A Vision for a Thriving, Connected Community

This District Plan articulates a vision for a thriving, mixed-use, transit-oriented district.

Downsview West will emerge as a collection of neighbourhoods: where nature, culture, and community thrive together.

This District Plan builds upon the framework and vision established in the Downsview Secondary Plan, advancing its objectives through:

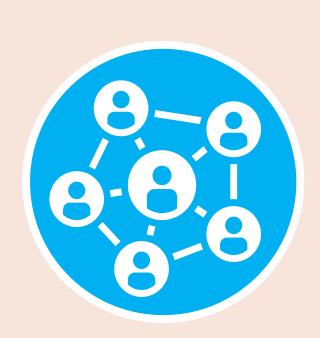
- An interconnected network of streets and blocks;
- A well-balanced mix of land uses;
- A built form and density strategy that creates distinct neighbourhoods;
- A strategy for parks and open space;
- New community services and facilities;
 and
- A rehabilitated Depot Building.



30.3 ha of land



~3.8 ha
of parks and
open spaces



~17,000
Residents



3,300

Jobs



1+ schools,

3+ daycares, and

1,100 sq m of agency space



8,800

Homes, including

20% affordable units



~900 m

off-street pedestrian and cycling paths



1400 trees

targeting a tree canopy of

25%

PRE-APPLICATION ENGAGEMENT SNAPSHOT



+ 50,000
notices
mailed to
local residents



+ 300
unique participants
engaged through
various channels



+ 100
people participated
in Community
Meetings



+ 70
people visited
community
Pop-Ups



+ 60
people participated
in Open House
Sessions

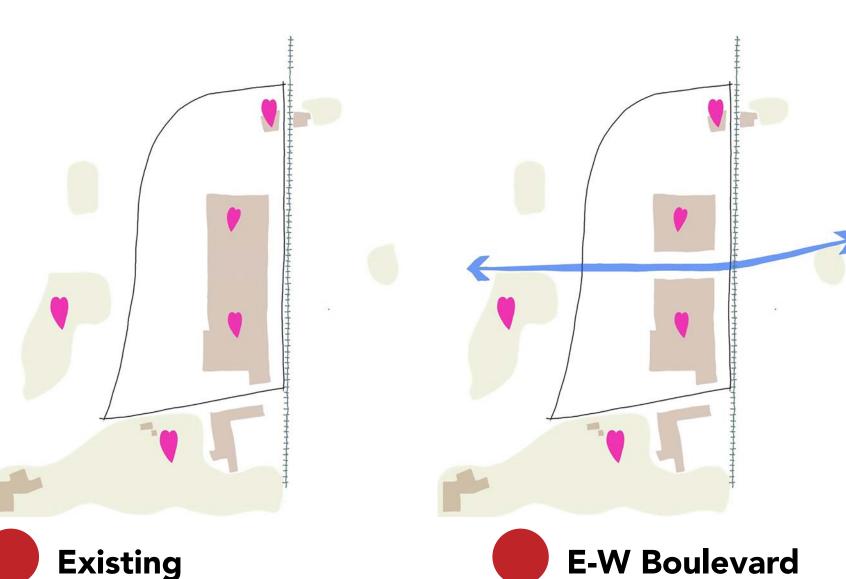




The District Plan sets the stage for new neighbourhoods that connect community, culture and nature:

- System of parks, plazas and other open spaces
- Fine grained network of streets
- Naturalized stormwater management and greenways for biodiversity
- Opportunities to reflect Indigenous teachings and perspectives
- 3 distinct character areas
- Unique employment, commercial and retail spaces and experiences
- Re-use of existing buildings
- Improved connections to transit, Woodlot, Downsview Park and the broader area

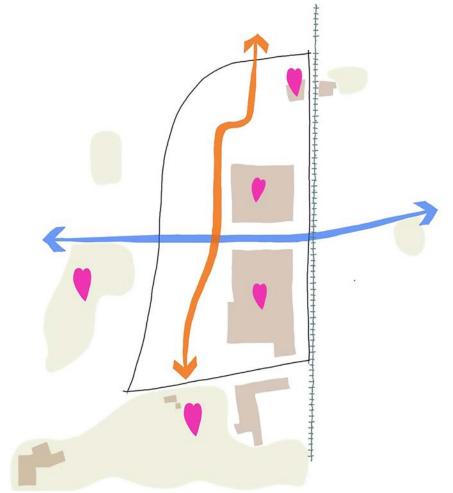
Structuring Elements ...



