

DON MILLS CROSSING

Community Building at Eglinton and Don Mills

EMERGING PUBLIC REALM PLAN Meeting and Open House

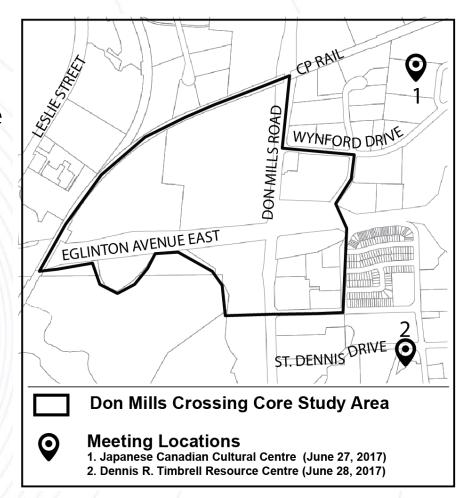
June 27 & 28, 2017





PURPOSE OF TONIGHT'S MEETING

 Present the emerging public realm plan for the Don Mills and Eglinton Area to the community for feedback and refinement.

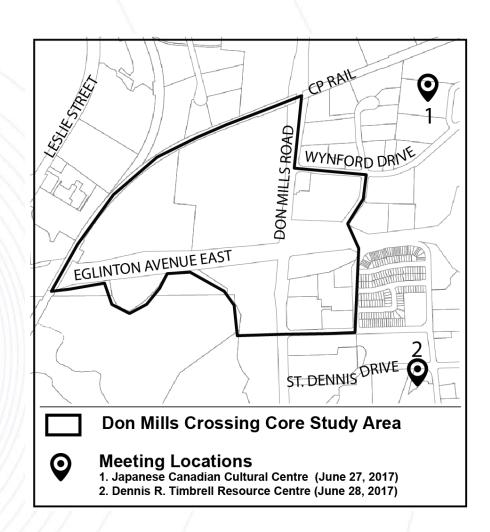






AGENDA

- Presentation (hourly)
 - Overview
- Open House (ongoing)
 - Discussion and questions with staff at each board
 - Discussion guide, comment forms and activity stations







WHAT IS DON MILLS CROSSING?

Building on the work of Eglinton Connects, Don Mills Crossing has three phases.

EGLINION connects >

Develop a new Secondary Plan for Don Mills Focus Area

Phase 1

✓ Profile

Phase 2 2017

Phase 3 2018

- the Study Area
- Develop a Vision, Analyze and Test Planning and Design **Alternatives**
- Policy Development, Statutory Meetings and Council **Approval**

Public consultation will occur throughout all phases of Don Mills Crossing

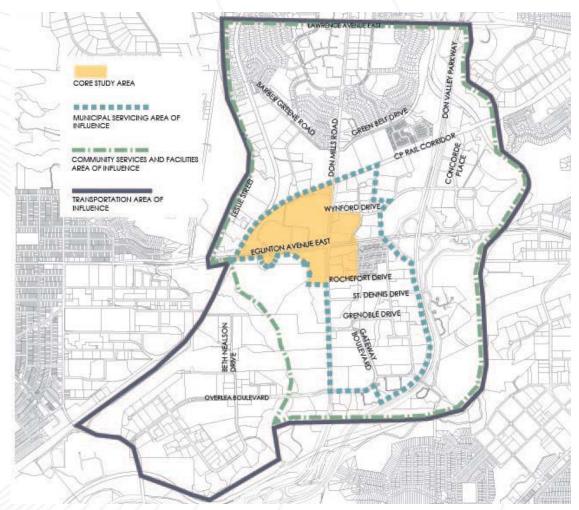




WHERE DO WE START?

We need to grow, but how do we do that in a way that benefits residents and businesses?

How do we use this transit investment to benefit the community and create a place where people can live, work and play?







WHAT IS THE PUBLIC REALM?

The Public Realm is the network of public places that make up a community:

- ✓ Streets and Trails
- ✓ Parks
- ✓ Open Spaces
- ✓ Public Buildings

It is where public life happens.













WHAT ARE COMPLETE STREETS?

