

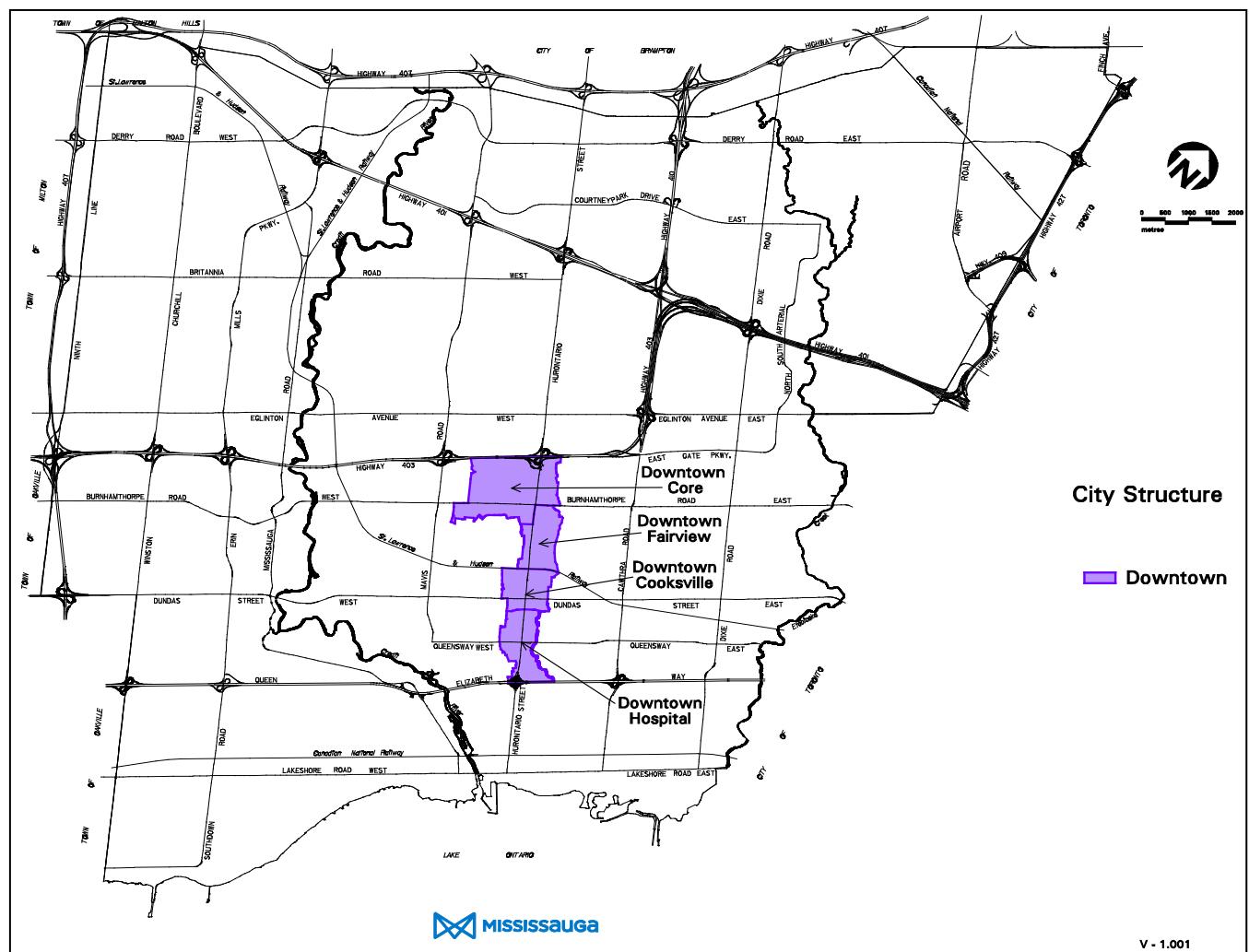
12 Downtown

12.1 Introduction

The Downtown is comprised of four Character Areas:

- Downtown Core;
- Downtown Fairview;
- Downtown Cooksville; and
- Downtown Hospital.

This section identifies the modifications to the General Land Use designations in Chapter 11 that apply to the Downtown.



Map 12-1: City Structure - Downtown

Policies shown in a text box are Protected **Major Transit Station Area** policies in accordance with the Planning Act. The Protected **Major Transit Station Area** policies of this section will not come into force and effect until the **Major Transit Station Area** policies of the Region of Peel Official Plan adopted by Region of Peel By-law 20-2022 is approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and Mississauga Official Plan Amendment No. 144 is in force and effect.

In the event of a conflict between the policies of the Region of Peel Official Plan as adopted by Region of Peel By-law 20-2022 and the policies of Mississauga Official Plan Amendment No. 146, the Region of Peel Official Plan policies will prevail.

The Downtown includes 10 Protected **Major Transit Station Areas** as shown on Schedule 2: Intensification Areas, and identified on Schedule 11: Protected **Major Transit Station Areas**.

NOTE: Schedule 11 - see Mississauga Official Plan Amendment Number 144.

- Burnhamthorpe;
- City Centre;
- Cooksville GO;
- Duke of York;
- Dundas;
- Fairview;
- Robert Speck;
- Main;
- North Service; and
- Queensway.

12.1.1 General

12.1.1.1 Proponents of development applications within the Downtown maybe required to demonstrate how new development contributes to

a concentration and mix of jobs as a key component of a mixed use transit supportive development.

12.1.1.2 Lands immediately adjacent to, or within the Downtown, should provide both a transition between the higher density and height of development within the Downtown and lower density and height of development in the surrounding area.

12.1.1.3 Within the Downtown, on lands designated Mixed Use, Downtown Core Commercial, Convenience Commercial or Office, ground floor retail or office uses will be provided.

12.1.1.4 Prior to development within floodplains, the development proponent will assess impacts, identify flood management measures and mitigate flood hazards to the satisfaction of the City and the appropriate conservation authority.

12.1.2 Residential

12.1.2.1 The Residential Low Density I and Residential Low Density II designations will not be permitted, except for lands designated Low Density I and Residential Low Density II at the time this Plan comes into effect.

12.1.3 Mixed Use

12.1.3.1 Notwithstanding the Mixed Use policies of this Plan, the following additional uses will be permitted:

- a. Major offices.

12.1.3.2 Mixed Use development will be pedestrian oriented and street related.

12.1.3.3 Compatible development is encouraged that recognizes the scale and enhances the form and character of Mixed Use areas.

12.1.4 Office

12.1.4.1 Notwithstanding the Office policies of this Plan, the following additional uses will be permitted:

- a. Post-secondary educational facilities.

12.1.5 Motor Vehicle Commercial

12.1.5.1 The Motor Vehicle Commercial designation will not be permitted, except for lands designated Motor Vehicle Commercial at the time this Plan comes into effect.

12.1.6 Business Employment

12.1.6.1 The Business Employment designation will not be permitted.

12.1.7 Industrial

12.1.7.1 The Industrial designation will not be permitted.

12.1.8 Downtown Fairview, Cooksville and Hospital

The following additional policies apply to the Downtown Fairview, Downtown Cooksville and Downtown Hospital Character Areas.

12.1.8.1 General

12.1.8.1.1 Partnerships and collaborations will be encouraged to identify community needs and develop community infrastructure such as integrating a school, a daycare facility or a community facility within a building with other uses.

12.1.8.1.2 Downtown Fairview, Cooksville and Hospital will develop with a high quality, well-designed and expanded network of public parkland and open space that is green, safe, attractive, and supports a range of social and recreation activities. Parkland may also provide gathering spaces and connections to existing and future parks and open

spaces, commercial developments, community infrastructure and to surrounding neighbourhoods.

12.1.8.1.3 As part of the development application review process, the City will determine the location, configuration and size of new and/or expanded parkland blocks, and the requirement for land dedication. Opportunities to obtain parkland will also be explored for purchase by the City.

12.1.8.1.4 Through development applications, opportunities to increase the provision of open space will be explored. These open spaces will be complementary to the public parkland system.

12.1.8.1.5 Strategies to support the retention of local businesses and increase employment uses may be pursued including Community Improvement Plans and other incentives.

