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## Community Update

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### Jarvis Streetscape Improvement Environmental Assessment Study

*Recent Jarvis Streetscaping Improvement Activities:*

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#### 1. Study Recap

In November 2007, the City of Toronto started a Class Environmental Assessment (EA) to study and develop streetscape improvement plans and traffic lane modifications for the Jarvis Street corridor from Bloor Street East to Queen Street East. The study is looking at ways to improve and establish Jarvis Street as a cultural corridor with an emphasis on its historical significance and to enhance the pedestrian environment.

Currently, we are in Phase 2 of this Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process. In this Phase, the project team is working to identify and evaluate Alternative Solutions for streetscaping improvements. In Phase 3, the preferred Alternative Solution will be presented to the public in a second open house for feedback.

For more information about the Environmental process, go to  
[http://www.ene.gov.on.ca/envision/env\\_reg/ea/english/General\\_info/What\\_are\\_Class\\_EAs.htm](http://www.ene.gov.on.ca/envision/env_reg/ea/english/General_info/What_are_Class_EAs.htm)

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#### 2. Public Open House #2 - Fall 2008

Over the past few months the City has been working with iTrans Consulting and Brook McLroy/Pace Architects on the preliminary stages of the study, examining opportunities and challenges in the study area in detail. A second open house will be held this coming fall (details coming soon).

- The Open House will provide an update on work completed to date, the technically preferred alternative, and will seek your input on the study and work completed
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#### 3. Involving the Public

To date, public consultation has involved a range of activities.

- March 19<sup>th</sup>, the first of two open houses was held at Canada's National Ballet School located at 400 Jarvis Street. Over 175 people came out to learn more about the study, proposed streetscape designs and to share what they would like to see on Jarvis. For more information about this meeting and materials which were presented, go to <http://www.toronto.ca/involved/projects/jarvis/index.htm>.



# Jarvis Street

STREETScape IMPROVEMENT  
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

- April 24<sup>th</sup>, City staff, with the help of Jarvis Collegiate Institute teacher David Dewee, set up a lunch time open house at the school to help generate awareness about the study project and receive feedback from students and staff. A focus group consisting of 15 students and City staff was also held to discuss student priorities for streetscaping on Jarvis Street. Common themes involved innovative sidewalk treatments, supporting alternative transportation to school and a tree lined street.
- May 10<sup>th</sup>, City Staff and the Consultant Team organized a walking tour along Jarvis Street with Councillor Kyle Rae to engage local residents and the public to document which locations need improvements and how to best highlight the heritage of Jarvis Street. Suggestions included: embedding public art in sidewalks, landscaping, community gardens, slowing traffic, and making room for cyclists. There were many more insightful comments, suggestions and photos taken. Photos are available on the Facebook group: Jarvis Streetscape Improvement.

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#### 4. Cycling on Jarvis

Many people have expressed concern about how the study can accommodate cyclists on Jarvis Street.

City staff have taken these concerns and are working internally and with our consultants to address the requests to accommodate cyclists on Jarvis Street. This review has taken some additional time outside of the study's proposed schedule, however, staff are confident that this project can be completed by the fall of 2008.

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#### 5. Next Steps:

- Open House #2 Fall 2008
- Receive comments
- Prepare the environmental study report
- Report our findings to City Council
- 30-day Public Review Period
- Implementation

*To stay involved, visit:*

<http://www.toronto.ca/involved/projects/jarvis/index.htm> or

Facebook group: Jarvis Streetscape Improvement

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