

## **Palmerston Area Vision Statement**

Palmerston Area is a rapidly gentrifying, historic, downtown mixed-use neighbourhood with a mature tree canopy. The residential streets are comprised primarily of century old brick houses that, in their origin, reflect a wide range of economic status. It has a small, well-used park, a primary and secondary school with surrounding green spaces. It is bordered by three busy avenues with many businesses and restaurants, and is divided by Harbord, a very busy east/west street.

We wish to preserve and enhance the qualities that make this neighbourhood livable for a diverse population, while recognizing the benefits of intensification to the vitality and economic health of our city.

### ***Public Assets***

A green **canopy** is vital to the health, ecology and aesthetics of our neighbourhood. New development would ideally include landscaping plans that contribute to the canopy with additional significant shade trees of diverse species.

Palmerston is a **walkable** neighbourhood. We need to preserve that walkability and encourage major improvements to Bathurst Street. Many residents also depend on **bicycles** as their chief form of transportation. We support new and existing bike lanes.

**Traffic calming** is necessary to support alternative modes of transportation, maintain air quality, ensure safety, and decrease noise. Developments in and around the Palmerston area that would drastically increase car traffic, add drive-thrus or surface parking would detract from the health of the neighbourhood.

Palmerston has too little **public open space**, which is vital to the social, civic and recreational health of all residents. We have one, well-used small park with a playground. The TDSB-owned properties at Clinton Street Junior Public School and Harbord Collegiate function as public space and should always be maintained for public use. We would enthusiastically welcome any opportunity to create more public space.

### ***Built Form***

The **residential neighbourhood** is currently composed of historical, consistent, low-rise streetscapes. We strongly encourage development that would allow people of all ages, incomes and abilities to live in the Palmerston Area. We would also welcome development with a diversity of uses: residential, institutional and commercial (particularly small-scale, independent retail) to add to the vitality of the neighbourhood.