Toronto has almost as many nicknames as it does neighbourhoods, and each carries the story of an era: today’s nicknames are “T.O.” (tee-oh) and “T-dot”.

**THE ANNEX**
The St. George campus is nestled beside the Annex, a century-old neighbourhood known as much for its intellectual and cultural offerings as for its maple-lined, one-way streets and grand Victorian homes. It is also within walking distance of numerous international communities and Queen Street.

**INTERNATIONAL VILLAGES**
Buy fresh ginger at the Chinatown street market, listen to Fado in Little Portugal, or watch the World Cup at an espresso café in Little Italy. India, Korea and all other curves of the globe are represented, creating Toronto’s mosaic that includes numerous communities united by a distinct culture, yet an integral part of the city’s overall personality.

**QUEEN STREET**
Toronto’s cool factor is evident along Queen Street West and area, where vintage clothing shops and vendors selling handmade jewelry coexist with stores offering the freshest from local indie designers. The wide sidewalks are bustling with patios in warm weather, and you never know when the Rolling Stones will announce a surprise show at the El Mocambo.

**YONGE STREET**
The world’s second-longest continuous road, Yonge St. unites Toronto’s financial, shopping and theatre districts. Things move fast here, from pedestrians to the videos broadcast on giant LED screens around Dundas Square, just outside the Eaton Centre.

**LAKE SHORE AND THE ISLANDS**
Bike trails, beaches and boardwalks are consistent elements across Toronto’s 40km of Lake Ontario waterfront. 10 minutes (by ferry) and a world away from the Lakeshore, Centre Island is an artists’ haven, the largest car-free urban community in North America and ideal for a summer stroll.

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**THE BIG SMOKE**
refers to city air long ago, dusky from the output of manufacturing factories.

**TORONTO THE GOOD**
backs back to the city’s reputation as a bastion of Victorian morality.

**HOSPTOWN**
is a throwback to the city’s busy livestock trade in the 19th century.

**HOLLYWOOD NORTH**
is a reference to the city’s popularity as a destination for film and TV production.