Complete Streets are a set of guidelines that ensure that Toronto's streets are designed for people of all ages and abilities.

Don Mills Crossing is advancing a Complete Streets approach for new streets and is looking for ways to retrofit existing streets.











WHY IS THE PUBLIC REALM IMPORTANT?

Much of the Phase 1 feedback centred around the need to improve public realm conditions.

Developing a public realm plan is central to advancing many outcomes of the Don Mills Crossing Study.

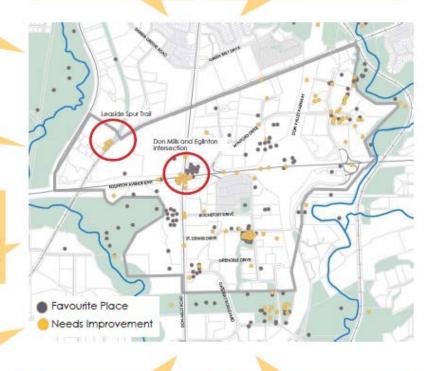
Very difficult area for pedestrians and bicylists due to high volume of traffic.

Intersection is very windswept and sterile.

Leaside Spur access to south end needs improvement for easy access from Leslie and over to Sunnybrook Park.

Lighting is designed for cars. Pedestrians and cyclists require their own infrastructure. Improve sidewalks, mark grade changes, make them safer for seniors

There is no sense of place.



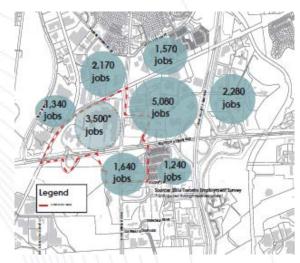
Crossing streets is challenging. Drivers only look for cars, not pedestrians. Extend pedestrian walking times at Don Mills and Eglinton intersection, maybe have button for extra walking time.



WHAT IS A PUBLIC REALM PLAN?

A public realm plan will identify how to:

- Link important places;
- Enhance streetscapes;
- Enter the ravine; and
- Connect to existing trails.









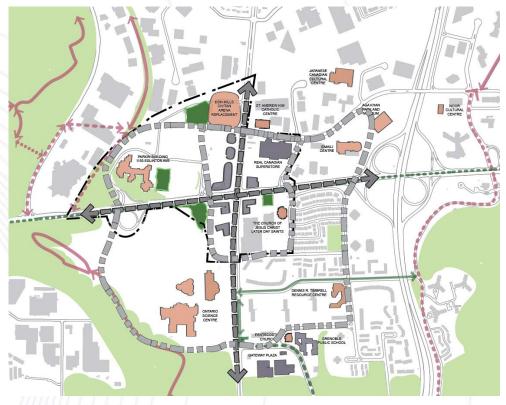




WHAT IS THE PLAN?

Enhance Eglinton
Avenue East and Don
Mills Road as **crossings**connecting through
the area.

Create two looped connectors to improve walking and cycling within the district to/from important locations like transit.









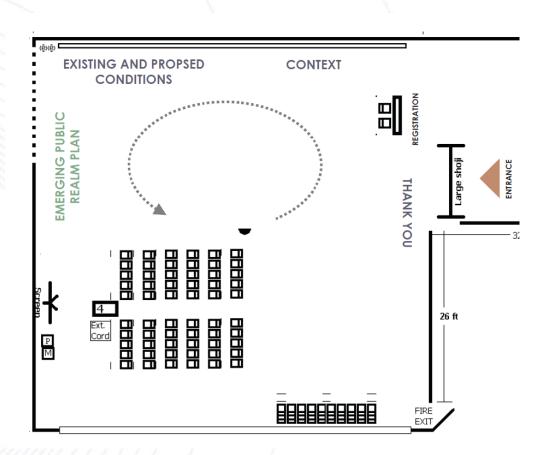




TONIGHT'S TASK

Circulate through the Open House and provide feedback through:

- Discussion Guide Inserts
- Activity Boards
- Discussions with Staff
- Kids' Activities







WHAT'S NEXT?

Visit us at toronto.ca/donmillscrossing

Sign up for our email newsletter to stay in touch and to learn about upcoming public engagement events.



