

# Our Scarborough Centre

Online Survey #3

## Summary of Responses



May 2022



## Background

City of Toronto staff are updating the Scarborough Centre Secondary Plan, which was approved by Council in 2005. A Secondary Plan is a tool that guides change in a particular area of the City through detailed policies promoting compatibility and coordination among buildings and development, parks and public spaces, transportation, community services and facilities, and land use.

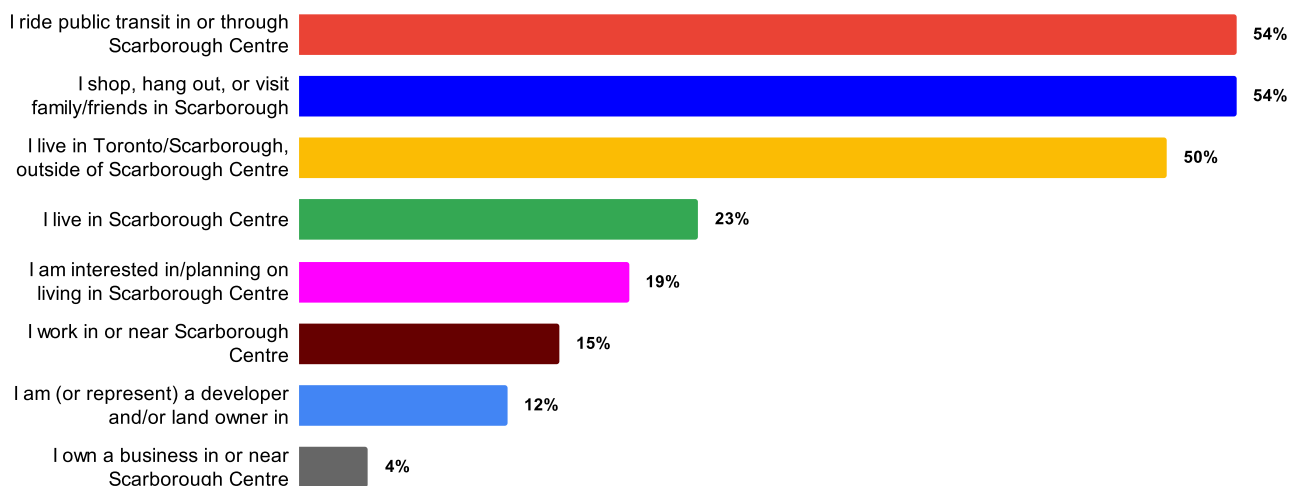
A lot has changed in Scarborough Centre since 2005, including a number of new residential towers, a new park and a new library. The approved Scarborough Subway Extension will bring increased growth along with a new station and bus terminal.

An online survey was launched for members of the public to share feedback on the preferred development concept prepared during Phase 4 of the Study. The voluntary survey was available from May 10th to May 23rd 2022. All responses were anonymous and no personally identifiable information was collected.

26 community members participated in the survey, representing a variety of people who live, work, and play within Scarborough Centre (see Figure 1). The majority (74%) of participants were between the ages of 30 and 64. Many survey respondents had previously participated in other engagement activities for the Our Scarborough Centre Study, including virtual meetings, social media, workshops, and earlier online surveys.

Figure 1 **What is your interest in Scarborough Centre? Select all that apply.**

*n* = 26 responses



## Survey

The survey had 25 questions. A high-level summary of responses is provided here, with a focus on 7 themes: sustainability, streets, housing, parkland and open space, retail, community services and facilities, and complete communities.

