



# Hillside Drive Community Workshop

City Planning September 10, 2015





#### Agenda



7:00 Introductions and Opening Remarks

Councillor Fragedakis
City Planning



7:10 Planning Staff Presentation

Kyle Knoeck, Manager Daniel Woolfson, Planner Sheila Boudreau, Urban Designer



7:40 Breakout Sessions

Kate Nelischer, Sr. Public Consultation Coordinator



8:30 Regroup and Review



8:50 Closing Remarks and Next Steps



#### Purpose of Tonight's Meeting

- Review and provide feedback on design options in group discussions using the workbook provided.
   Written comments can also be submitted to Staff after the meeting.
- Options are broken down into 3 sections:
  - Hillside Drive
  - 2. Park Space
  - 3. Gamble Avenue
- Staff to discuss project next steps and potential timing for implementation



#### What We Heard

- July 17, 2014 community meeting
- What we heard:
  - Improve pedestrian access through the green space
  - Reduce the amount of paving in the right-of-way on Hillside Drive (eliminate some of the on-street parking)
  - Reinforce Hillside Drive as a 'place' (explore concept of Charles Sauriol Walk)
  - Improve landscaping along Gamble Avenue

East York's Hidden Gem; Quiet residential dead-end; An Oasis in the City; Family and pedestrian friendly; Rural feeling

#### What Has Happened Since July 2014

- City Council Meeting on August 25, 2014:
  - City Council adopted Item TE34.51, which was a report from the Deputy City Manager, Cluster B regarding direction to establish the Hillside Drive green streetscape project and to close to vehicular traffic a 0.3 metre strip of land on the east side of Hillside Drive
- Work Program Established by Council Decision:
  - Development of several green streetscape options
  - Review implementation requirements for each option
  - Consultation with area residents to determine a preferred green streetscape option (purpose of tonight's meeting)
  - Report back in 2015 on preferred option



#### What Has Happened Since July 2014

- City staff:
  - Conducted and created a proper survey of Hillside Drive;
  - Drafted several options for the green street project;
  - Created a website to communicate more efficiently and effectively with Hillside Drive residents; and
  - Progressed with the Broadview Avenue Planning Study
- Items identified for further review:
  - Implementation timelines;
  - Ongoing maintenance of the Hillside Drive green street;
     and
  - Potential partnerships and funding opportunities



#### Hillside Drive – Policy Goals



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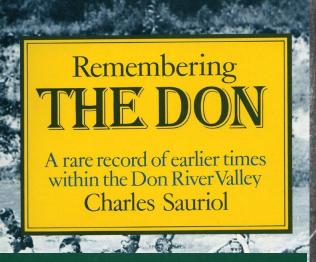


