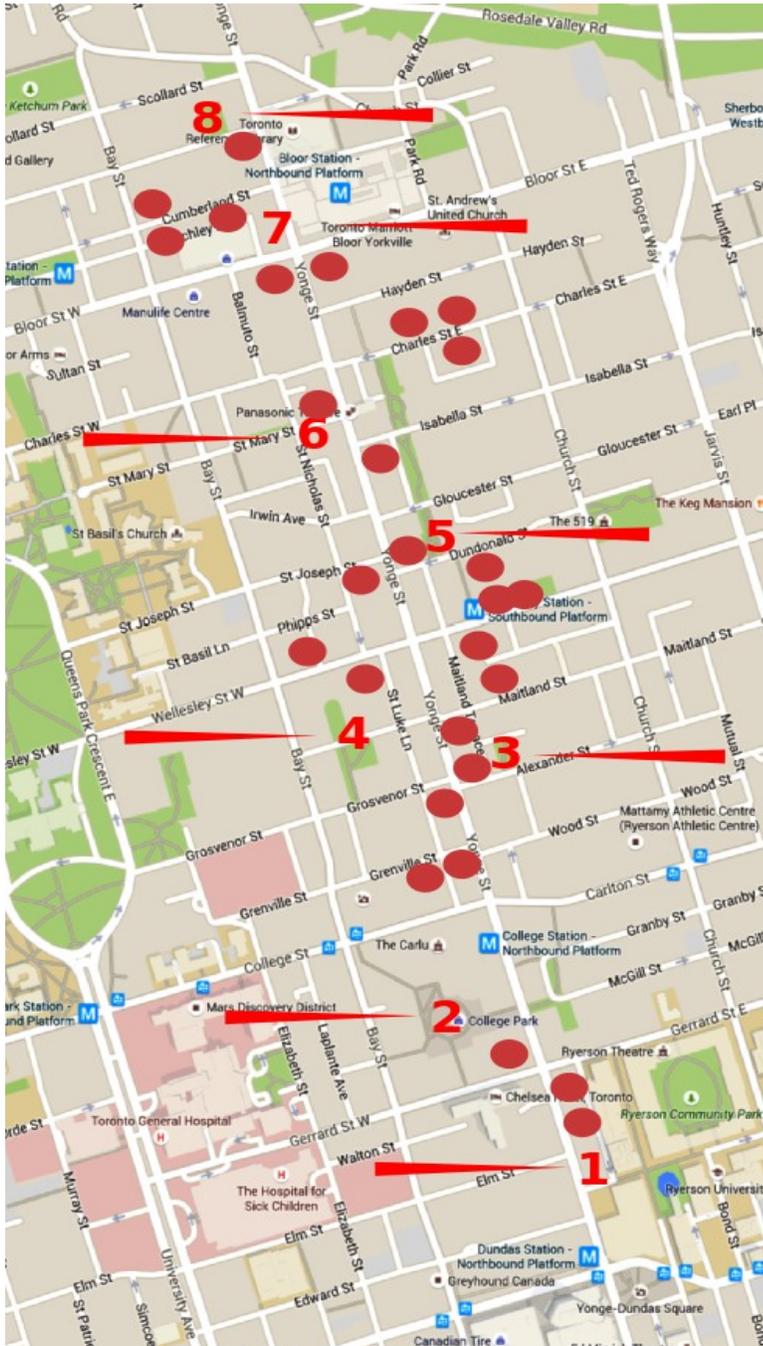


North Downtown Yonge Street Walk

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This walk is about the Yonge Street that's being created (between Dundas Square and Yorkville). There's a gaggle of new high-rise developments that have just happened, are happening, have been approved or are being proposed. Well over 10,000 new units are on the drawing board. We'll look at what's there today, and what is coming.



Our starting point is on the steps of Ryerson's new Student Centre at Gould & Yonge (marked as 1 on the map).

We move on to the soon to be redesigned public space at College Park – 2 on the map.

Next stop is the small Alexander Parkette on Alexander Street – 3 on the map.

We'll walk through the park on the west side of the YMCA and pause to examine what will be a new 1.5 acre park at 11 Wellesley West – 4 on the map (on Bredalbane).

The Norman Jewison Parkette will be the next stop, at the southern end of the string of parks above the subway – 5 on the map.

The office building at 10 St Mary Street will be our next stop. "Hot" question about its heritage value – 6 on the map.

We'll pause under the clock on the northwest corner of Yonge & Bloor – 7 on the map.

The end point will be the public park just east of the Yorkville Public Library – 8 on the map.

NOTE: The red dots are new condo towers that are going to flood the neighbourhood with new residents. The "old" Yonge

Street is disappearing. My hope is that a "great" Yonge Street will emerge, one that is again *the* promenade street of downtown Toronto. Given all of the investment that's coming, it should be possible to channel some of that energy into making Yonge Street again the downtown street that people come to stroll, to meet friends, to window shop, to pause for a coffee, or a drink, or a meal. It should again be an important "place" for residents and for visitors.