

Dixon Road and Highway 427

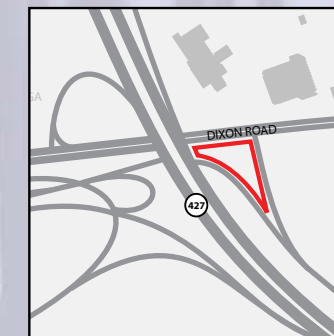
Gateways – Landmarks in the City



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This design concept is the preferred alternative from a two phase study which included community consultation. The project will require future fundraising and public-private partnerships to be built.

Location Map



Gateways are a type of place-making device that transform strategic access points in the City's network of transportation corridors and open spaces into pleasing and memorable landmarks and public places.

By definition, Gateways are in high profile, heavily traveled locations and, therefore subject to wide public exposure and influence. Their design requires a very thorough treatment that engages and enlists public support and presents a visible symbol of design excellence.

Located at the intersection of Dixon Road and Highway 427, the West Gateway site is an important point of passage to and from the City of Toronto and Pearson International Airport.

The proposal for this Gateway, called "Gathering," is a forest of light masts that bend gently in the wind. The light masts are up to 40 meters tall and will have the appearance of a beautiful grove of sinuous forms swaying in the wind in an inviting manner. At night, the masts are illuminated

from within by lights that slowly change colour based on environmental conditions near the landmark.

In many ways Toronto can be seen as a gathering of people whose diversity, flexibility and strength combine to create the great city we live in. "Gathering" uses light, colour, movement, flexibility, interaction, and multiplicity to create a welcoming field for visitors to the city.

Site elevation



For more information visit:
<http://www.toronto.ca/planning/urbdesign/gateways.htm>