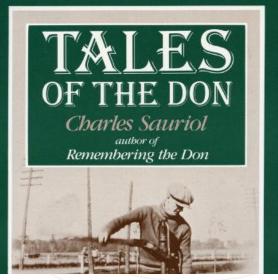


## Design Inspiration







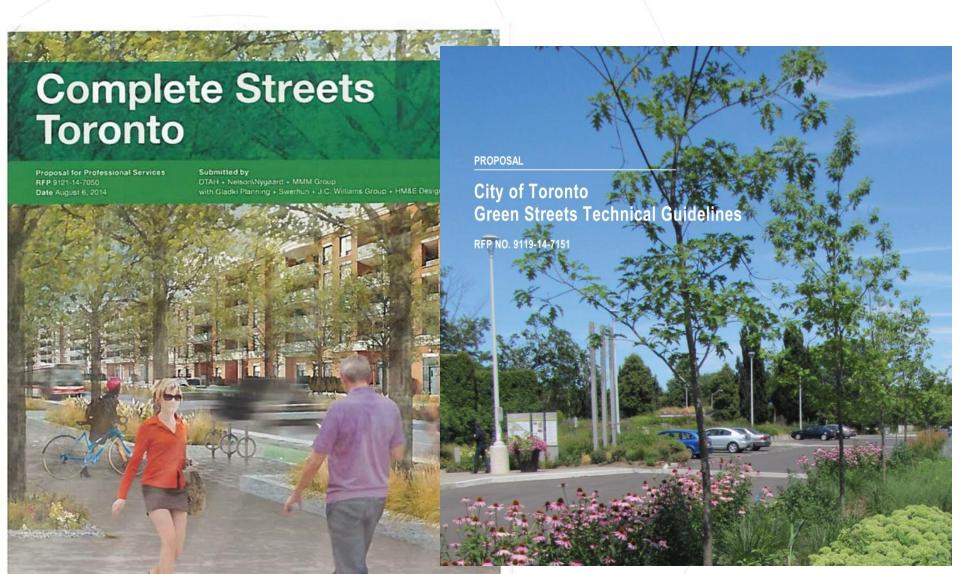




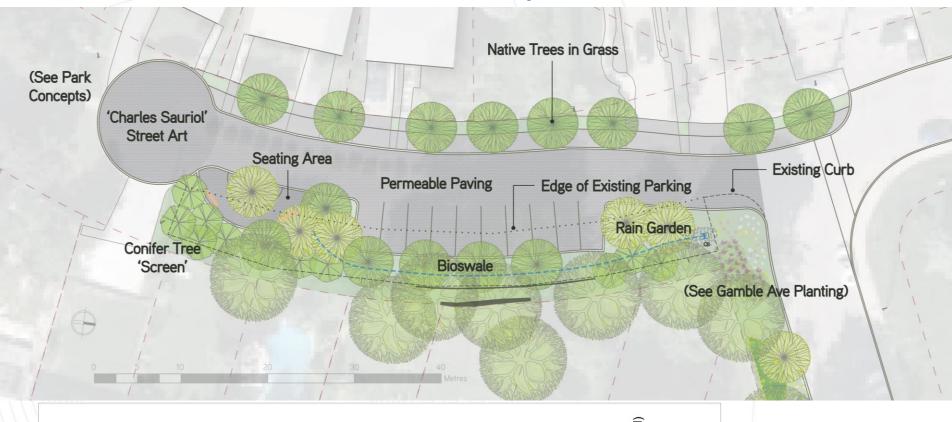


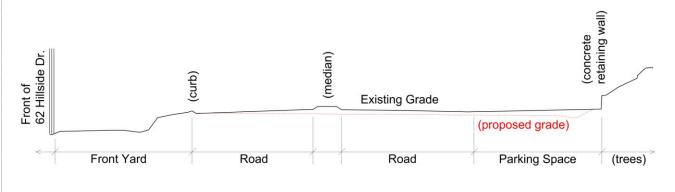
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#### Hillside Drive – Street Design