The Transit station, the Depot, Downsview Park, and the Arbo woodlot are assets to

embrace and build on

Identified in the Phase 1/2
Environmental Assessment
and Downsview
Secondary Plan



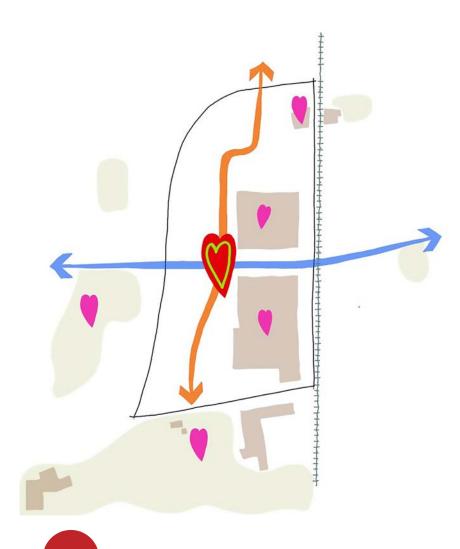
N-S Boulevard

Create connections from Transit Station to Downsview Park



Fine Grain

Connecting people and places



Heart

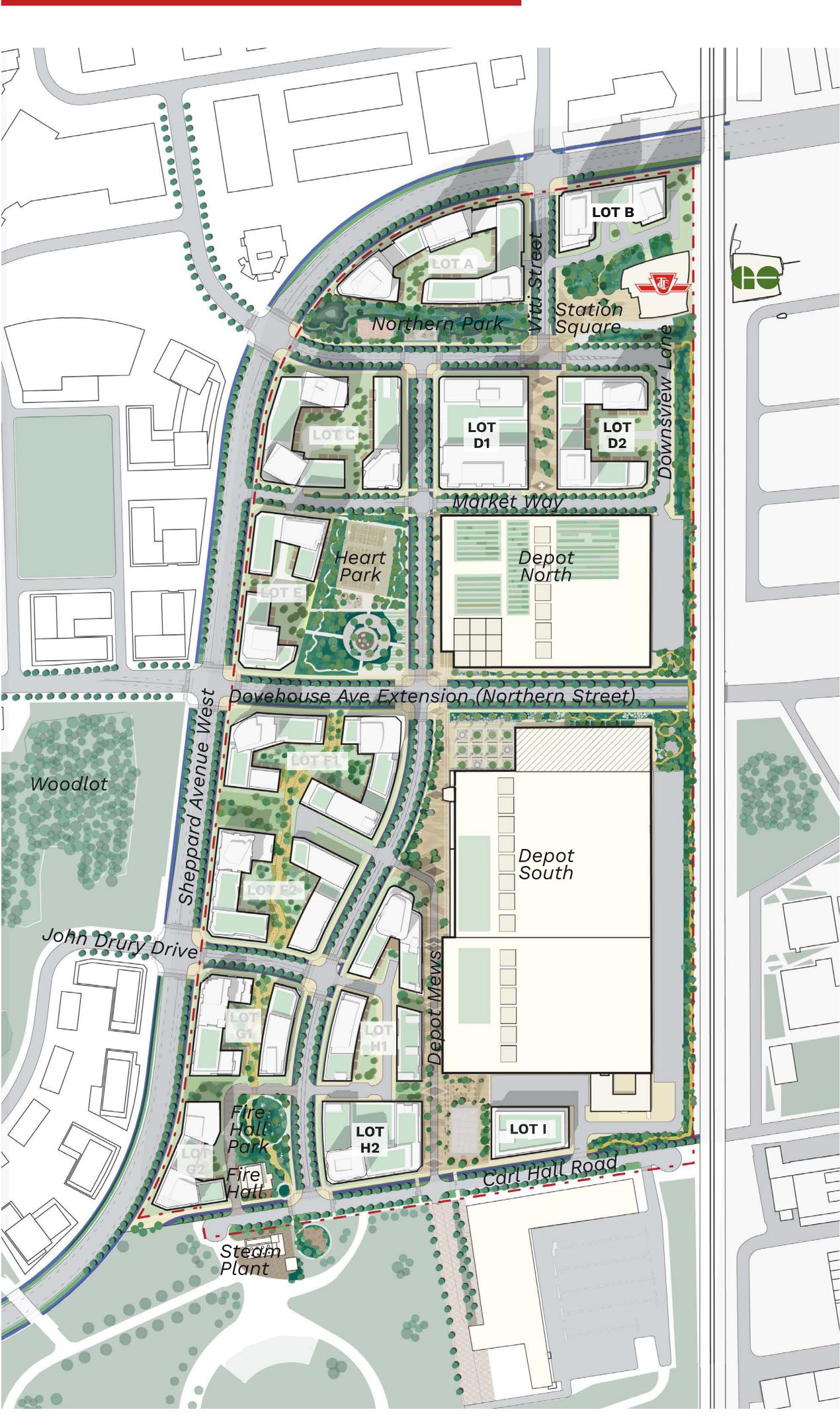
A natural focus for the new community



