

March 24, 2020

City of Ottawa Planning and Growth Management Department 110 Laurier Ave. W., 4th Floor, Ottawa, Ontario K1P 1J1

Attention: Mr. Wally Dubyk Project Manager, Infrastructure Approvals

Dear Mr. Dubyk:

Reference: 114 Isabella Street Parking Review Our File No. 119100

1.0 INTRODUCTION

This parking review letter has been prepared in support of Minor Rezoning and Site Plan Control applications for 114 Isabella Street. The subject property is currently vacant, with a gravel parking area for 5-6 vehicles and one driveway.

The subject site is surrounded by the following:

- Isabella Street and Highway 417 to the north;
- Residential properties and Pretoria Avenue to the south;
- An apartment building, a retirement residence, and Metcalfe Street to the east; and
- A pizzeria, auto body shop, and O'Connor Street to the west.

An aerial view of the subject site is provided in Figure 1.

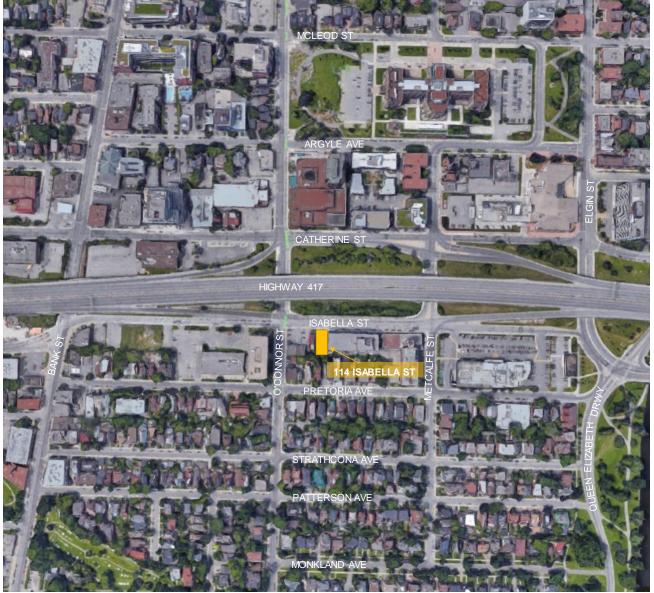
2.0 PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

The proposed development consists of a seven-storey building with nineteen residential units and one 3m² (35ft²) commercial unit at grade. No new driveway is proposed. The concept currently does not include any vehicle parking, however bicycle parking will be accommodated on-site.

A copy of the proposed site plan is included in **Appendix A**.



Figure 1: Aerial View of the Subject Site



3.0 PARKING REQUIREMENTS

The subject site is located in Area X on Schedule 1A of the City of Ottawa's Zoning By-Law (ZBL). Vehicular and bicycle parking rates for the proposed uses are identified in the ZBL and are summarized in **Table 1**.



Table 1: Parking Requirements

Land Use	Minimum Rate	Units/GFA	Required	Proposed
Vehicle Parking				
Dwelling, Mid-Rise Apartment	0.5 per dwelling unit ¹ 0.1 visitor space per dwelling unit ²	19 units	4 resident 1 visitor	0
Commercial Unit	5 per 100 square metres of GFA ³	35 square feet (3 square metres)	0	0
Bicycle Parking				
Apartment Building	0.5 per dwelling unit	19 units	10	20
Commercial Unit	1 per 250 square metres of GFA	35 square feet (3 square metres)	0	0

1: within Area X, for a residential building, no off-street motor vehicle parking is required to be provided for the first twelve residential units

2: within Area X, no visitor parking spaces are required for the first twelve dwelling units on a lot

3: within Area X, where a non-residential use is located partly or entirely on the ground floor and has a gross floor area of 200 square metres or less, no off-street motor vehicle parking is required to be provided.

