

Maple Leaf & Rustic Neighbourhood Streets Plan Local Advisory Committee Meeting # 3

Date: Tuesday, September 23, 2025

Meeting Type: In-Person

Start time: 7:00 p.m. **End Time:** 8:30 p.m.

Project Overview:

In 2020, the Etobicoke York Community Council directed City staff to work with the Maple Leaf and Rustic communities to develop a plan to address community concerns related to traffic safety issues at the neighbourhood level. City staff are using a Neighbourhood Streets Plan (NSP) process to develop this plan. The project has undergone two phases of public consultation. A Local Advisory Committee (LAC) was established following the second phase of consultation. The LAC is a non-political advisory body with a mandate to provide constructive feedback to the City project team as a part of public consultation for the Maple Leaf & Rustic NSP and provide insights into local residents' perspectives.

Meeting Objectives:

- Introduce and share information about Keele Street and Lawrence Avenue West study and Culford Road/Queen's Drive project
- To share and receive feedback on the revised proposed changes
- To share next steps for Public Consultation with the wider community.

Meeting Overview:

The meeting was facilitated by Rachel Yanchyshyn, Senior Public Consultation Coordinator. A presentation was provided by Marian Mithani, Project Manager Transportation Services followed by an opportunity for the Local Advisory Committee to ask questions and hear responses from City staff and the local area Councillor.

Presentation

Staff presented the key findings the Maple Leaf and Rustic Neighbourhood Streets Plan, introduced the Keele Street/Lawrence Ave West study, the Culford Road/Queen's Drive project and presented the Revised Proposals. Link to presentation [**here**](#).

Key information from the presentation:

- A study to investigate options for operational improvement and design improvements is underway for the Keele Street and Lawrence Avenue West intersection.
- Culford Road is the central north-south route in the project area and will be undergoing watermain replacement work in 2027-2028. This is an opportunity to consider changes to street design. Further public consultation will be involved.
- Revised proposals in the Neighbourhood Streets Plan include removal of all one-way loops, fewer turn restrictions, missing sidewalks and speed humps to be considered in the future on a case by case basis, and additional parking allowed locations have been removed.

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- The final community consultation will involve a mailed Public Notice, a public event and an online survey.

Below is a record of discussion and questions following the presentations. The discussion captured is summarized below: **Q:** Question/ **A:** Answer/ **C:** Comment/ **Action:** Action items.

Culford Road and Queens Drive

Q: What are the road width changes proposed on Culford Road?

A: The City standard lane width is 3.3 metres for streets with buses. Because the width of Culford Road varies, there could be 1 to 2 metres change.

Q: Members of the LAC do not recall seeing the restrictions proposed for Queens Drive before, is this a new element of the proposal?

A: The proposed restrictions are new, introduced since the one-way street proposals were removed. The restrictions are to be considered as part of the future project.

C: Members of the LAC do not recall requesting a signal that is proposed at Maple Leaf Drive and Culford Road.

Q: A stop sign at Queens Drive would be good. Would traffic be required to turn right during peak hours?

A: Yes, a right turn from Queens Drive to Arkwright Street would be required at peak hours if the proposed restriction proceeds. The restrictions are to be considered as part of the future of the project.

Q: Is Transportation Services aware that a TTC bus stop is to be moved from the south-west corner of Maple Leaf Drive to the west side of Culford Road, because buses currently have difficulty making the turn? This will also have an impact traffic.

A: Thank you, all comments have been noted.

C: The map in the presentation does not show DeMarco Boulevard.

A: We will look into that and update the presentation document as required.

Q: Can the City plan to do construction work on Culford Road outside of the months when school is in session?

A: There are many factors that influence timeline, but we aim to do work outside of the school year. Your comments have been noted.

Revised Proposals

Q: The proposal to restrict parking on one side of the street in problem areas is a good idea, but how do you enforce that?

C: Councillor Nunziata shared that the City does not have enough parking enforcement officers to do enforcement in the community all the time. There used to be a parking lot at the park, residents asked that it be removed because of widespread loitering. Residents in the area don't want street parking, however people coming to the park to play sports or for recreation need to park somewhere.

Q: Can you confirm that there are no one-ways proposed?

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A: There are no one-way streets in the proposal.

C: Councillor Nunziata stated that in order to get a street changed to one-way every person living on the street must agree to the change.

C: We are glad the one-way streets are out of the plans. The new plan is not so overwhelming for the public and more realistic.

Q: What is a community safety zone?

A: In order to be designated as a community safety zone, there are criteria that need to be met (i.e. proximity to a seniors residential building). The zones are indicated with a white sign and are eligible for automatic speed enforcement. Community safety zones cannot be designated where there is existing traffic calming (e.g. speed humps).