Mix of Uses

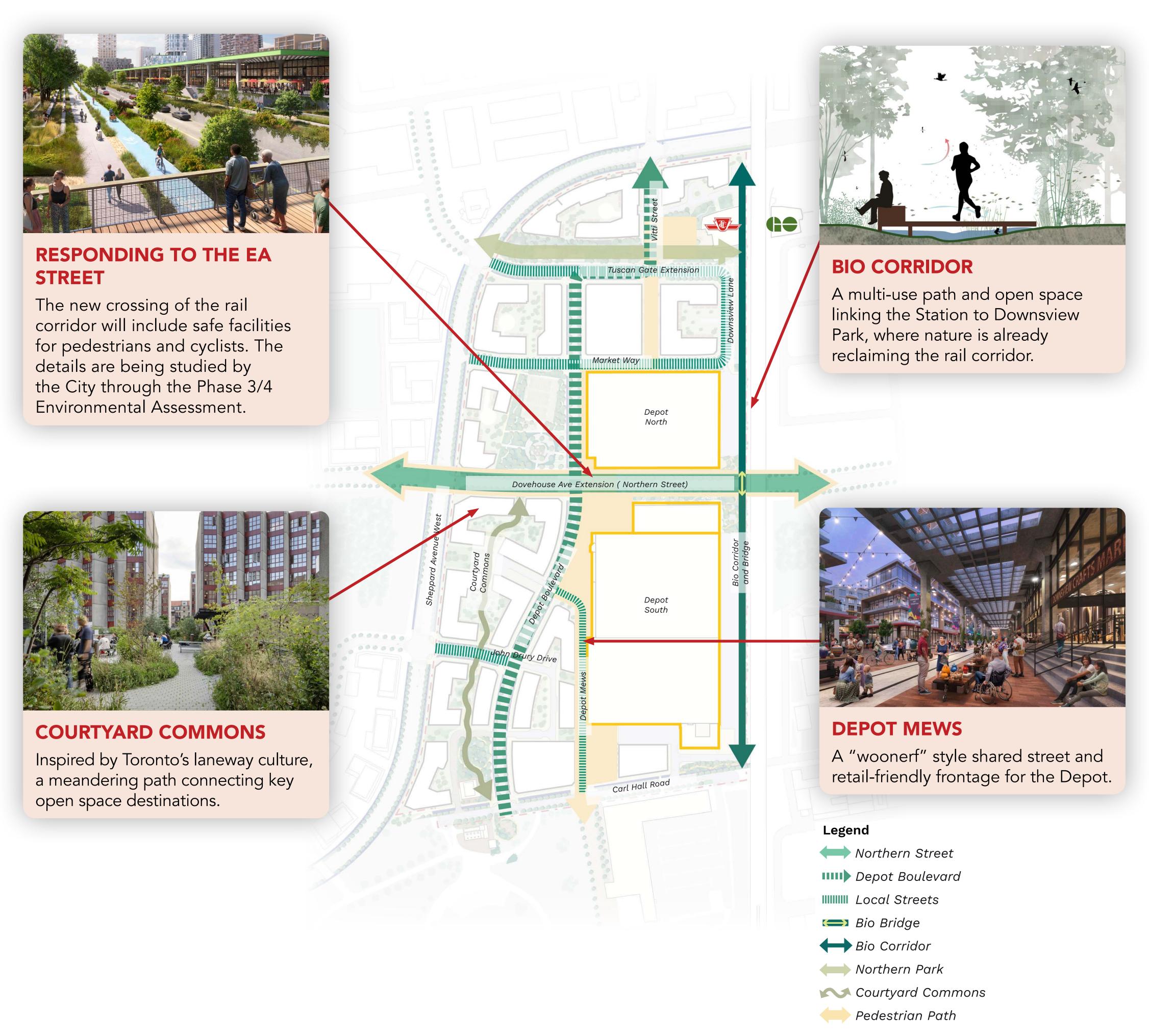
A vibrant, diverse place

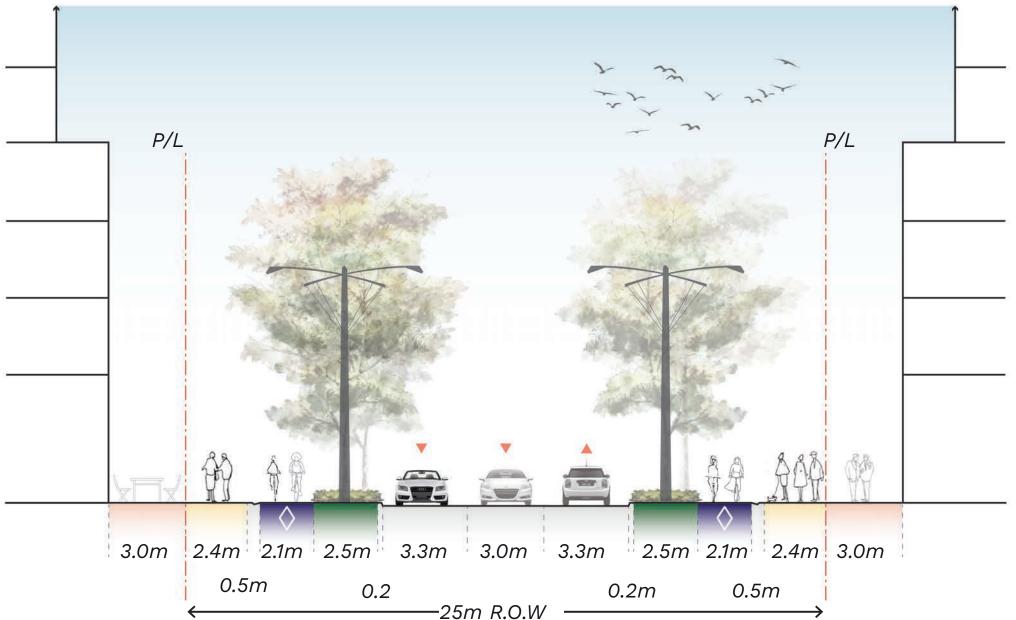
... Leading to a District Plan





Getting Around The District (Transportation & Mobility)





PEOPLE FIRST MOBILITY

The streets will be vibrant and human-scale, with pedestrian and cyclist facilities, and make direct connections between Downsview Park, the TTC/GO Station and the broader context.