Based on the foregoing, the proposed development will not meet the minimum parking requirement of the ZBL. A parking shortfall of 5 vehicular spaces is proposed. A total of twenty bicycle parking spaces will be accommodated on site and will exceed the requirements of the ZBL.

4.0 PARKING SUPPLY

4.1 On-Street

A review of the available street parking within the immediate vicinity (within a 400m walking distance) of the subject site was conducted. The parking study area is shown in **Figure 2**.

The supply of legal parking spaces was determined in accordance with criteria supplied by the City of Ottawa's Traffic and Parking By-law No. 2017-301, with the following regulations being employed:

Parking Space Size: Parking Space	5.5 metres (length)
Distance From:	
Fire Hydrant	3.0 metres
Private Driveway	1.5 metres
Intersection	9.0 metres
Bus Stop (approaching)	34.0 metres
Bus Stop (departing)	18.0 metres

With the above defined guidelines, a quantification of the existing on-street supply with the vicinity of the subject site was made. The results are shown in **Table 2**.



Figure 2: Parking Study Area





Table 2: Existing On-Street Parking Supply

Segment	Parking Restrictions	Legal Spaces
Isabella Street, south side (O'Connor Street to Metcalfe Street)	1-hour parking, 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM	12
O'Connor Street, west side (Isabella Street to Pretoria Avenue)	2-hour parking, 8:00 AM – 5:30 PM, Monday to Friday	5
O'Connor Street, east side (Pretoria Avenue to Strathcona Avenue)	1-hour parking, 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM (permit holders exempted)	4
O'Connor Street, east side (Patterson Avenue to Monkland Avenue)	1-hour parking, 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM	7
O'Connor Street, west side (Argyle Avenue to McLeod Street)	2-hour parking, 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM, Monday to Friday (paid parking)	12
Metcalfe Street, east side (Pretoria Avenue to Strathcona Avenue)	1-hour parking, 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM (permit holders exempted)	5
Metcalfe Street, east side (Strathcona Avenue to Monkland Avenue)	1-hour parking, 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM	6
Metcalfe Avenue, west side (Pretoria Avenue to Monkland Avenue)	April 1 to November 30: 1-hour parking, 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM (permit holders exempted) December 1 to March 31: no parking	14
Pretoria Avenue, south side (Metcalfe Street to Queen Elizabeth Driveway)	1-hour parking, 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM, Monday to Friday (permit holders exempted)	12
Pretoria Avenue, south side (Metcalfe Street to O'Connor Street)	1-hour parking, 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM (permit holders exempted)	12
Pretoria Avenue, south side (30m east of Bank Street to 60m west of O'Connor Street)	2-hour parking, 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM (permit holders exempted)	17
Pretoria Avenue, south side (Bank Street to 30m east of Bank Street)	2-hour angle parking, 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM (paid parking)	4
Bank Street, east side (Pretoria Avenue to Strathcona Avenue)	2-hour parking (paid parking) Monday to Friday: 9:00 AM – 5:30 PM Saturday and Sunday: 8:00 AM – 5:30 PM	9
Strathcona Avenue, north side (Bank Street to 40m east of Bank Street)	2-hour parking, 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM (paid parking)	4
Strathcona Avenue, north side (40m east of Bank Street to O'Connor Street)	1-hour parking, 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM (permit holders exempted)	17
Strathcona Avenue, north side (O'Connor Street to Queen Elizabeth Driveway)	1-hour parking, 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM, Monday to Friday (permit holders exempted)	25
Patterson Avenue, north side (Allan Place to O'Connor Street)	1-hour parking, 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM (permit holders exempted)	26
Patterson Avenue, south side (Allan Place to O'Connor Street)	No parking between 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM	5
Patterson Avenue, south side (O'Connor Street to Metcalfe Street)	1-hour parking, 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM, Monday to Friday (permit holders exempted)	11