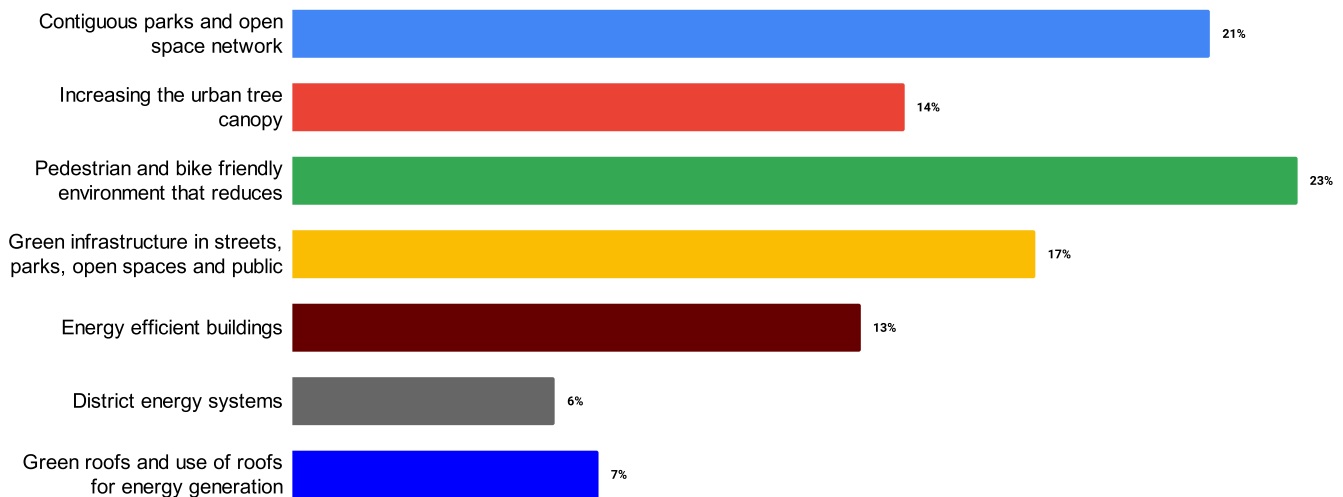




## Sustainability

Figure 2 Rank the following measures in the order you consider critical for the aspired goal of sustainability and resilience.

*n* = 21 responses



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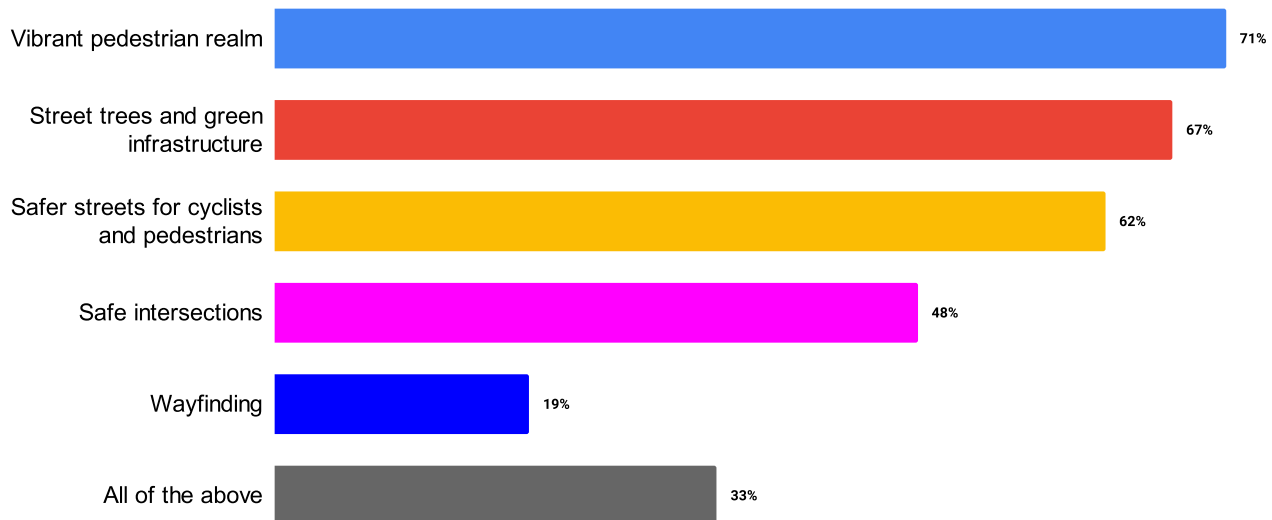
- Encourage low-carbon buildings using materials like mass timber or wood.
- Ensure that new developments follow green building standards.
- Concern regarding the amount high-density towers and how the increased population would be supported by community facilities and services.
- Focus on reducing traffic and car congestion in each phase of development to ensure that pollution is being managed.
- Connect Scarborough Centre to Downtown using a continuous bike path.