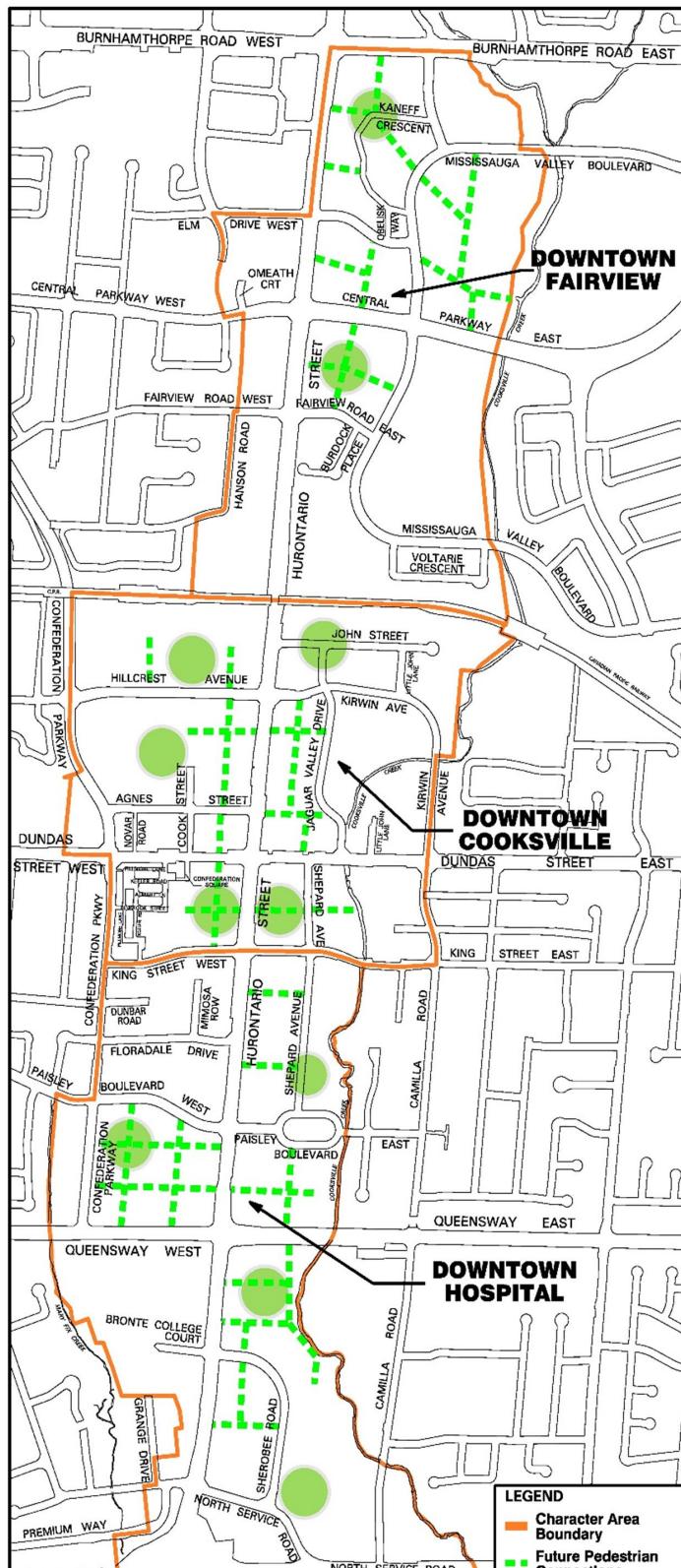


Figure 1: Future pedestrian connections and public parkland network. These symbols represent the general location of new pedestrian connections, as well as public parkland in the vicinity.

12.1.8.2 Urban Form and Building Transition

12.1.8.2.1 New buildings will achieve a high quality urban design and built form, and will be designed and located to:

- create a transition in height generally consistent with a 45 degree angular plane that is measured from the property line adjacent to residential low and medium density land use designations;
- generally maintain a minimum separation distance of 30 metres between portions of buildings that are greater than six storeys;
- add visual interest by varying the massing of buildings; and
- promote visibility and interest from the street through the use of high quality materials and architectural detailing in the design of the podium.

12.1.8.2.2 For larger developments where more than one tower is proposed, a variation in building heights will be achieved.

12.1.8.2.3 **Tall buildings** will incorporate podiums that are a minimum of three storeys and a maximum of six storeys.

12.1.8.2.4 The floor plate of buildings above the podium will vary in size depending on the height of the building. For **tall buildings**, the tower above the podium will have a smaller floor plate size.

12.1.8.2.5 Infill development on lands immediately adjacent to the Hurontario Street right-of-way will have buildings located along the street edge, where possible.

Street Frontage Provisions

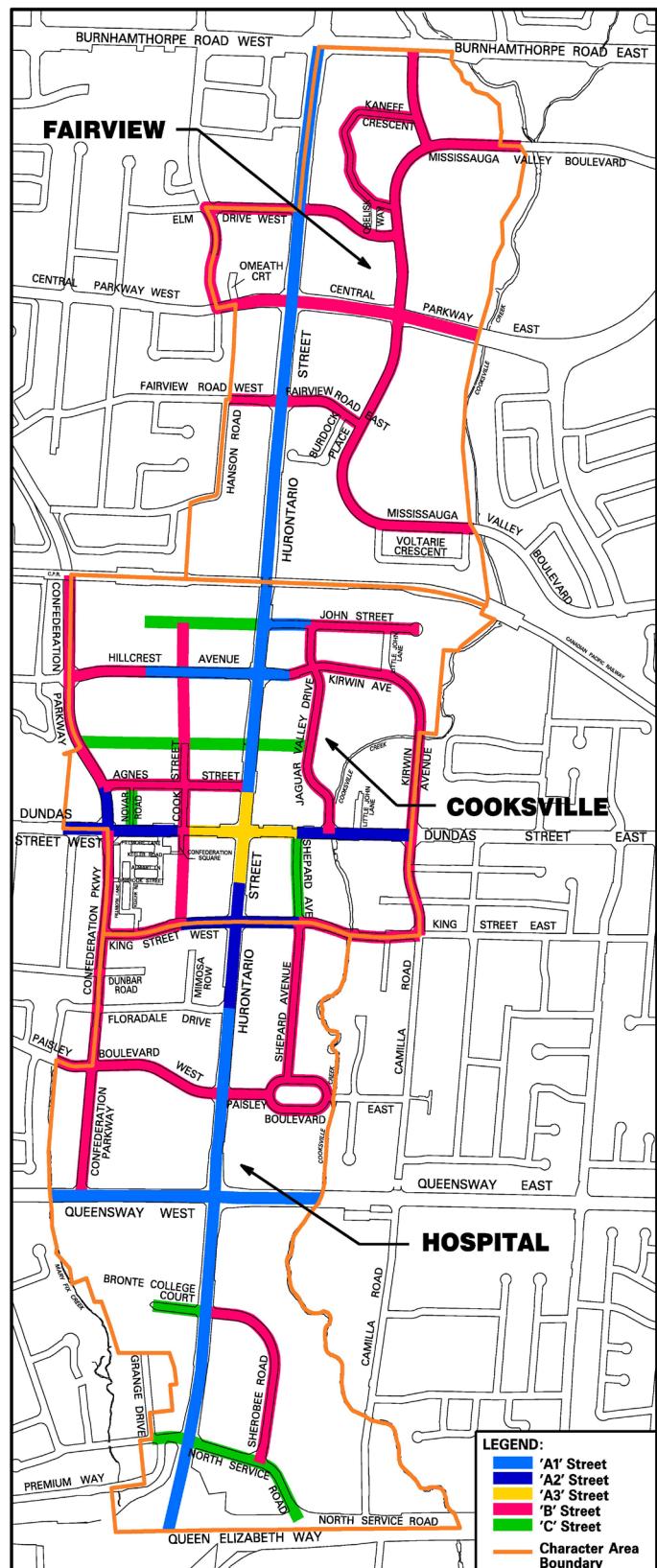
The majority of existing and new roads in Downtown Fairview, Downtown Cooksville and Downtown Hospital are categorized as 'A', 'B' or 'C' Streets and are shown on Map 12-1.2: Downtown Fairview, Cooksville and Hospital Street Types.

Provisions for 'A' Streets

12.1.8.2.6 'A1', 'A2' and 'A3' Streets will have a strong sense of place and a main street, pedestrian friendly character with active, mixed use building frontages. Buildings fronting these streets will reinforce a distinct high quality built form, public realm, landscaping and pedestrian amenities.

12.1.8.2.7 Development abutting 'A1', 'A2' and 'A3' Streets will incorporate ground floor non-residential uses. Development will:

- a. promote a main street character with smaller retail units and frequent entrances accessible from the public sidewalk;
- b. frame and animate streets and public spaces, with active building frontages including storefronts, prominent entrances and residential lobbies linking the building and the sidewalk;
- c. provide a consistent streetwall with building indentations as visual relief;
- d. design non-residential units at street corner locations with animated frontages that wrap the corner;
- e. provide generous setbacks from the street to accommodate, among other things, landscaping, street furniture, wayfinding, bus shelters, pedestrian scaled lighting and outdoor patios;
- f. provide appropriate stepbacks between the edge of the podium and tower portion of the building; and
- g. coordinate private land abutting the sidewalk with the public boulevard to create an integrated design character and reinforce the main street



Map 12-1.2: Downtown Fairview, Cooksville and Hospital Street Types

context. Opportunities for the development of entry forecourts and plazas will be encouraged in order to create a varied **streetscape**.

Provisions for 'B' Streets

12.1.8.2.8 Development along 'B' Streets will primarily support housing and pedestrian access and movement. Although 'B' Streets are primarily residential in nature, development may include some non-residential uses on the ground floor. The design of the built form and **streetscape** along 'B' Streets will establish a unified character while ensuring adequate light and skyviews, and a seamless interface and transition between the public and private realms. Development will address the following:

- a. a consistent streetwall with building indentations will be provided as visual relief;
- b. generous setbacks from the street to accommodate, among other things, landscaping, terraces, bus shelters, and pedestrian scaled lighting;
- c. a high quality seamless interface and transition between the public sidewalk and principal building entrance to ensure adequate separation, definition and privacy; and
- d. appropriate stepbacks between the edge of the podium and tower portion of the building.