Segment	Parking Restrictions	Legal Spaces
Patterson Avenue, south side (Metcalfe Street to Queen Elizabeth Driveway)	3-hour parking, 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM, Monday to Friday (permit holders exempted)	8
Monkland Avenue, south side (O'Connor Street to Metcalfe Street)	No restrictions	19
Catherine Street, north side (Metcalfe Street to 70m east of Metcalfe Street)	1-hour parking, 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM, Monday to Friday (paid parking)	9
Argyle Avenue, north side (Bank Street to O'Connor Street)	2-hour parking, 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM, Monday to Friday (paid parking)	16
Argyle Avenue, north side (O'Connor Street to Metcalfe Street)	2-hour parking, 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM, Monday to Friday (paid parking)	20
Argyle Avenue, south side (75m east of O'Connor Street to Metcalfe Street)	2-hour parking, 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM, Monday to Friday (paid parking)	5
Argyle Avenue, south side (Metcalfe Street to Metcalfe Street)	2-hour parking, 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM, Monday to Friday (paid parking)	6
Total On-Street Parking (within 400m of the subject site)		

Based on the foregoing, there are a total of 290 on-street parking spaces available within a five minute (400m) walk of the site, including 150 spaces within a residential parking permit zone. Residential parking permit zones allow eligible residents and their out-of-town visitors to park for periods in excess of the otherwise stipulated parking period for their street(s) and exempts them from overnight parking bans during the winter months, subject to some limitations and conditions.

The Chamberlain Avenue, Catherine Street and Isabella Street Functional Design Study is currently underway. Some on-street parking may be affected by this functional design; however, the changes are not anticipated to significantly impact the on-street parking supply within the study area. Highlights of the draft design within the study area include the removal of one vehicle lane on Isabella Street east of Metcalfe Street, cycling connections between the Rideau Canal and the O'Connor Street Bikeway, and wider sidewalks where feasible.

Portions of the study area overlap with study area for the Glebe Local Area Parking Study (February 2013) and Area B and D of the Centretown Local Area Parking Study (March 2016). Maps of the respective study areas for these studies are included in **Appendix B**. In general, the following conclusions were made with respect to on-street parking:

- Glebe Local Area Parking Study
 - North of Glebe Avenue, the occupancy rates for both Bank Street and the side streets never exceeds 60%, suggesting that sufficient parking is generally available in the northern part of the study area.



- Centretown Local Area Parking Study
 - For Area B, the on-street parking demand is moderate during the weekday (45-68%) and high at times during the weekend (68-84%) but never reaches the practical capacity of 85%.
 - For Area D, the occupancy is low during the weekday (59-65%) and is high during the weekend, exceeding practical capacity on Sunday mornings (86%).

4.2 Nearby Off-Street

The Impark parking lot/garage at 150 Isabella Street (approximately 80m from the subject site) is located at Killeany Place on the south side of Isabella Street, west of O'Connor Street. Surface and underground parking are available, with a capacity of 318 parking spaces.

5.0 CONCLUSIONS

The proposed development will not meet the minimum parking requirements of the Zoning By-Law. A parking shortfall of 5 vehicular spaces is proposed. Bicycle parking will be accommodated on site and will exceed the requirements of the ZBL.

Based on a review of the nearby on-street parking facilities, a total of 290 on-street parking spaces are available within a five minute walk (400m walking distance) of the subject site, including 150 spaces within a designated residential parking permit zone. Additionally, off-street parking is located at the nearby Impark parking lot/garage (150 Isabella Street).

The findings of the Glebe Local Area Parking Study suggest that for the area bounded by O'Connor Street to the east, Lyon Street to the west, Highway 417 to the north and Glebe Avenue to the south, parking occupancy does not exceed 60% of the parking supply and sufficient parking is generally available.

The findings of the Centretown Local Area Parking Study suggests that north of Highway 417, the parking occupancy is low to moderate during the weekday (45-68%) and high at times during the weekends, particularly near the Museum of Nature and the police station, and may exceed practical capacity on Sunday mornings (86%).

