

**Table Five Notes: Morning Breakout Session
Finch and Warden Study Charette
Saturday February 7, 2009
St. Pauls Senior Centre**

Present: Patricia Sinclair (working group), Peter Miller (working group), Shelagh Reddy (working group), George Ade (working group), Terry Lustig (Applicant), Councilor Kelly Representative, Councilor DelGrande Representative, Ryerson Student, Mark (City Planning) and Anu Sharma (facilitator)

What are your hopes, dreams, and fears in relation to community services?

- Hope: Any redevelopment and new development/services along Finch avenue should work towards decreasing the community's status as a "priority neighbourhood"
- Hope: Services will be geared to all members of the community (children, teens, seniors). Should be proportionally dependant on demographic needs
- Fear: Timothy Eaton (vocational/trade school) will be closed down. What about the demand for skilled trades people? How will this need be met?
- Hope: To have more junior school space within walking distance of student's homes. Concerns about the proposed increase in density...will there be enough space in the Jr. schools?
- Fear: Not enough multipurpose spaces available. This will hinder community integration
Dream: Have a community hub for multipurpose services (i.e. daycare, recreation space, library and health care)
- Hope: To see an increase in the integration between the community's generations and ethnospecific groups through service provision. Currently, the community has isolated pockets/silos. The needs of the community would have to be assessed and service provision and allotment would be based upon this assessment.
- Hope: To see an adequate number of affordable daycare spaces where there would be an emphasis on E.S.L. and literacy

What are your hopes, dreams, and fears in relation to infrastructure?

- Hope: Consider bike lanes/paths when "re-doing" roads. These paths should not be located on busy primary roads
- Hope: Consider pedestrians when planning spaces: are the sidewalks and easements wide enough? This is especially important in high-traffic areas

Hope: (Demand!) Hydro improves their capacity/service delivery with respect to power, sewers, flooding and water pressure
Fear: an increase in demand for water will make the current situation even worse

What are your hopes, dreams, and fears in relation to built form and urban design?

Hope: To have a more cohesive look to the area's architecture/buildings. Have buildings that are complimentary with each other in terms of "look"/esthetic.

Hope: Have buildings set back from roads

Hope: Consider views pedestrians encounter when walking. Don't want to see endless rows of backyard fences. The community values trees and greenspaces

Fears: Dark shadows will be cast by the large buildings on the NW corner of Warden and Finch

Hope: Built form encourages pedestrian traffic

Hope: Community wishes to see a suburban model/form of revitalization (i.e. in the same vein as downtown Markham)

Hope: The proposed redevelopment of Bridlewood Mall would lead to an impetus of new development in the rest of the community. The subsequent new development needs to be complimentary (in terms of architecture)

Hope: New building design will mitigate wind turbulence

Hope: New building design will consider snow load (especially in terms of parking spaces available in winter)

Fear: Concerns about safety/security with underground parking lots
Hope: Underground parking should have good lighting, round pillars and other security measures

Dream: To see an increase in pedestrian-friendly storefront access throughout the corridor (also consider auto accessibility with street parking)

Hope: To see mixed use buildings throughout the corridor. Not just retail space; consider employment and office space

Hope: To see an increase in safety along Warden Ave. Currently, cars are speeding, jumping curbs and there have been pedestrian injuries/deaths. Would like to see more crosswalks as well as a change in the radius of turns within intersections.

What are your hopes, dreams, fears in relation to traffic, transit and transportation?

Hope: (Demand!) Sheppard subway extension. This would ease bus traffic along Finch.

Hope: Bike paths in hydro corridor north of study area (i.e. along McNicoll)

Hope: More police enforcement of traffic rules (cars running red lights for example)

Hope: Have bike paths on secondary roads (safer)

Hope: Transit resources are increased to meet the needs of existing and new residents

What are your hopes, dreams, and fears in relation to parks, green space and the environment/green initiatives?

Hope: Overall goal: To see an increase in green space over the whole study area

Hope: To see an increase in street furniture. Can be made with recycled materials and coated with a graffiti-resistant finish

Hope: To see an increase in the tree canopy

Hope: To see an increase in softscaping, naturalization and low maintenance ground cover

Hope: New buildings are more self sustaining. They should meet the L.E.E.D standard and contain elements such as garden/green roofs and use geothermal, district and/or solar energy

Hope: Greywater is used for landscaping wherever possible

Hope: Community gardens are considered