massing of the building
  - Information about the proposal
  - Contact details of the assigned City Planner
  - A link to the City's Development Application Information Centre (AIC)

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# **City-led Consultation Methods**

**Development Application** Information Centre (AIC)

Members of the public will be able to access the application submission materials, including this report and all other reports provided to the City online at the AIC

Statutory Public Meeting

Members of the public may attend the Statutory Public Meeting at Toronto and East York Community Council (TEYCC) later in the process to provide further commentary to City Staff, the project team, and members of Community Council

# How Will We Share Feedback?

### Methodology for Evaluating Feedback

Throughout the public consultation process for this proposal, information collected from meetings/events with interested parties, various communication methods and Community Consultation Meeting, will be summarized to reveal key discussion topics. The applicant will aim to maintain a consistent feedback loop with interested community members. At minimum, the goal is to provide them with access to clear summarises of any engagement that has transpired over the course of the development application process.



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# Conclusion

Bousfields Inc. is pleased to discuss the proposed Public Consultation Strategy outlined in this report with City Staff, and if appropriate, make adjustments to the plan based on Staff's feedback. The applicant and project team are committed to engaging with identified stakeholders and the broader community throughout the application review process.

**Conclusion** 2343-2363 Eglinton Avenue East

# Appendix A: 2021 Demographic Data

CF: CT 5350160.00 (Caledonia Fairbank) City: City of Toronto

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+1.2% +2.3%		English 60%		
		Non-Official	33%	
Age		French	<1%	
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14%				
		Single-detached House	42%	
Household Income		Semi-detached	19%	
		Row House	0%	
\$105,000	\$84,000	Duplex	11%	
		Apartment <5 storeys	28%	
Visible Minority		Apartment 5+ storeys	0%	
36%	56%	Housing Tenure		
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# Appendix A: 2021 Demographic Data

CF: CT 5350160.00 (Caledonia Fairbank) City: City of Toronto

Main Mode of Commuting	CF	City
Car	71%	61%
Public Transit	26%	26%
Walking	1%	8%
Bike	0%	2%
Other	2%	3%
Household Size		
1-person	21%	33%
2-person	31%	31%
3-person	22%	15%
4-person	16%	13%
5 or more persons	10%	8%
Education		
Bachelors' degree or higher	23%	41%