Based on the foregoing, it is anticipated that the off-site parking supply is adequate. It is recommended that a clause specifying that on-site parking is not provided be included in lease agreements at 114 Isabella Street. The decision to issue on-street residential parking permits ultimately rests with the City.

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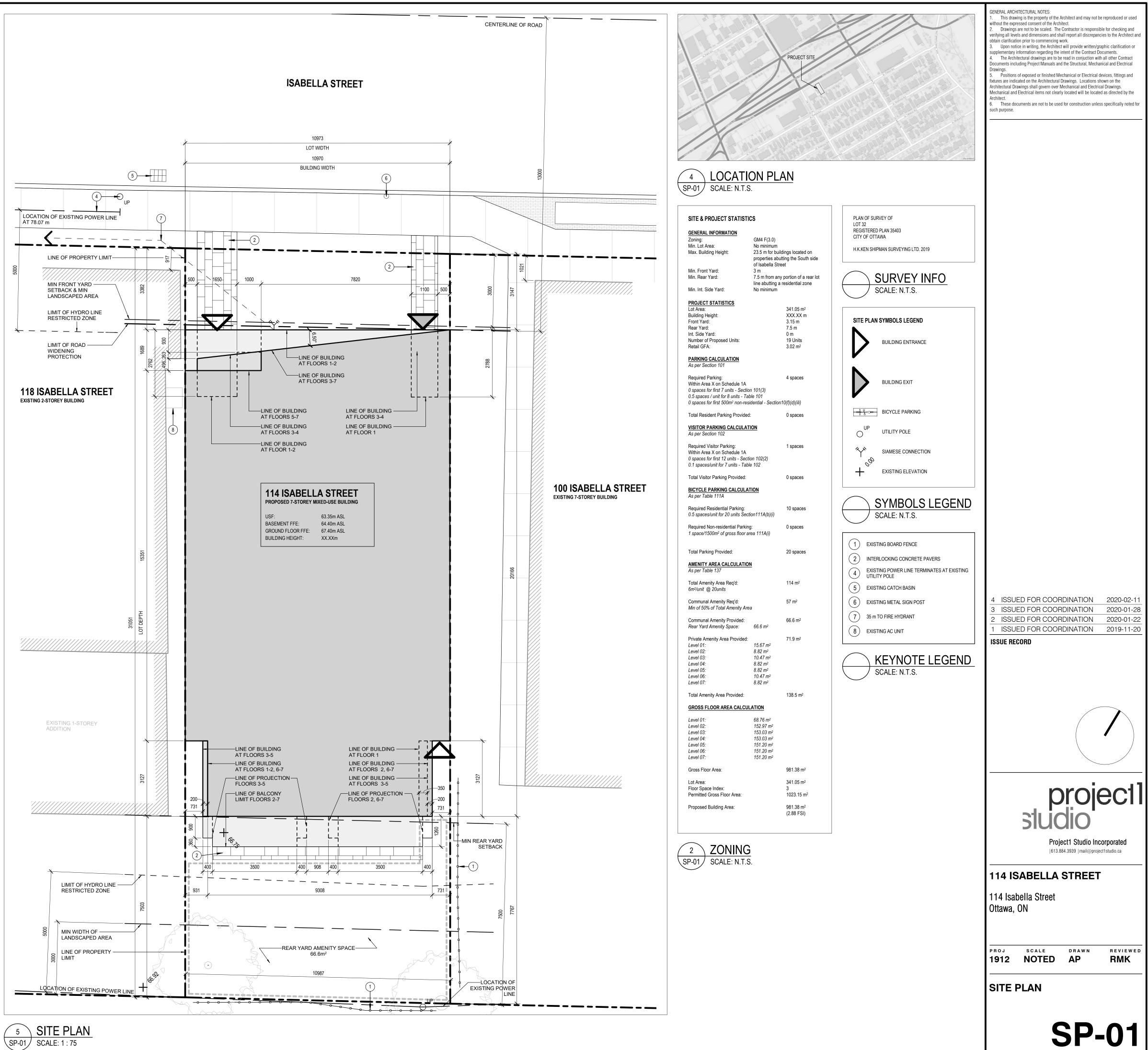