Provisions for 'C' Streets

12.1.8.2.9 Development along 'C' Streets will support a pedestrian environment and vehicular access to parking and other service areas such as deliveries, garbage pick-up, service and loading. 'C' Streets may also support residential, retail and service commercial uses. Development should address the following:

- a. opportunities to consolidate service, parking and loading to serve a number of buildings;
- b. ensure the visual impact of the parking, loading and service areas from the street is minimized and screened from view; and

- c. provide a secondary entrance for pedestrian access, where appropriate.

12.1.8.3 Transportation

12.1.8.3.1 Development will be required to provide pedestrian connections to connect to the Light Rail Transit (LRT) line, transit routes/stops, trails, and parks and open spaces.

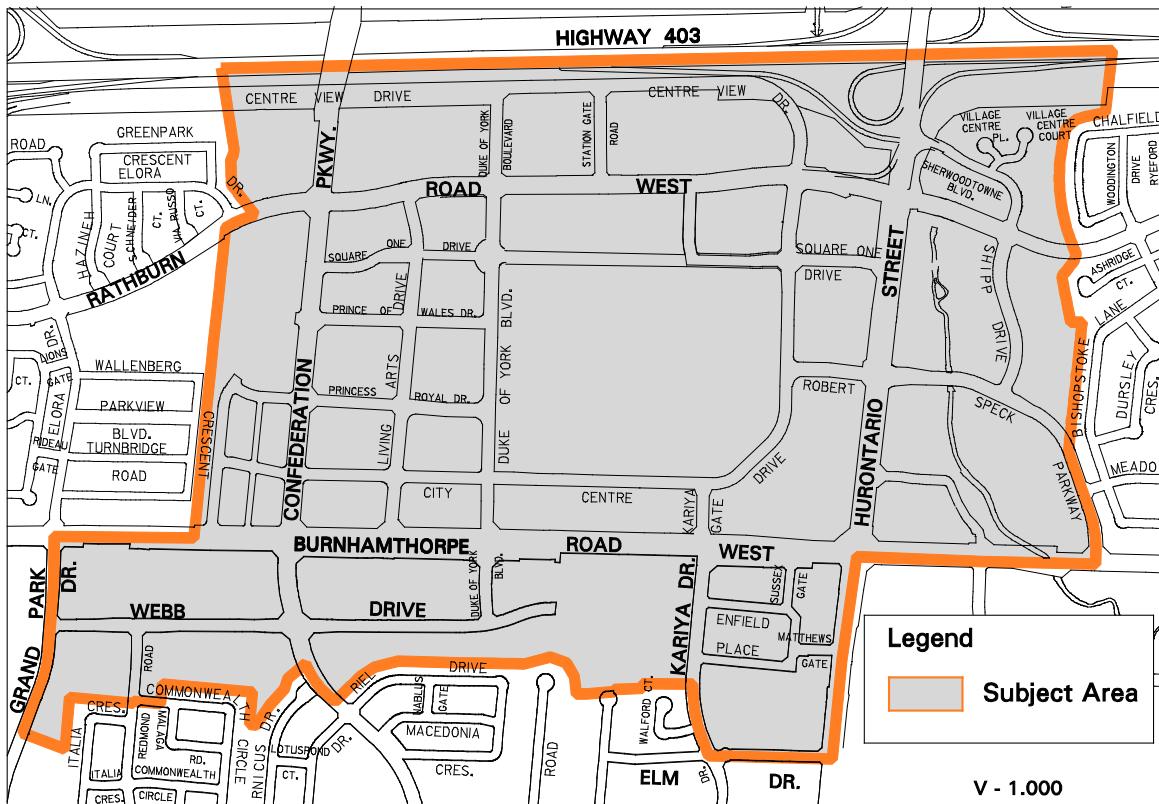
12.1.8.3.2 Public easements will be required where pedestrian connections are proposed on private lands.

12.1.8.3.3 Vehicular access from Hurontario Street and Dundas Street will be restricted and consolidated to minimize driveways and conflict with pedestrians, cyclists and transit.

12.1.8.3.4 Roads will be designed as complete streets, and incorporate **active transportation** and transit infrastructure.

12.1.8.3.5 Existing arterial and collector roads bisecting and surrounding the Character Areas will incorporate **active transportation** and transit infrastructure when redesigned, as appropriate.

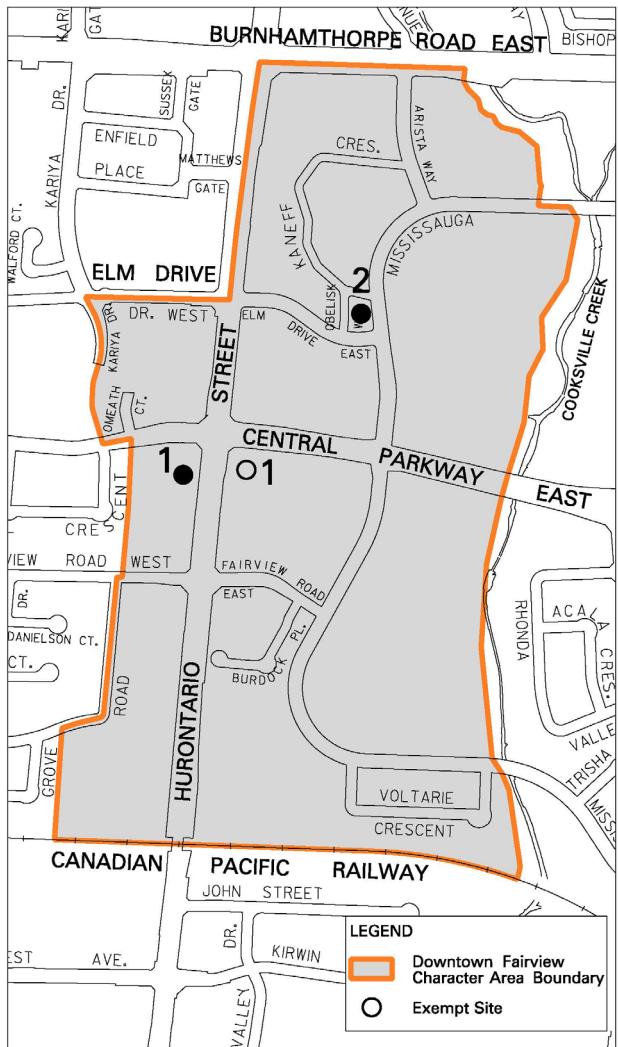
12.2 Downtown Core



Map 12-2: Downtown Core Character Area

Official Plan policies for lands within the Downtown Core are contained in the Downtown Core Local Area Plan.

12.3 Downtown Fairview



Map 12-3: Downtown Fairview Character Area

12.3.1 Introduction

Downtown Fairview is situated on the periphery of Mississauga's Downtown Core and provides an area of transition to Downtown Cooksville. Downtown Fairview contains a number of sub-areas, each with its own unique character and built form.

Along Mississauga Valley Boulevard, 'tower in the park' developments, with generally 20 to 24 storey apartment buildings are surrounded by large open space areas with connections to trails and the Cooksville Creek. The area at Hurontario Street and

Elm Drive West contains the greatest densities in Downtown Fairview, with point towers as tall as 50 storeys. The townhouses located in the southern end of Downtown Fairview are the predominant built form and provide housing for families.

There are limited retail and commercial uses along Hurontario Street, however with planned **higher order transit**, new developments can transform the street into vibrant places to shop, work and visit. Anchored by a grocery store, the existing retail site located at the northeast corner of Central Parkway East and Mississauga Valley Boulevard provides convenient shopping for nearby residents.

The Cooksville Creek is a significant **natural heritage feature** that runs north-south in Downtown Fairview and drains into Lake Ontario. Opportunities to enhance the ecological features of existing natural habitats and the urban forest will be encouraged.

The existing open space network is primarily concentrated adjacent to Cooksville Creek. To meet growth needs, opportunities for additional parkland and improvements to existing parks will be pursued.

12.3.2 Vision

Downtown Fairview will be a distinct, walkable community that provides a transition to lower heights and densities from the Downtown Core. With more shops and amenities along Hurontario Street, Downtown Fairview will be an attractive place where people can access their daily needs within a short distance from their homes and places of work. Mixed use development located at the northeast corner of Central Parkway East and Mississauga Valley Boulevard will serve the retail and commercial needs of the local community. The area along Mississauga Valley Boulevard will continue to be defined by existing towers in the park and beautiful green spaces, with improved connections to trails and Cooksville Creek.

An expanded pedestrian network will connect new development with nearby amenities and residential

areas, and improve access to transit, parks and open spaces.

The vision is based on the following guiding principles:

- 1 Heights and densities that are appropriate to the planned context. The greatest heights will be located at Hurontario Street and Elm Drive West, with a transition to lower building heights and densities for new developments south along Hurontario Street and east towards Mississauga Valley Boulevard;
2. An attractive, walkable environment along Hurontario Street with a vibrant mix of shops, restaurants, cafes and service establishments;
3. Accessible public spaces for all, with enhanced connections for walking and cycling; and
4. A mix of housing forms and tenure with a range of housing options that meet the needs of a diverse community.

12.3.3 Building Height

12.3.3.1 The greatest building heights will be located at the existing and planned buildings at Elm Drive West and Hurontario Street as shown on Schedule 11k: **Protected Major Transit Station Area** Building Heights Schedule. Heights beyond this intersection should transition down to ensure the prominence of the Downtown Core.