The fine-grained network of streets is enriched by off-street pedestrian and cycling paths.



An Interconnected Public Realm



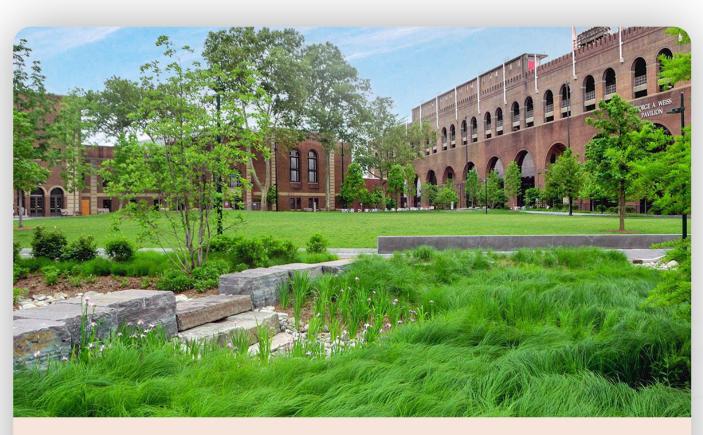


NEARLY 10 AC OF OPEN SPACE

Downsview West will deliver 9.3 acres (3.8 hectares) of parks and open spaces, integrated into a network that embraces the nature-rich character of Arbo neighbourhood and woodlot and Downsview Park. Here, City Nature will be woven into the fabric of place.