## Streets

Figure 3 What features do you consider critical in future streets in Scarborough Centre? (select all that apply)

$n = 21$  responses



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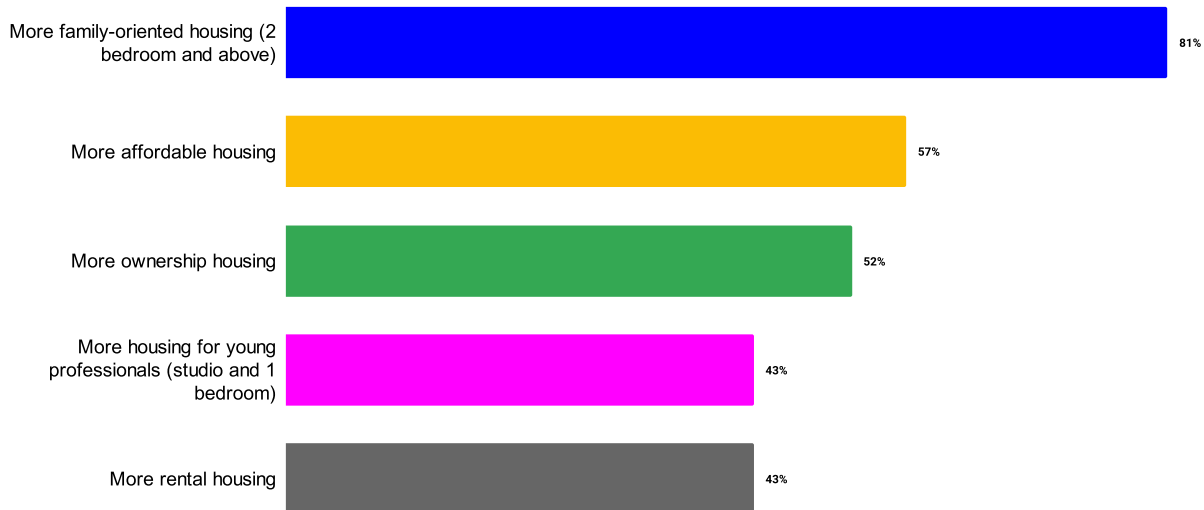
- Desire to have more arts and culture incorporated into the pedestrian realm.
- Include more waste disposal containers on streets.
- Monitor traffic violations through the use of cameras.
- Clear signage that is accessible to all.
- Increased maintenance for potholes and damage to streets and sidewalks.



## Housing

Figure 4 **What kinds of housing do you envision in Scarborough centre?  
(select all that apply)**

*n* = 21 responses



Additionally, survey respondents told us:

- More housing for immigrants.
- Desire for social housing in Scarborough Centre.
- More 3-bedroom units to allow more families to live in Scarborough Centre.
- To protect Frank Faubert Wood Lot, no more buildings around the south part of Scarborough Town Centre Mall.
- Include low-rise buildings.
- There needs to be more home-ownership opportunities.
- Maintain Scarborough Centre as an affordable community in Toronto by having a balance of housing types.

## Parkland and Open Space

Figure 5 What kinds of parks and open spaces are needed to support recreational needs and activities in Scarborough Centre (select all that apply)

n = 21 responses



Additionally, survey respondents told us:

- More waste disposal containers.
- Include public washrooms and drinking fountains.
- Desire for more street festivals to showcase local pride and talent.