12.3.3.2 On lands designated Residential High Density and Mixed Use, the maximum permitted building height as shown on Schedule 11k may be exceeded by up to three storeys without an amendment to this Plan, subject to meeting the building transition policies of this Plan, where a development provides additional non-residential uses, including community infrastructure. One additional storey in building height may be permitted for every 900 square metres of non-residential gross floor area (GFA) provided above the first storey. This does not include amenity space, above grade parking or ground floor non-residential uses, where required by the policies of this Plan.

12.3.4 Land Use

12.3.4.1 Residential High Density

12.3.4.1.1 Notwithstanding the policies of this Plan, development along Hurontario Street will provide non-residential uses on the ground floor where the building is immediately adjacent to the Hurontario Street right-of-way.

12.3.4.2 Mixed Use

12.3.4.2.1 Notwithstanding the policies of this Plan, development along Hurontario Street:

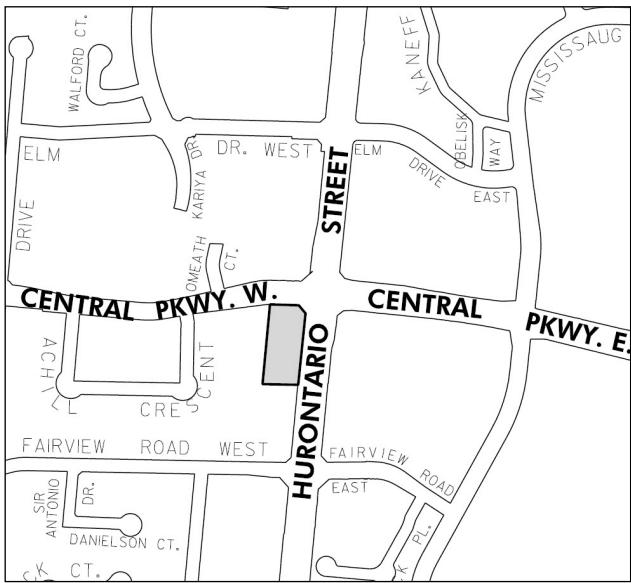
- a. will provide non-residential uses on the ground floor where the building is immediately adjacent to Hurontario Street; and
- b. may consist of primarily residential uses above the ground floor.

12.3.4.3 Office

12.3.4.3.1 Redevelopment of existing office buildings that results in the loss of office floor space will not be permitted, unless the same amount of office space is retained or replaced through new development.

12.3.5 Special Site Policies

12.3.5.1 Site 1

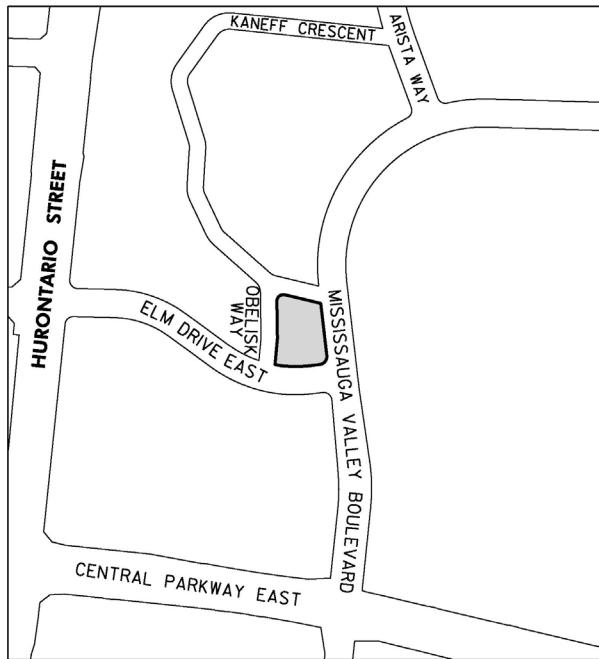


12.3.5.1 The lands identified as Special Site 1 are located on the west side of Hurontario Street, south of Central Parkway West.

12.3.5.2 Notwithstanding the policies of this Plan, two apartment dwellings with maximum heights of 33 and 30 storeys will be permitted.

12.3.5.3 Notwithstanding the policies of this Plan, a maximum **floor space index (FSI)** of 7.6 will be permitted.

12.3.5.2 Site 2



12.3.2.2.1 The lands identified as Special Site 2 are located on the south side of Kaneff Crescent, east of Obelisk Way and west of Mississauga Valley Boulevard.

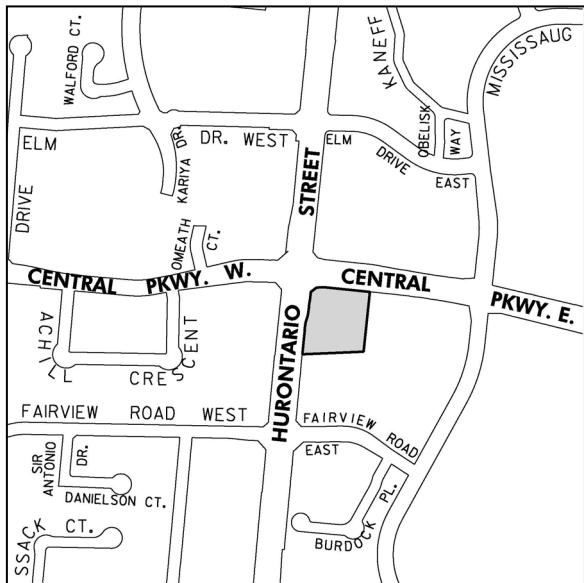
12.3.2.2.2 Notwithstanding the policies of this Plan, an apartment building with a maximum height of 40 storeys will be permitted.

12.3.2.2.3 Notwithstanding the policies of this Plan, a maximum floor space index (FSI) of 12.0 will be permitted. (MOPA 206)

12.3.6 Exempt Site Policies

There are sites within the Character Area that merit special attention and are subject to the following policies.

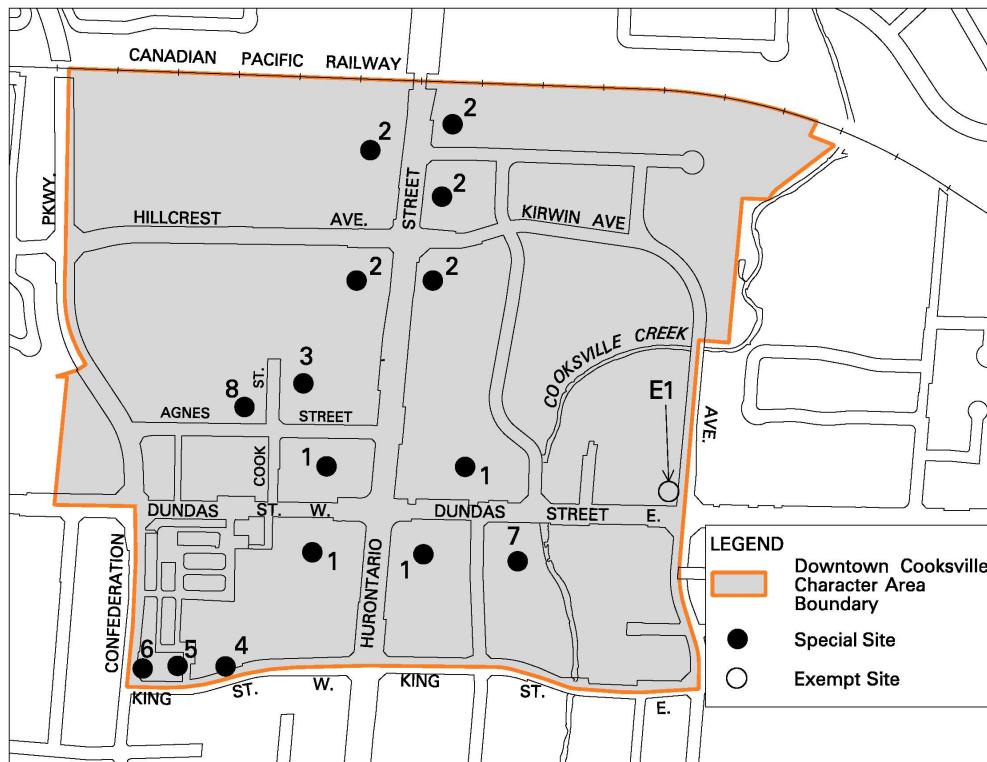
12.3.6.1 Site 1



12.3.6.1.1 The lands identified as Exempt Site 1 are located on the southeast corner of Hurontario Street and Central Parkway East.

12.3.6.1.2 Notwithstanding the policies of this Plan, motor vehicle commercial uses will also be permitted.

12.4 Downtown Cooksville



Map 12-4: Downtown Cooksville Character Area

12.4.1 Introduction

Centred at Hurontario Street and Dundas Street, Downtown Cooksville has a rich history as a destination for newcomers to Canada and as a place for entrepreneurs and small businesses to set up shop and thrive. The cultural diversity of the neighbourhood is reflected in the variety of shops, restaurants and services that are available in the area. Immigrant programs and services in Downtown Cooksville provide an important function in helping families transition to a new country.

Hurontario Street and Dundas Street are generally characterized by retail plazas that are one to two storeys with residential and/or office uses above and surrounded with surface parking. There are a few office and residential buildings along the **corridors** that are generally of a low or mid-rise form.