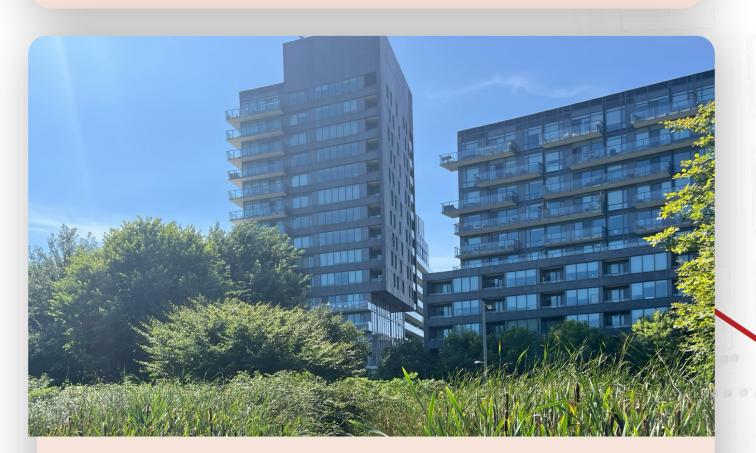


Placekeeping, Sustainability, Community and Culture



GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

Surface-based green infrastructure leverages open spaces during major events to capture and retain run-off. Cherishing rainwater that nourishes plants and the lands' rich natural character.



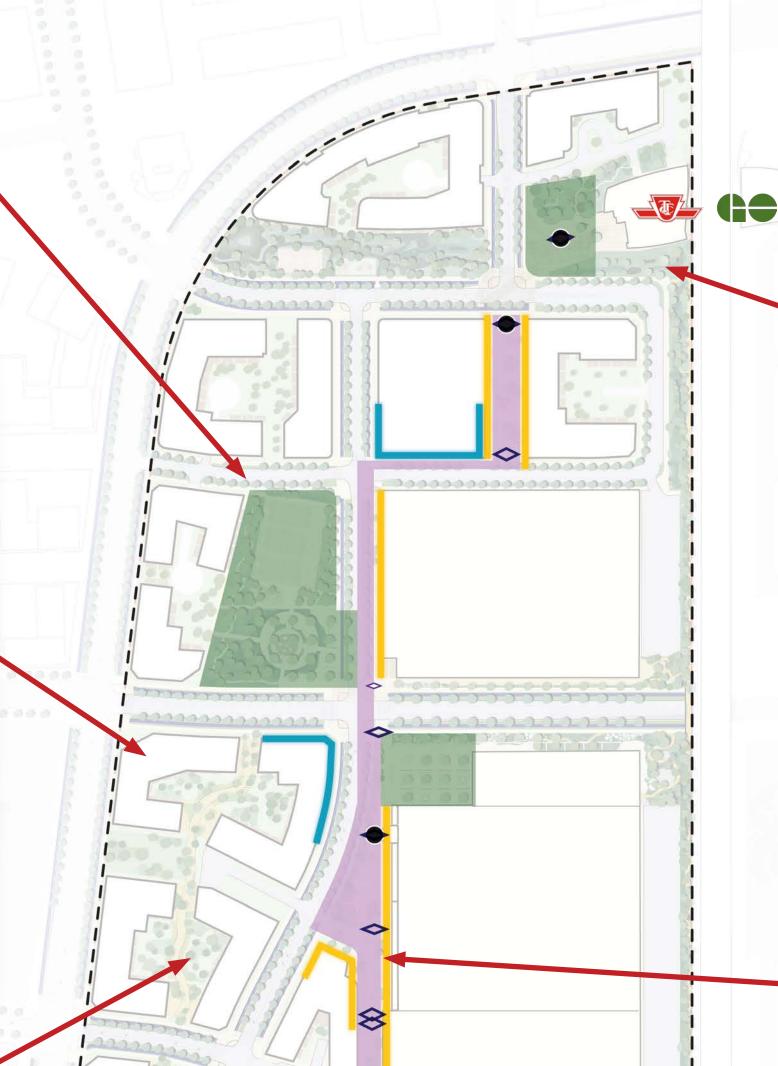
SUSTAINABLE BUILDING PRACTICES

Development will target TGS Tier 3 Version 4 aligning with the City's goal of achieving near net zero buildings by 2040.



CITY NATURE

Delivering an interconnected open space system is essential in implementing City Nature. The District has been designed to integrate with the existing open space network, connecting natural heritage features in the surrounding community.