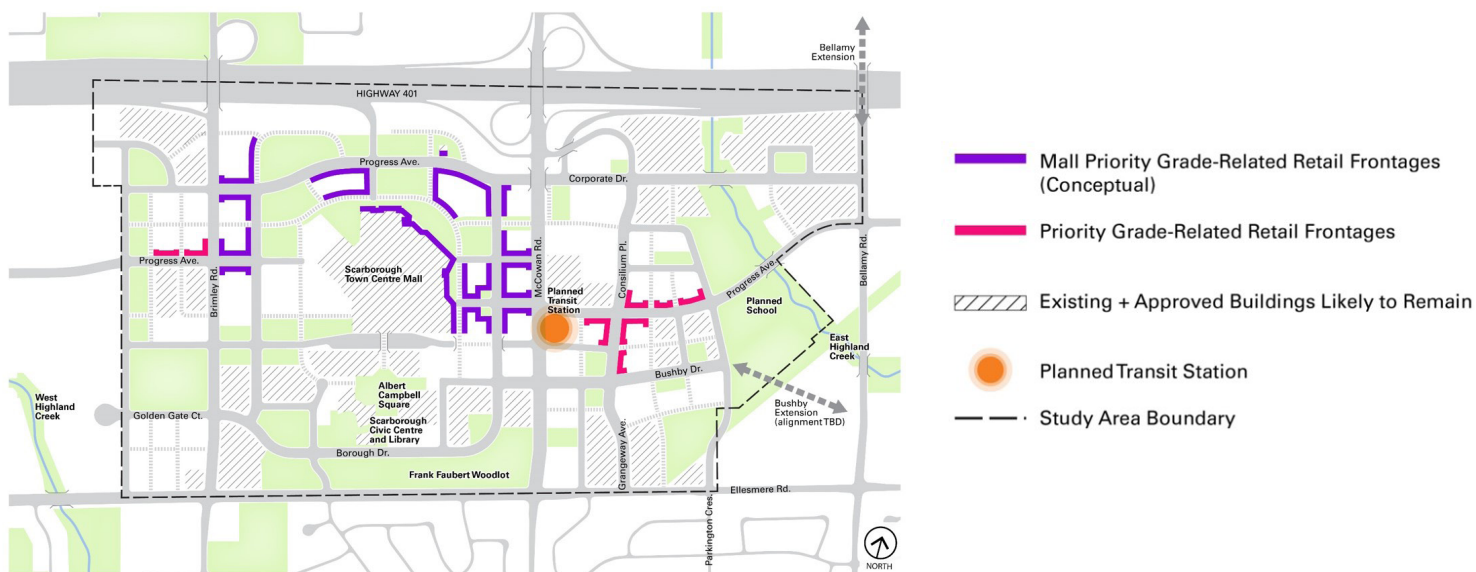




## Retail

Survey respondents told us:

- Encourage more local and independent shops.
- No retail on the southeast corner of Brimley and Progress to leave room for green space.
- Support Grangeway becoming a pedestrian/bike friendly street that includes retail.
- Consider the future street west of Grangeway as an area for more retail.





## Community Services and Facilities

Survey respondents told us:

- Consider a dog park.
- Opportunities for bike rentals.
- Build a nursing home.
- Encourage large grocery stores.
- Theatres, Arts Centre, Fitness Centre.

## Complete Communities

Survey respondents told us:

- Desire for Scarborough Centre to function like a 15-minute neighbourhood where everything can be accessed within a short walk.
- More opportunities for nightlife and entertainment.
- Make Scarborough Centre a destination and draw visitors from other parts of Toronto.
- Encourage low commercial rents.
- Desire for 50km speed limits in the community.
- Safe paths for pedestrians and cyclists accessing Scarborough Centre from north of Highway 401.

## Next Steps

You can continue to contact City staff to provide your comments on the Our Scarborough Centre or ask questions directly. Please direct your feedback to [ourSC@toronto.ca](mailto:ourSC@toronto.ca) and visit the [Study website](#) for more information, materials, reports and meeting notices. The final report will be available on the Study Website.