With the potential for two-way, all-day GO Transit service at Cooksville GO Station, planned Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) along Dundas Street and Light Rail Transit (LRT) along Hurontario Street, significant transit investments will strengthen its connection to the rest of Mississauga and beyond. These transit investments will increase access to employment, shopping, entertainment and other destinations, while also attracting more visitors. Transit-supportive development will ensure transit investments are supported with greater access to housing, jobs and services.

The Cooksville Creek is a significant **natural heritage feature** in Downtown Cooksville. Cooksville Creek serves as a wildlife corridor and linkage to other features within and beyond Downtown Cooksville. This corridor is also used for recreation with opportunities for restoration,

rehabilitation and hazard mitigation along the **watercourse**.

The existing open space network is primarily concentrated adjacent to Cooksville Creek. To meet growth needs, opportunities for additional parkland and improvements to existing parks will be pursued.

12.4.2 **Downtown Cooksville as a 15-Minute City**

Downtown Cooksville will continue to reflect its welcoming and multicultural heritage while integrating key elements of a 15-minute city concept.

Downtown Cooksville is walkable and liveable, where the basic needs of everyday life are accessible and can easily be reached within a 15-minute walk. It has amenities that serve the community - parks, groceries, jobs, medical clinics, pharmacies, schools, shops, restaurants, and more - that can be conveniently accessed without the use of a car.

12.4.3 **Vision**

Downtown Cooksville will be a walkable, mixed use community with places for community amenities, culture and art. Hurontario and Dundas streets will be animated with storefronts and other active uses that support existing and future local businesses. Downtown Cooksville will continue to offer a diversity of local retailers and restaurants. The area immediately surrounding the intersection of Hurontario and Dundas Streets (Cooksville Corners) will be developed with a vibrant main street focus that includes a mix of uses and a human-scaled built form. The Cooksville GO Station area will be a focal point for transit-supportive, higher density development with a concentration and mix of residential, community, office, retail and service commercial uses.

The vision is based on the following guiding principles:

1. Establish a mixed use, vibrant community – create a range of local and unique businesses along Hurontario and Dundas streets, spaces for educational, cultural and community uses, a vibrant public realm, and a network of connected parks and open spaces;
2. Plan for more people and employment – provide a range of housing options both in type and affordability, and jobs with the greatest heights and densities located in proximity to the Cookville GO Station;
3. Achieve a walkable, connected community – promote a pedestrian oriented main street character along Hurontario and Dundas streets, public art and a vibrant public realm, and improve pedestrian and cycling infrastructure; and
4. Plan for high quality transit – provide convenient and efficient transit with seamless connections to local and **higher order transit** services.

12.4.4 **General**

12.4.4.1 Arts and cultural uses are encouraged to concentrate in Downtown Cooksville to add vibrancy to the area.

12.4.5 **Building Height**

12.4.5.1 The greatest building heights will be located in proximity to the Cooksville GO station as shown on Schedule 11I: Protected **Major Transit Station Area** Building Heights Schedule.

12.4.5.2 On lands designated Residential High Density and Mixed Use and located outside of Special Site 1 in Downtown Cooksville, the maximum permitted building height as shown on Schedule 11I may be exceeded by up to three storeys without an amendment to this Plan, subject to meeting the building transition policies of this Plan, where a development provides additional non-residential uses, including community infrastructure. One additional storey in building height may be permitted for every 900 square metres of non-residential gross floor area (GFA) provided above the

first storey. This does not include amenity space, above grade parking or ground floor non-residential uses, where required by the policies of this Plan.

12.4.6 Transportation

12.4.6.1 The road network identified on Map 12-4-2 will support improved connectivity within Downtown Cooksville for pedestrian and cycling movement and to transit.

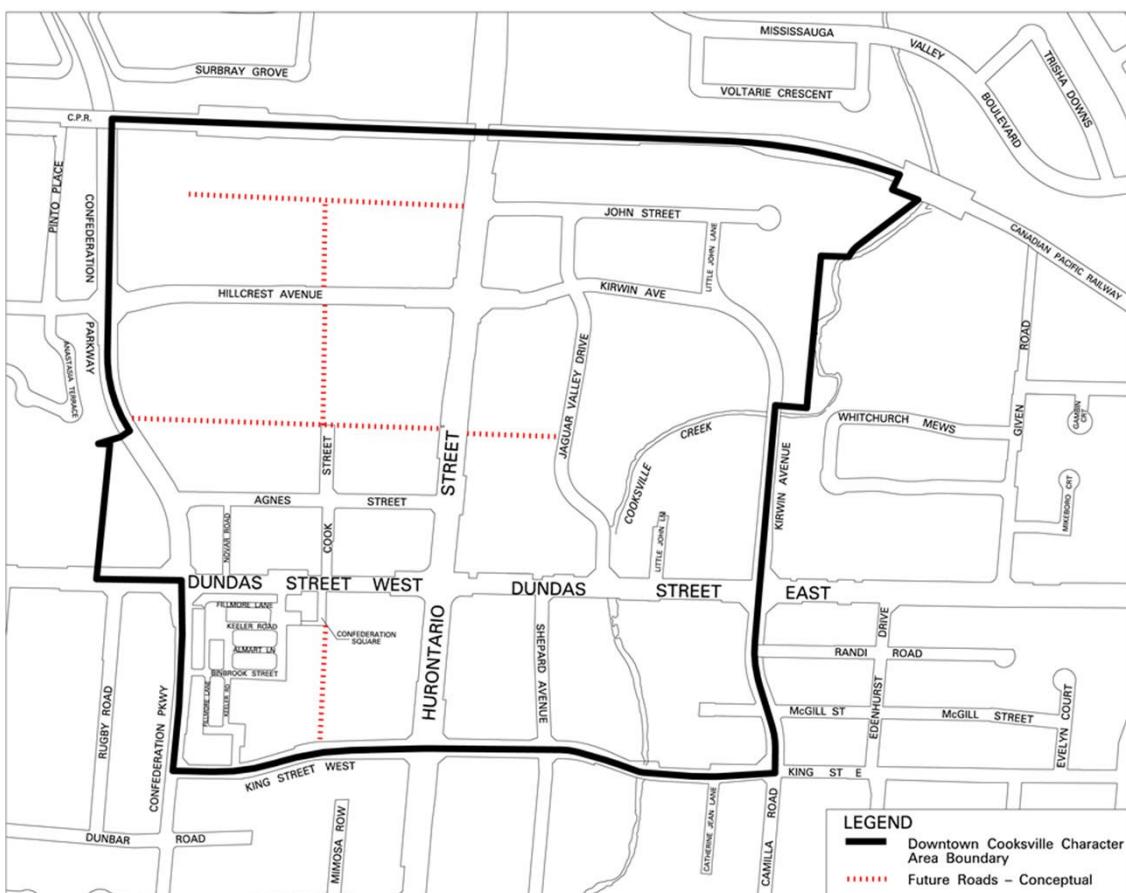
12.4.6.2 Improvements to the road network will be achieved through development. Future additions to the road network include, but are not limited to the following:

- a new east-west road from Confederation Parkway to Jaguar Valley Drive on the southern boundary of T.L. Kennedy Secondary School and former Melissa Street, aligning with a new road on the east side of Hurontario Street;

- extension of Cook Street northerly from the southern boundary of T.L. Kennedy Secondary School to connect with John Street; an
- extension of Cook Street southerly from Dundas Street West to connect with King Street West.

12.4.6.3 Notwithstanding the policies of this Plan, the following additional policies will apply:

- a. all roads will be public;
- b. the design and access requirements for roads will be determined through the development application review process; and
- c. minor adjustments to the road network may be made without an amendment to Map 12-4.2 at the City's discretion to accommodate development and breaking up large blocks with roads and pedestrian connections.



Map 12-4.2: Downtown Cooksville Character Area Future Roads

12.4.7 Land Use

12.4.7.1 Residential High Density

12.4.7.1.1 Notwithstanding the policies of this Plan, development will provide non-residential uses on the ground floor where the building is immediately adjacent to any of the following streets: Hurontario Street, Dundas Street, Hillcrest Avenue (Cook Street to Hurontario Street) and King Street (new Cook Street to Sheppard Avenue).

12.4.7.2 Mixed Use

12.4.7.2.1 Notwithstanding the policies of this Plan, development along Hurontario Street, Dundas Street, Hillcrest Avenue (Cook Street to Hurontario Street) and King Street (new Cook Street to Sheppard Avenue):

- will provide non-residential uses on the ground floor where the building is immediately adjacent to a street listed above; and
- may consist of primarily residential uses above the ground floor if not subject to a special site policy.

12.4.7.2.2 Notwithstanding the policies of this Plan, the following additional uses will be permitted:

- banquet hall;
- conference centre; and
- entertainment, recreation and sports facilities.