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APPENDIX A

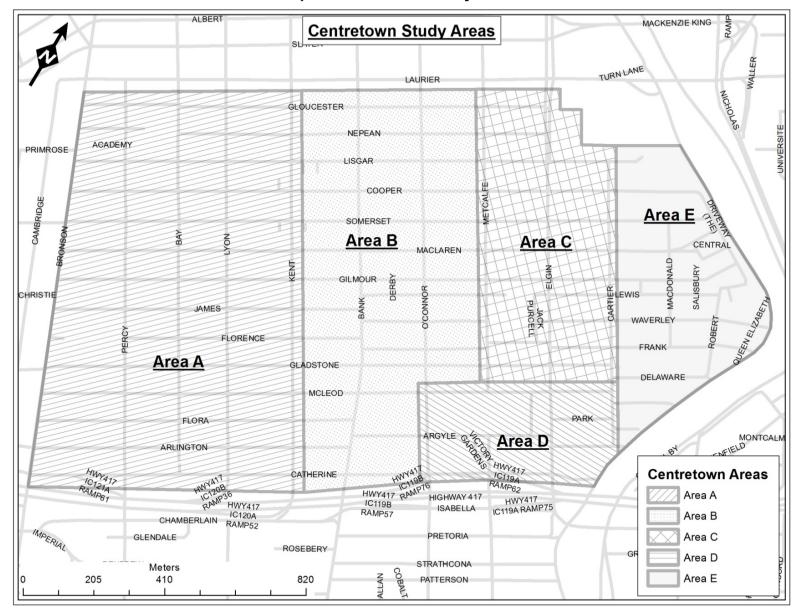
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APPENDIX B

Excerpts from Completed Local Area Parking Studies



Map 1 – Centretown Study Areas

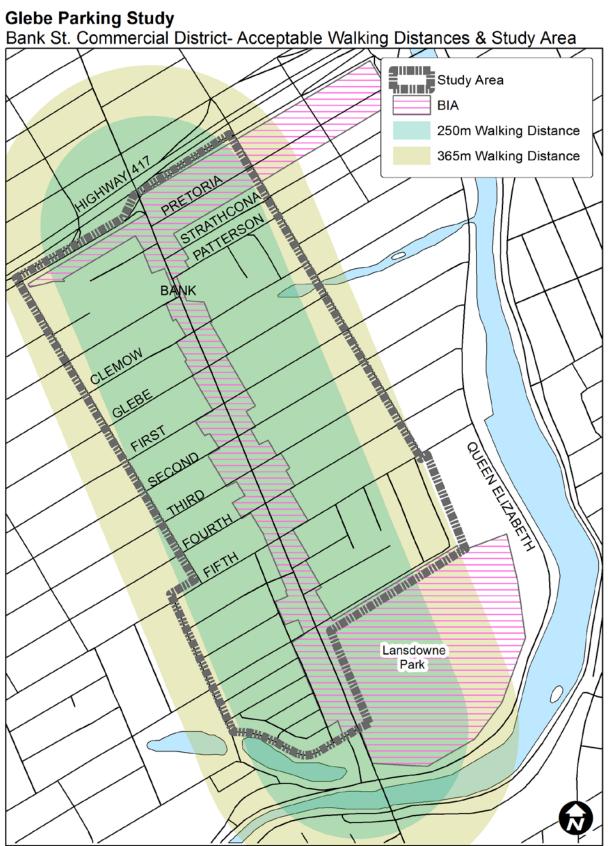


Figure 2 – Study Area