C: The presentation's key findings include that 'walking will become more safe', but on the south side of Lawrence Avenue West where kids are coming up to schools there is no safe walkway on DeMarco Boulevard, it's dangerous. Acknowledging that adding a sidewalk is not popular but should be considered at some point.

A: Whenever a City road comes up for reconstruction, a sidewalk can be considered. The City has a policy to have a sidewalk on at least one side for local streets.

C: There is a concern that there has not been any consultation regarding the intersection improvements at Maple Leaf Drive and Romeo Drive.

C: Councillor Nunziata stated that the proposal for the intersection has been stopped, because the community just wants zebra markings. Councillor Nunziata is planning to hold a community meeting about it, so any changes at the intersection should be removed from the presentation.

A: The project team will look into removing it from the presentation and speak with the Vision Zero team to make sure we obtain the latest information. However please note that an all-way stop is not possible at this location.

Q: Why did the road work on Maple Leaf Drive this summer not include changes?

A: Unfortunately, there was not enough lead time for the Neighbourhood Streets Plan to take advantage during the planning phase and complete more of the changes.

Safety in School Zones

Q: Could the St Fidelis parking lot be used for the public after school?

A: The Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) parking is used for school permit rentals after hours.

C: The TCDSB will be preparing a map with principals' recommendations for each school area i.e. signs, markings, etc. and will share the recommendation with City project staff.

Q: Have there been comments from any representatives of the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) schools in the area such as Amesbury PS or Gracefield PS?

A: The TDSB are a part of our interest group list and have been invited to comment.

C: Councillor Nunziata informed the group that, to get more crossing guards the school makes the request which goes to the Councillor for sign-off. Marked crosswalks are a requirement

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before a school crossing guard can be placed. Requested sites also undergo an assessment to confirm it qualifies for a cross guard.

Q: Can speed humps or a 30km/h speed limit sign be placed just in front of a school, instead of on the whole street?

A: Reduction of speed from 40km to 30km is part of the function of speed humps. Speed reduction for a single block is less effective than a longer stretch of the street, and the staff would not recommend changes to the speed limit for a single block. Our findings in the neighbourhood are that high speeds are an issue along Falstaff Avenue from Jane Street to Culford Road and we previously proposed speed humps for this entire section.

C: At St Fidelis, it would be good to have school safety zone (SSZ) signs and a speed warning sign.

A: The City does have plans to install safety measures as part of a school safety zone...

C: Councillor Nunziata stated to the group that the new St Fidelis Catholic School opened before construction was fully completed, and the Councillor's office is planning to hold a community meeting with residents and the school.

A: TCDSB Principals attending the LAC have provided feedback on improvements for the schools.

Other

C: Councillor Nunziata noted that the Jane Street portion of RapidTO project has been cancelled in the York-South Weston ward, and that it will be completed in Councillor Perruzza and Councillor Pasternak's wards.

Q: Previous comments were given by the group about the synchronization of traffic lights for the 401 off-ramp at Jane Street, was this pursued?

A: Previous comments about have been shared with the appropriate teams in the City who manage traffic signal timing coordination and transit optimization on Jane Street. As discussed in previous LAC meetings, signal timing of traffic lights is coordinated across entire corridors like Jane Street and prioritized city-wide.

Q: Can the police do a parking enforcement blitz?

A: Toronto Police Services have a regular presence around the schools in the area.

C: The Councillor will be holding a community meeting regarding the new development application for a 25-storey building at Keele Street and Lawrence Avenue West. Meeting date TBA.

Q: What is the timeline for Council recommendations for the Neighbourhood Streets Plan?

A: The Public Meeting will take place with the larger community in late Fall, after that in early 2026 we will be going to Council with recommendations.

Meeting Attendees:

Councillor's Office

1. Councillor Frances Nunziata, Ward 5 York-South Weston

2. Geno Orsi, Executive Assistant

City of Toronto

3. Michelle Berquist, Transportation Services
4. Marian Mithani, Transportation Services
5. Kelsey Carriere, Transportation Services
6. Stephanie Gris Bringas, Public Consultation Unit
7. Rachel Yanchyshyn, Public Consultation Unit
8. Michele Blackwood, Public Consultation Unit

Local Advisory Committee Members:

8. Laura Albanese
9. David Ferro
10. Edy Francescutto
11. Irene Leslie
12. George Paschakis
13. Erin Robertson
14. Vanda Zanini
15. Pat Oppedisano
16. Erica Pallotta, TCDSB
17. Andrea Hafeez, TCDSB Parent Council
18. Tomasz Oltarzewski, TCDSB