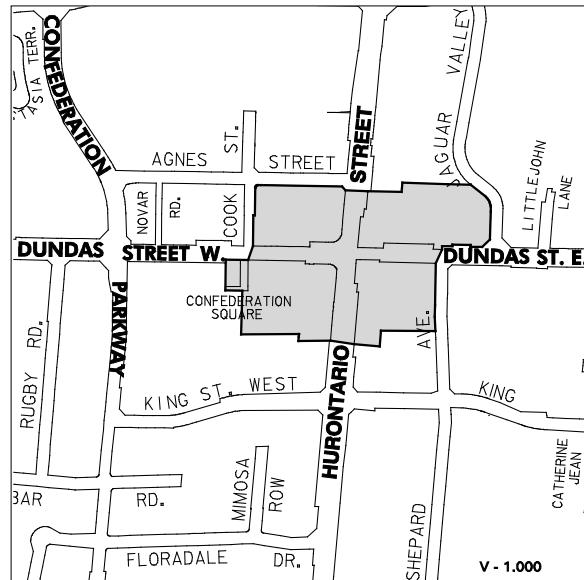
12.4.7.3 Office

12.4.7.3.1 Redevelopment of existing office buildings that results in the loss of office floor space will not be permitted, unless the same amount of office space is retained or replaced through new development.

12.4.8 Special Site Policies

There are sites within the Character Area that merit special attention and are subject to the following policies.

12.4.8.1 Site 1



12.4.8.1.1 The lands identified as Special Site 1, known as Cooksville Corners, are the lands surrounding the intersection of Hurontario Street and Dundas Street.

12.4.8.1.2 Notwithstanding the **policies** of this Plan, the following additional policies will apply:

a. minimum building heights of three storeys and a maximum of 18 storeys directly abutting Dundas Street and Hurontario Street frontages to create an appropriate main street scale of development;

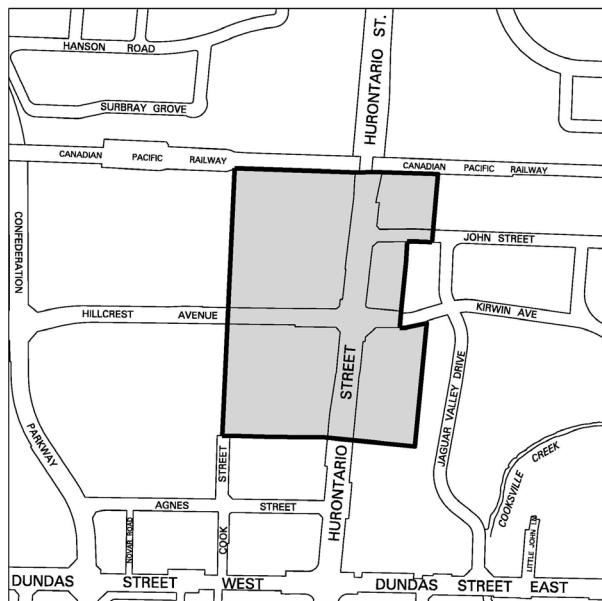
b. **tall buildings** will incorporate podiums that are reflective of a main street character; buildings along Hurontario Street and Dundas Street will incorporate a generous stepback between the edge of the podium and tower portion of the building;

c. to achieve vibrant walkable spaces, buildings along pedestrian connections will promote animation at-grade with outdoor patios and

storefront entrances to individual retail and service commercial units; and

d. a minimum of three floors of non-residential uses will be required for buildings on lands designated Mixed Use or Residential High Density that are immediately adjacent to Hurontario Street and Dundas Street.

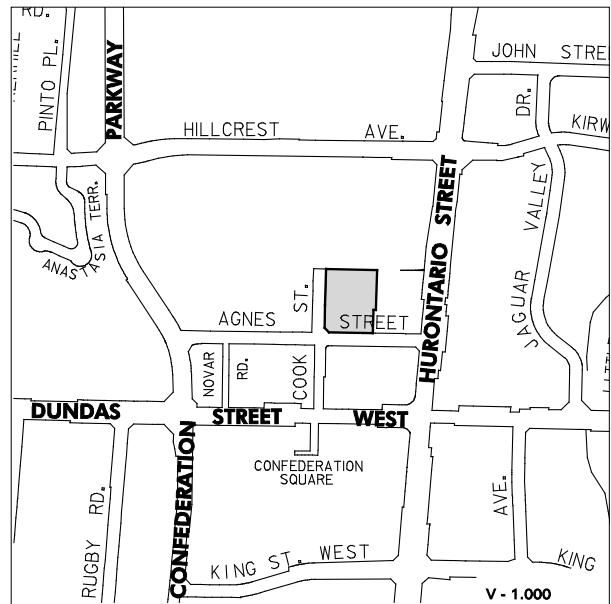
12.4.8.2 Site 2



12.4.8.2.1 The lands identified as Special Site 2 are located on the east and west sides of Hurontario Street between the Canadian Pacific Railway and north of Agnes Street.

12.4.8.2.2 Notwithstanding the policies of this Plan, a minimum of three floors of non-residential uses will be required for buildings on lands designated Mixed Use or Residential High Density that

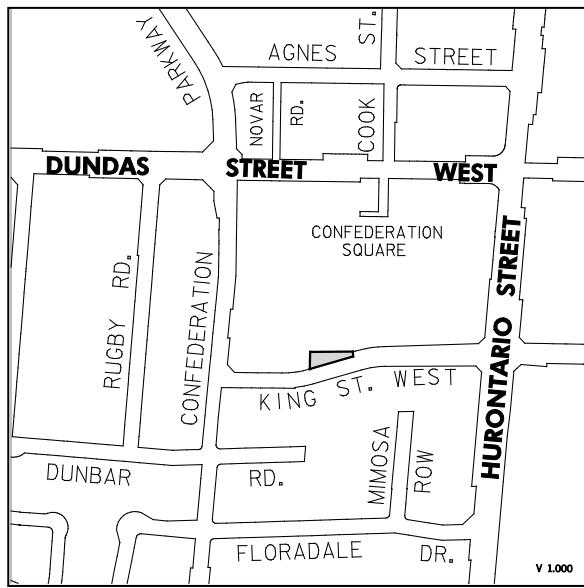
12.4.8.3 Site 3



12.4.8.3.1 The lands identified as Special Site 3 are located at the northeast corner of Agnes Street and Cook Street.

12.4.3.3.2 Notwithstanding the policies of this Plan, a maximum of 27 townhouse dwellings and a 28 storey apartment building will be permitted.

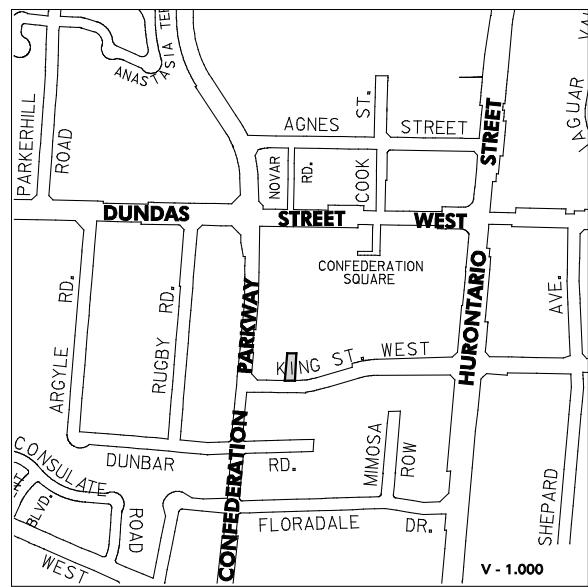
12.4.8.4 Site 4



12.4.8.4.1 The lands identified as Special Site 4 are located on the north side of King Street West, east of Confederation Parkway.

12.4.3.8.2 Notwithstanding the provisions of this Plan, these lands must only be developed as part of a comprehensive development with adjacent lands designated Residential High Density.

12.4.8.5 Site 5

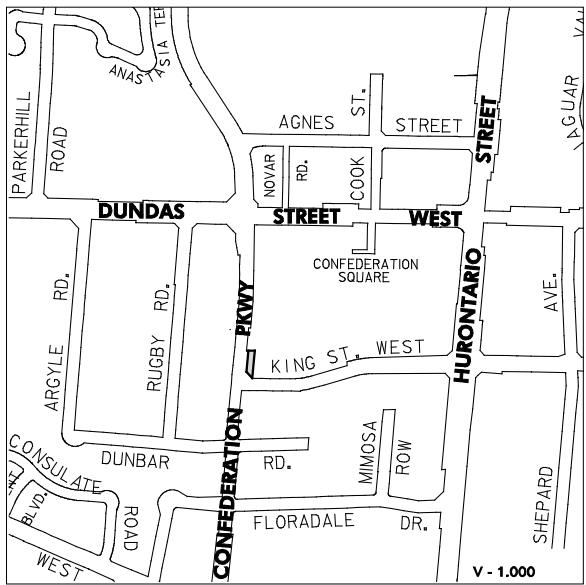


12.4.8.5.1 The lands identified as Special Site 5 are located on the north side of King Street West, east of Confederation Parkway.

12.4.8.5.2 Notwithstanding the provisions of the Residential Low Density II designation, offices will be permitted.

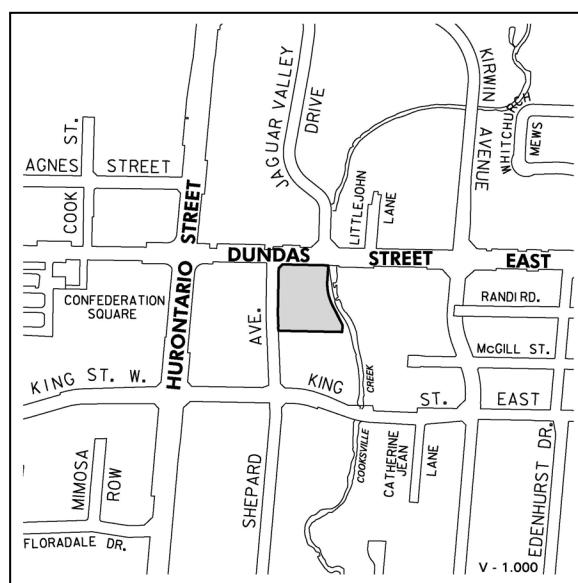
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Site 7



12.4.3.6.1 The lands identified as Special Site 6 are located on the northeast corner of King Street West and Confederation Parkway.