# Hillside Drive North - Option 1

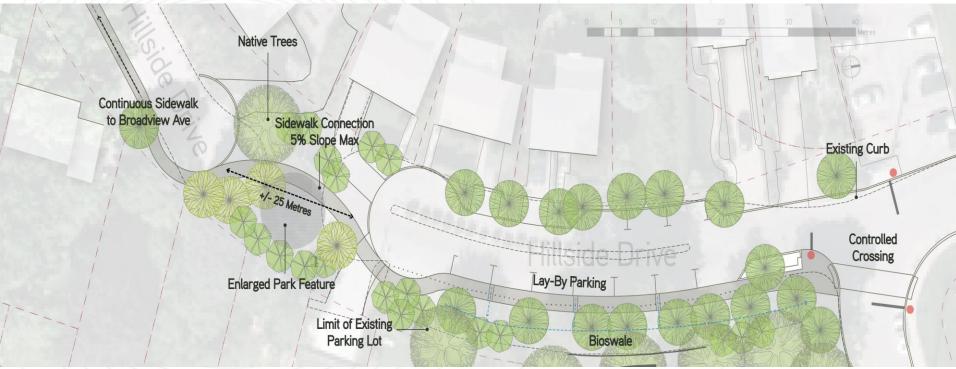






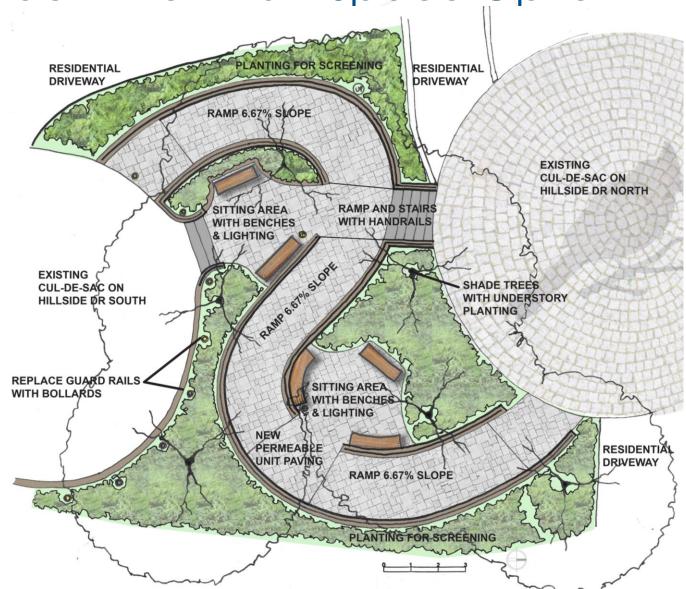
# Hillside Drive North -Option 2





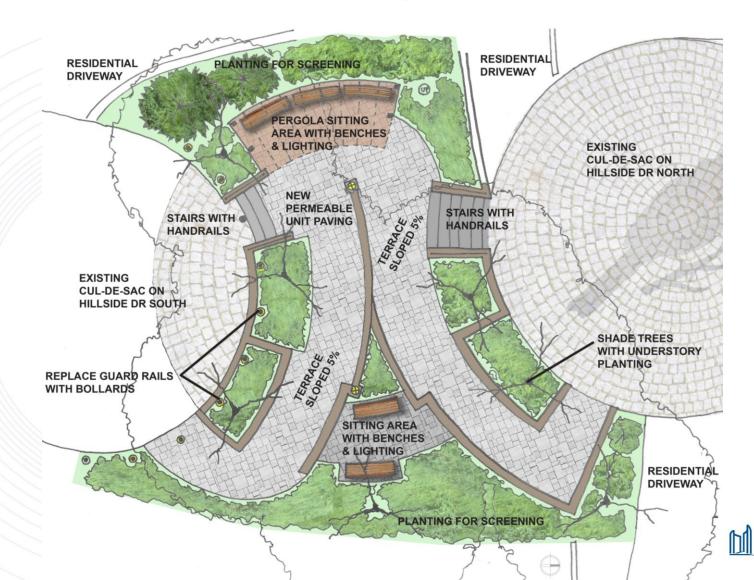


Hillside Drive - Park Space Option 1

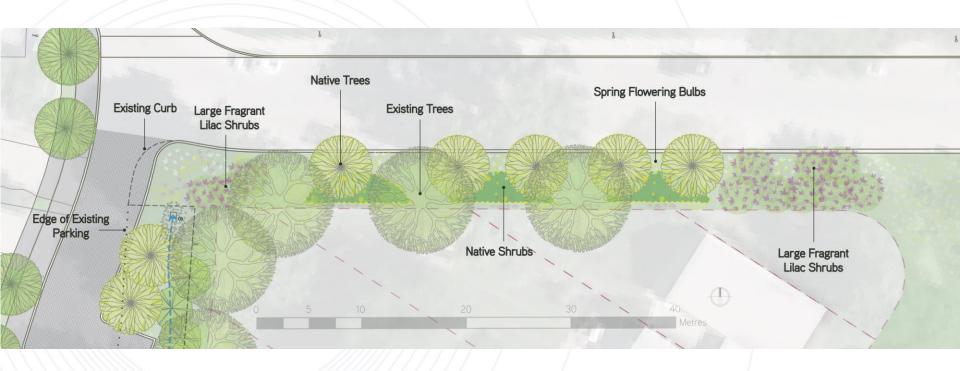




#### Hillside Drive – Park Space Option 2



#### Hillside Drive - Gamble Avenue





#### Hillside Drive Implementation

- 2016 Capital Budget Process
- Hillside Drive was previously scheduled for road resurfacing (put on hold for this program)
- 2018 Site Works
- Need to be placed into Capital Works program
- Potential Partnerships
  - Assist with funding; construction; potential maintenance



#### Potential Partnerships

- Staff have been working to identify partnerships
  - The local community
  - Toronto and Region Conservation Authority
  - Other non-profits (e.g. Friends of the East Don)
  - TD Canada Green Streets Funding Program
  - Evergreen City Works (at the Brick Works)



#### **Breakout Sessions**

- Groups of 5-7 max. at each table
- Each group will review each design option at their table
- Answer questions in workbooks found at each table and submit to Staff directly after the meeting or by September 24, 2015
- Use the workbook to help your group discuss the design options. You can write comments individually in your own workbook, or your group may choose to write responses together
- Staff will assist to facilitate
- Ask questions, be friendly, think creatively!



#### Conduct 🚜

- Everyone's comments are valuable
- Everyone is encouraged to participate in group discussions
- Be respectful of your fellow group members everyone deserves to be heard
- Record your comments in the workbooks provided



#### Breakout Sessions

- Workbook questions:
- 1. How will this design improve your experience on Gamble Ave./Hillside Dr./Green Space?
- 2. Do you see any potential challenges?
- 3. What did we miss?



#### Regroup and Review

- Summarize your points, comments, thoughts and ideas
- Where did staff get it right? Wrong?
- What can we improve?
- Nominate one group member to provide the room with a two minute summary of your comments and questions



#### Next Steps

- Staff to review feedback
- Update website (<u>www.toronto.ca/hillsidedr</u>) on ongoing basis
- Prepare report to Community Council for Q4 of 2015 with preferred solution for Hillside Drive
- Residents will be notified when report is on Community Council Agenda
- Approval by Council is another step towards implementation
- Depending on final solution, potential for site works to begin in 2018





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Please remember to fill out a Community Meeting Comment Sheet



Thank You for Attending!

