



DON MILLS CROSSING

Community Building at
Eglinton and Don Mills

JUNE 2017 PUBLIC REALM MEETING AND
OPEN HOUSE

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Thank you for being here! This Discussion Guide provides you with background on the the Don Mills Crossing Study, and the agenda and goals of today's Public Realm Meeting and Open House.

Please review this guide, complete the activities and provide your feedback.

CONTEXT

Launched in October 2016, Don Mills Crossing is examining ways to focus and shape anticipated growth around Don Mills Road and Eglinton Avenue East.

Building on the work of Eglinton Connects, Don Mills Crossing will look to improve connections to the surrounding areas, lay out a network of open space and identify community services necessary to support new growth.

Don Mills Crossing will result in a new planning framework, which will include implementation measures to support co-ordinated development of employment, residential and community uses.

This a key city building moment for Don Mills & Eglinton.



WHAT IS TODAY'S MEETING ABOUT?

An emerging Public Realm Plan for Don Mills and Eglinton is being presented for feedback and refinement. Specifically, we need your opinions on:

- What you like about the emerging Public Realm Plan
- Anything you would change about the emerging Public Realm Plan
- If so, what would you change and why?
- Your preferred experiences and public realm design choices in key areas

WHAT IS IN THIS DISCUSSION GUIDE?

1. An introduction to key Public Realm concepts
2. Information on the emerging public realm vision and questions for you to consider and provide feedback
3. Inserts you can use to provide your feedback to be shared with the project team
4. Contact Information and ways to stay involved with the study

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

The way that these public spaces are arranged and designed create a visible image of a community's character and draw people together creating strong social bonds.

The public realm is more than the sum of its parts, and the careful arrangement of these elements will create an environment to encourage public life and social activity within a community.

Don Mills Crossing is examining ways to improve the public realm around Don Mills and Eglinton.



Bay and Dundas Streets, Toronto

Complete Streets



St. George and Harbord Streets, Toronto

Toronto's vision, goals and objectives for complete streets are built on the City's Official Plan. Toronto's streets must serve a multitude of roles, functions and users. Complete streets should be designed for **people**, for **placemaking** and for **prosperity**.

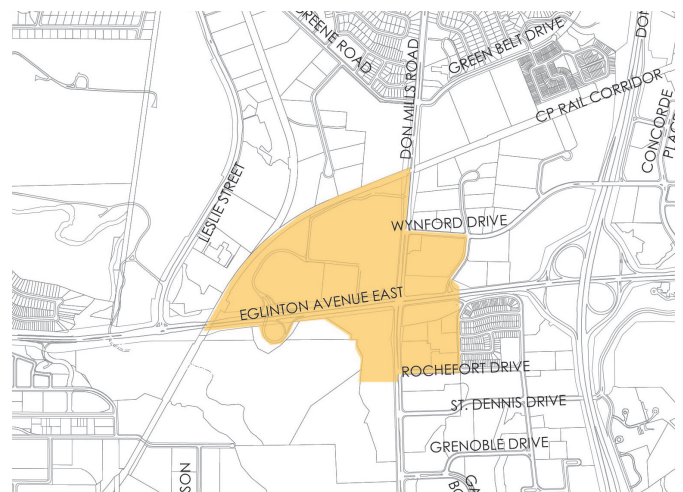
Toronto's Complete Streets guidelines identifies 16 street types in Toronto with a brief description, a series of key design objectives, and an aspirational example to help illustrate what such a street could look like.

Don Mills Crossing will use a complete streets approach in the Don Mills and Eglinton area.

Emerging Public Realm Plan

The emerging Public Realm Plan is an important structuring element for Don Mills Crossing, organizing public places and emphasizing mobility through the area via active transportation (walking, cycling).

The Plan is organized into **Crossings** (Don Mills Road and Eglinton Avenue) and **Connectors** (District and Core) which tie together existing places and spaces with new public places that will emerge through the redevelopment of the Core Study Area around Don Mills and Eglinton.



Map of Don Mills Crossing Core Study Area

Emerging Public Realm Plan



Concept Map of Emerging Public Realm Plan

Crossings and Connectors

Combined, the Crossings and Connectors connect the following into the Core Study Area:

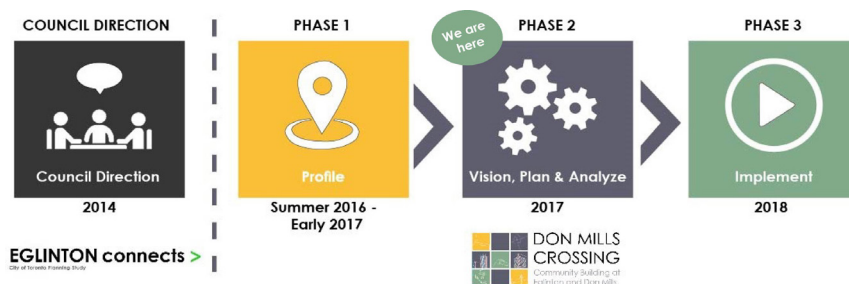
- 4 existing cycling or planned routes
- 7 existing or potential parks
- 1 existing and 1 potential community facility
- 7 cultural or institutional destinations

Streetscape treatments, cycling and pedestrian infrastructure and supportive land uses will combine to tie together these places in a new public realm network facilitating movement through the area and establishing a character for the emerging neighbourhood.

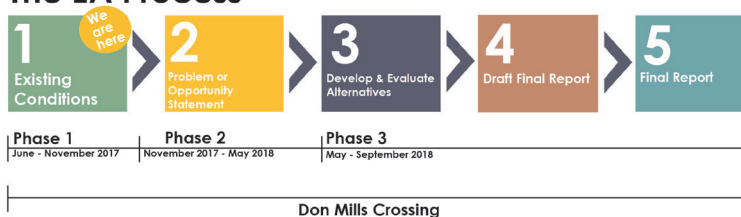
STAY INVOLVED

The City has initiated a Mobility Plan Study to support the Don Mills Crossing Study.

The Mobility Plan Study will examine new transportation infrastructure such as new streets, trail connections, and a separated pedestrian and cycling crossing at the CP Rail Corridor to improve mobility choices and options in the area. This Study will satisfy Phases 1 and 2 of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Process.



The EA Process



The Don Mills Crossing study is moving towards a Proposals report on emerging directions at the end of 2017. Additional consultation will be taking place this summer (Planners in Public Spaces events) and early Fall 2017.

Know someone who might be interested in this Study? Help us spread awareness and knowledge by sharing this Discussion Guide.

MORE INFORMATION AND CONTACT

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COMMENT SHEET

Please use this space to provide comments that you wish to share with the project team. Let us know what you thought about the material you saw today or anything that you think is important for us to know!

Need more time? Share feedback after today with Christian Ventresca at Christian.Ventresca@toronto.ca or (416) 392-3439 or mail to 55 John Street, 22nd Floor, Toronto, Ontario, M5V 3C6. **Deadline for feedback: July 12, 2017**

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Facilities



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Land Use



Streets and
Trails



What do you like about the emerging Public Realm Plan?	Is there anything you would change about the emerging Public Realm Plan? If so, what would you change and why?	Do you have any other thoughts or comments?