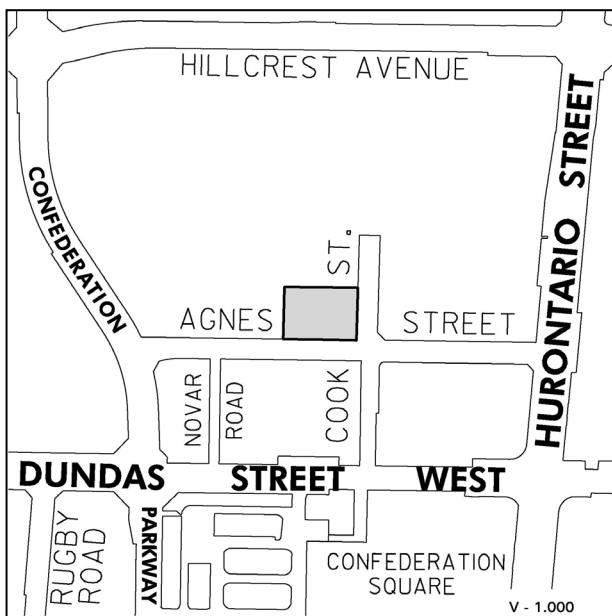
12.4.8.6.2 Notwithstanding the provisions of the Residential Low Density II designation, offices will be permitted.

12.4.8.7.1 The lands identified as Special Site 7 are located at the southeast corner of Dundas Street East and Sheppard Avenue.

12.4.8.7.2 Notwithstanding the policies of this Plan, three apartment buildings with maximum heights of 16, 31 and 32 storeys are permitted.

12.4.3.8

Site 8



12.4.3.8.1 The lands identified as Special Site 8 are located at the northwest corner of Agnes Street and Cook Street.

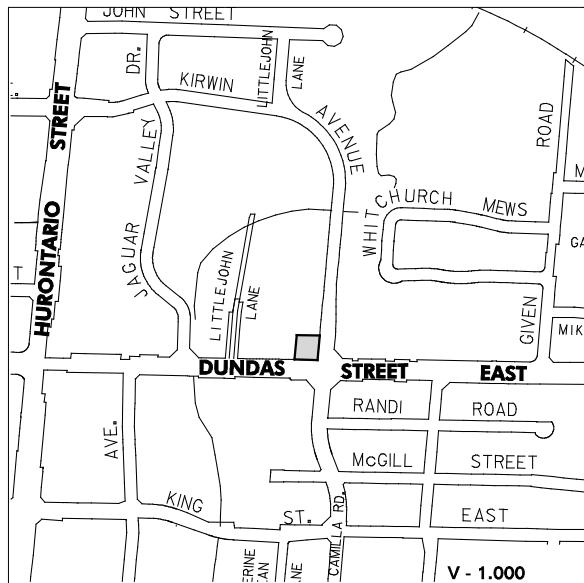
12.4.3.8.2 Notwithstanding the policies of this Plan, an apartment building with a maximum height of 29 storeys will be permitted.

12.4.9

Exempt Site Policies

12.4.9.1

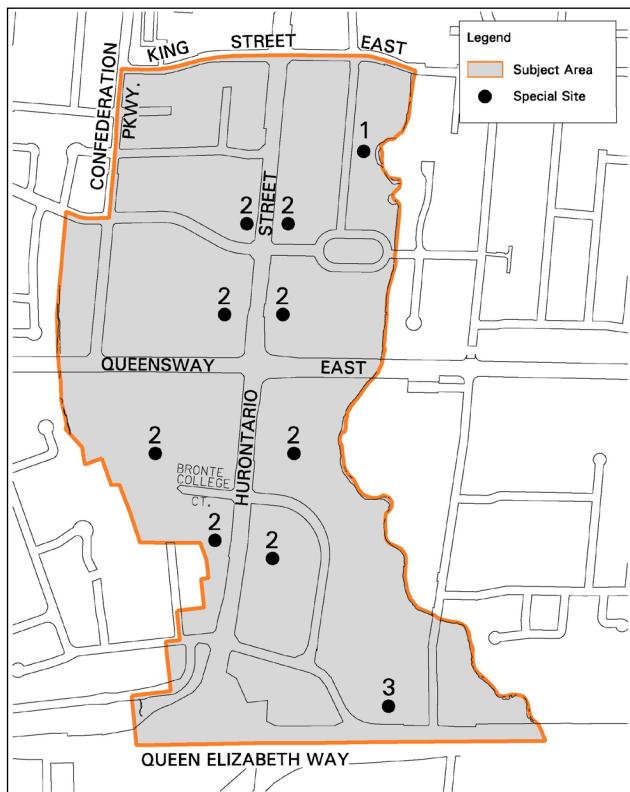
Site 1



12.4.9.1.1 The lands identified as Exempt Site 1 are located at the northwest corner of Dundas Street East and Kirwin Avenue.

12.4.9.1.2 Notwithstanding the provisions of the Mixed Use designation, motor vehicle commercial uses will also be permitted.

12.5 Downtown Hospital



Map 12-5: Downtown Hospital Character Area

12.5.1 Introduction

The focal point of Downtown Hospital continues to be the Mississauga Hospital, serving as one of Canada's leading health centres with specialized regional programs. Downtown Hospital consists primarily of residential high density uses. Small pockets of low rise dwellings are located on the edges of the Character Area. Office uses are located in the area surrounding the hospital along Hurontario Street and Queensway. Mixed commercial uses are clustered at three main intersections along Hurontario Street at King Street, Queensway and North Service Road.

Cooksville Creek is a significant **natural heritage feature** and portions of the creek have been impacted by channelization associated with flood and erosion control and storm water management. Enhancements to the ecological features of existing

natural habitats and the urban forest will be encouraged.

The existing open space network is primarily concentrated adjacent to Cooksville Creek. To meet growth needs, opportunities for additional parkland and improvements to existing parks will be pursued.

12.5.2 Vision

Downtown Hospital will be developed as a health district, anchored by the hospital with a broad range of uses clustered around the Mississauga Hospital, supporting more retail and service commercial uses, research and development, health facilities, offices, parks and residential uses.

Transit-supportive development along Hurontario Street and Queensway with maximum heights of 25 storeys for new residential development will ensure greater access to housing, jobs and services.

The vision is based on the following guiding principles:

1. Support health care services - promote a range of health care services, supportive uses and research and development that create a healthier community; and
2. Create a more walkable and transit-supportive community – provide pedestrian connections to Hurontario Street and Queensway, and street related retail and service commercial uses along these corridors.

12.5.3 Building Height

12.5.3.1 The greatest building heights will be located at the rapid transit stop at Hurontario Street and Queensway as shown on Schedule 11I: Protected **Major Transit Station Area** Building Heights Schedule.

12.5.3.2 On lands designated Residential High Density and Mixed Use, the maximum permitted building height as shown on Schedule 11I may be exceeded by up to three storeys without an amendment to this Plan, subject to meeting the building transition policies of this Plan, where a development provides additional non-residential uses, including community infrastructure. One additional storey in building height may be permitted for every 900 square metres of non-residential gross floor area (GFA) provided above the first storey. This does not include amenity space, above grade parking or ground floor non-residential uses, where required by the policies of this Plan.

b. the lands within the flood fringe are subject to their respective land use designations and the following additional policies:

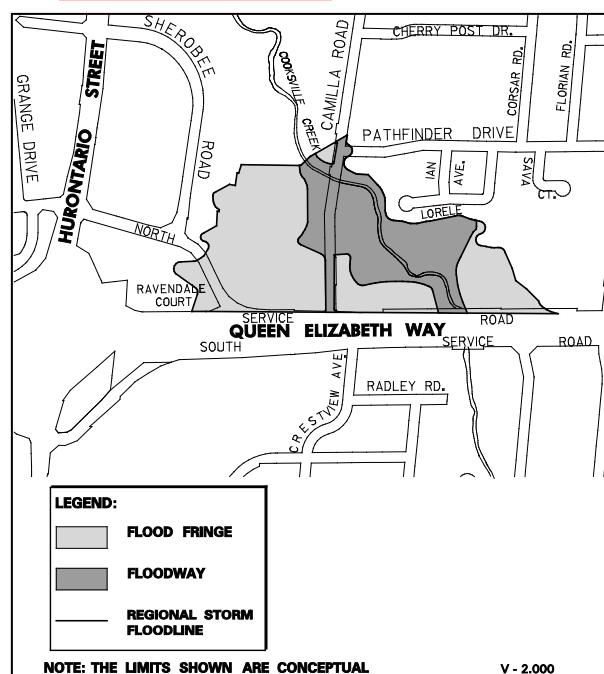
- development may be permitted provided the use, building or structure is flood proofed to the regulatory flood level as required by the conservation authority;
- ingress/egress for all development located in the flood fringe will be such that emergency vehicular and pedestrian movement is not prevented during times of flooding in order that safe access/evacuation is ensured. The determination of safe access shall be made by the conservation authority based on the depth and velocity factors;
- enclosed underground parking will be subject to the installation of stringent flood proofing measures to the elevation of the regulatory flood level; and
- the zoning of lands may utilize a holding provision to ensure flood proofing and safe access are addressed prior to development to the satisfaction of the City and the conservation authority The Zoning By-law

12.5.4 Environmental Planning Area

12.5.4.1 The lands identified above are located generally between the North Service Road and where the Cooksville Creek crosses Camilla Road. The area subject to these policies within the Downtown Hospital Character Area, is generally located west of Cooksville Creek. The lands shown are subject to the **two-zone floodplain management concept**, which divides the regulatory floodplain into two portions known as the floodway and the flood fringe. The limits of the flood fringe and the floodway are conceptual, the exact limits of which will be determined through further study.