TRANSIT ORIENTED COMPLETE COMMUNITIES

Downsview West residents will be at most a 10-minutes walk from higher-order transit, and will live in neighbourhoods where most daily needs can be met by non-auto modes.



ANCESTORS' TRAIL

A pedestrian Route and Cultural Canvas for Indigenous Place-keeping that crosses the District.

Legend

- Diamonds
- Art Installation
- Pavement Treatment
- Potential Indigenous ArchitectureOpen Space



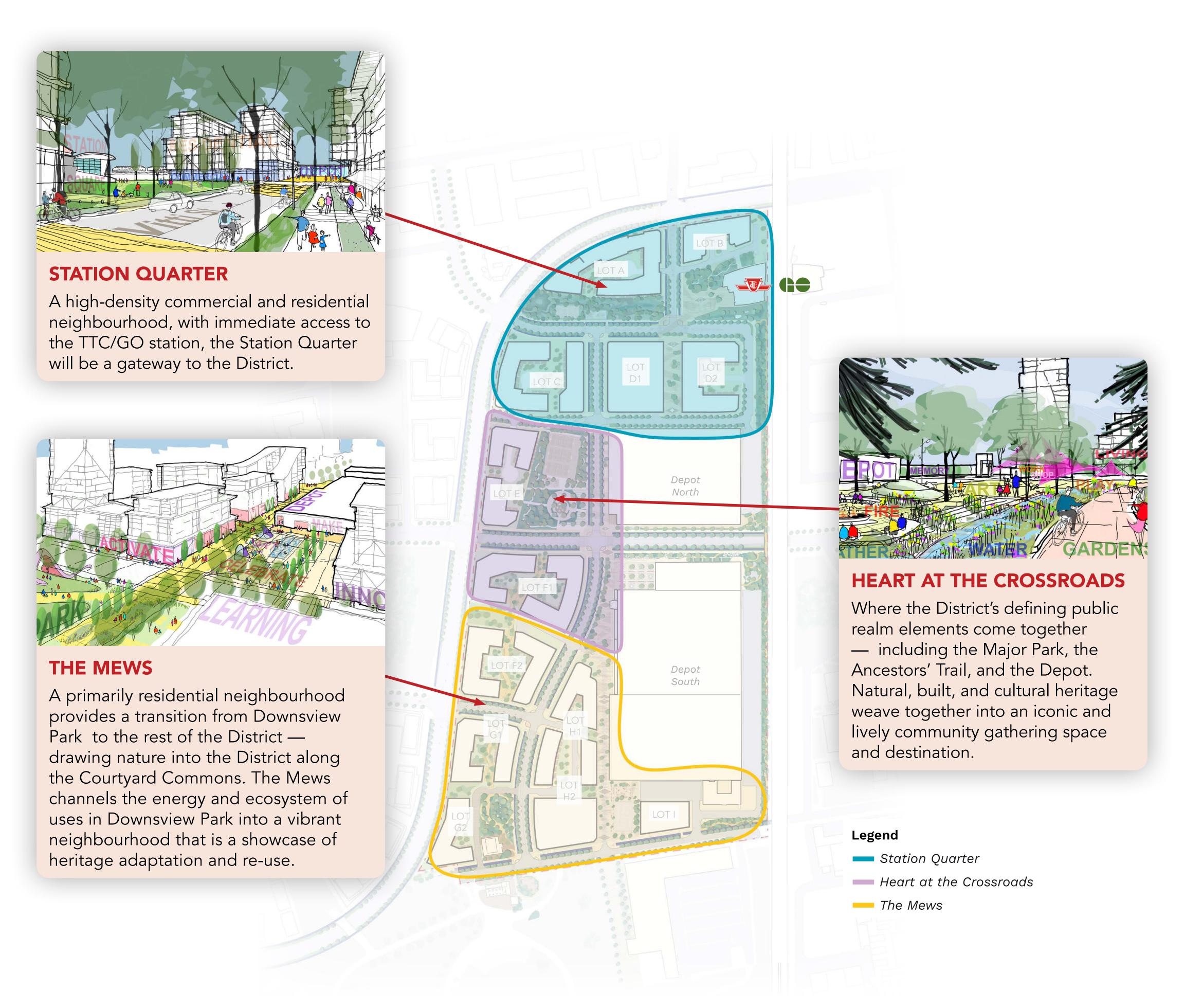
EMBRACING THE DEPOT

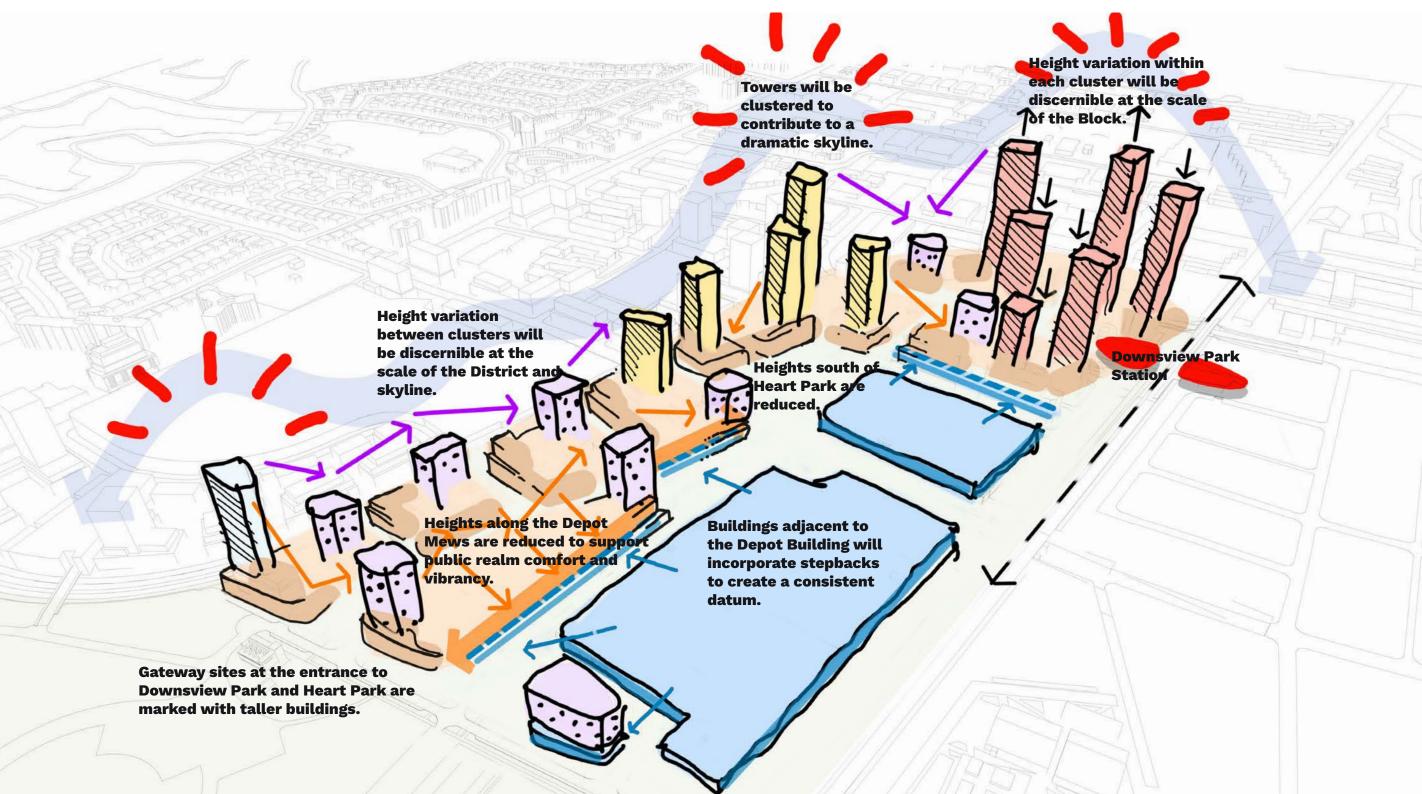
The Depot Building is the largest single structure at Downsview, and was the largest of four supply depots for the Canadian Military in the country. It will be a prominent landmark and a reminder of Downsview's legacy.

The Districts' mixed-use vibrancy will be anchored by the adaptive reuse of the Depot Building, a defining presence in the District.



A District of Unique Neighbourhoods





BUILT FORM AND THE SKYLINE

The scale and form of buildings in Downsview West will vary throughout the area. Generally, taller buildings will be located closer to the transit station, gradually transitioning down towards the Depot and Downsview Park.

The design and scale of the new buildings will harmonize with the existing structures, ensuring a cohesive urban design throughout the District.