12.5.4.2 Notwithstanding the Natural Hazards policies of this Plan, the following policies will apply to those lands within the regulatory floodplain:

- a. floodway lands will be zoned in an appropriate hazard category in the implementing Zoning By-law;



will be amended to remove the holding symbol when the requirements for flood proofing, the provision of safe access to the proposed development and a detailed spill assessment and a financing agreement for the reconstruction of the culvert at the QEW has been completed to the satisfaction of the City, Credit Valley Conservation and the Ministry of Transportation; and

c. the following uses will not be allowed within the floodplain:

- institutional services such as hospitals, nursing homes, and schools where there would be a significant threat to the safety of inhabitants involved in an emergency evacuation situation as a result of flooding or failure of flood proofing measures;
- new uses associated with the manufacture, storage, disposal and/or consumption of hazardous substances or the treatment, collection and disposal of sewage, which would pose an unacceptable threat to public safety if they were to escape their normal containment/use as a result of flooding or failure of flood proofing measures; and
- emergency services such as those provided by fire, police, and ambulance stations and electrical substations, which would be impaired during a flood emergency as a result of flooding or failure of flood proofing measures.

12.5.5 Land Use

12.5.5.1 Development proposals in the vicinity of the Mississauga Hospital must demonstrate that new buildings and structures do not interfere with the flight path to the hospital heliport.

12.5.5.2 Residential High Density

12.5.5.2.1 Notwithstanding the policies of this Plan, development will provide non-residential uses on the ground floor where the building is immediately adjacent to any of the following streets: Hurontario Street, King Street (new Cook Street to Hurontario) and Queensway.

12.5.5.3 Mixed Use

12.5.5.3.1 Notwithstanding the policies of this Plan, development along Hurontario Street, King Street (new Cook Street to Hurontario Street) and Queensway:

- a. will provide non-residential uses on the ground floor where the building is immediately adjacent to a street listed above; and
- b. may consist of primarily residential uses above the ground floor if not subject to a special site policy.

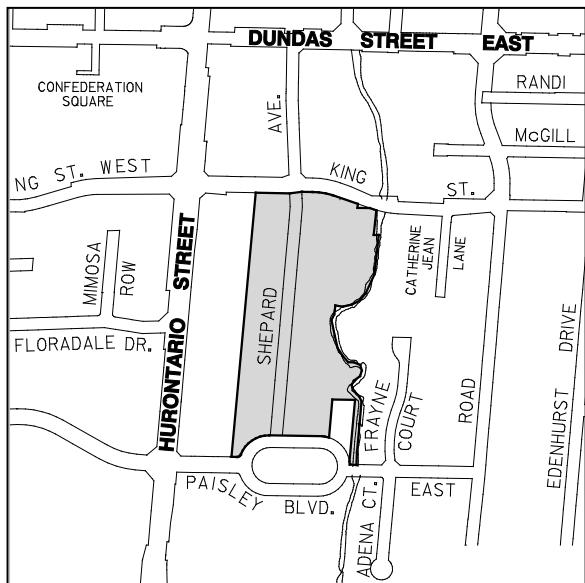
12.5.5.4 Office

12.5.5.4.1 Redevelopment of existing office buildings that results in the loss of office floor space will not be permitted, unless the same amount of office space is retained or replaced through new development.

12.5.6 Special Site Policies

There are sites within the Character Area that merit special attention and are subject to the following policies.

12.5.6.1 Site 1



12.5.6.1.1 The lands identified as Special Site 1 are located on Sheppard Avenue between King Street East and Paisley Boulevard East.

12.5.6.1.2 Notwithstanding the **policies of this Plan**, the following additional policies will apply:

a. any proposal to alter the natural alignment of the Cooksville Creek and associated Greenlands lands through filling or channelization will require **approvals from the appropriate conservation authority** and the City of Mississauga. The final design of such alteration works will address the following:

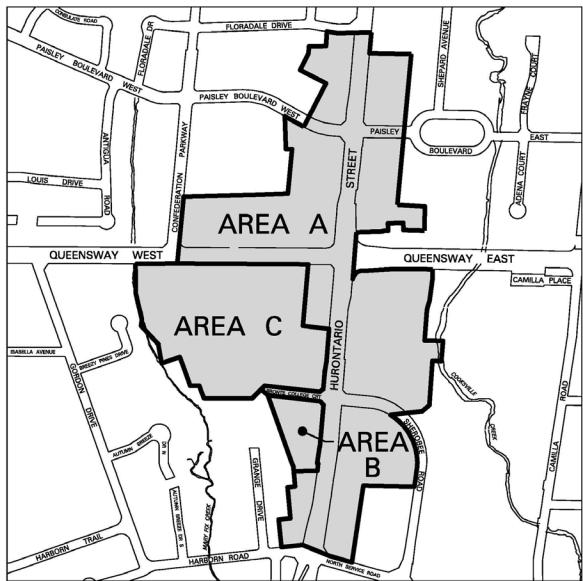
- criteria for erosion measures; and
- incorporation of the recommendations of the Cooksville Creek Rehabilitation Study for the reach of the Cooksville Creek between King Street East and Paisley Boulevard East; and

- b. in the event that structural management options are not feasible and, subject to a detailed planning design and supporting engineering studies for the Special Site 1 lands, a **two-zone floodplain management concept**, or combination of a **two-zone floodplain management concept** and structural management options, may be implemented;
- c. the limits of the development will be determined through detailed studies to address limits of flooding. Lands not suitable for development will be redesignated to Greenlands; and
- d. the preparation of a concept plan promoting the integrated redevelopment of the existing residential lots will be required in conjunction with any redevelopment applications. The concept plan will be required to address the following:
 - naturalization of the Cooksville Creek and retention of existing vegetation;
 - an alternate street access and design to limit access to the lands from only King Street East; and

The policies in this section and the land use designation on Schedule 10 – Land Use Designations with respect to Site 1 are under appeal under OMB Case No. PL980724 (OPA 3).

12.5.6.2

Site 2



- overnight accommodation;
- personal service establishment;
- research and development;
- restaurant;
- retail store;
- retirement building to a maximum building height of 25 storeys; and
- special needs housing, including a long-term care facility and a hospice to a maximum building height of 25 storeys.

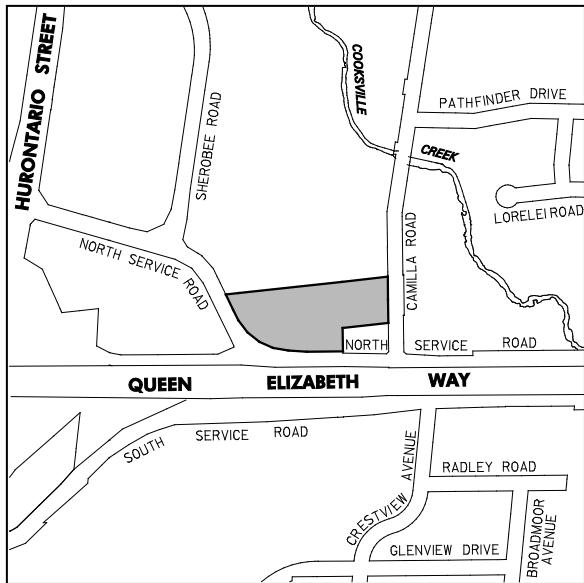
12.5.6.2.1 The lands identified as Special Site 2 are located on the east and west sides of Hurontario Street between Floradale Drive and Harborn Road/North Service Road and identified as a health district.

12.5.6.2.2 Notwithstanding the policies of this Plan, the following additional policies will apply:

- a. lands identified as Area A and Area B that are designated Mixed Use or Residential High Density will provide a minimum of three floors of nonresidential uses in buildings immediately adjacent to Hurontario Street and Queensway West;
- b. lands identified as Area B will also permit funeral homes and nursing homes; and
- c. lands identified as Area C will provide a potential location for an urban plaza and will also permit the following uses:
 - conference centre;
 - education and training facility;
 - financial institution;
 - major and **secondary office**;

12.5.6.3

Site 3



12.5.6.3.1 The lands identified as Special Site 3 are located on the north side of North Service Road and west side of Camilla Road.

12.5.6.3.2 Notwithstanding the policies of this Plan, townhouses will be permitted.