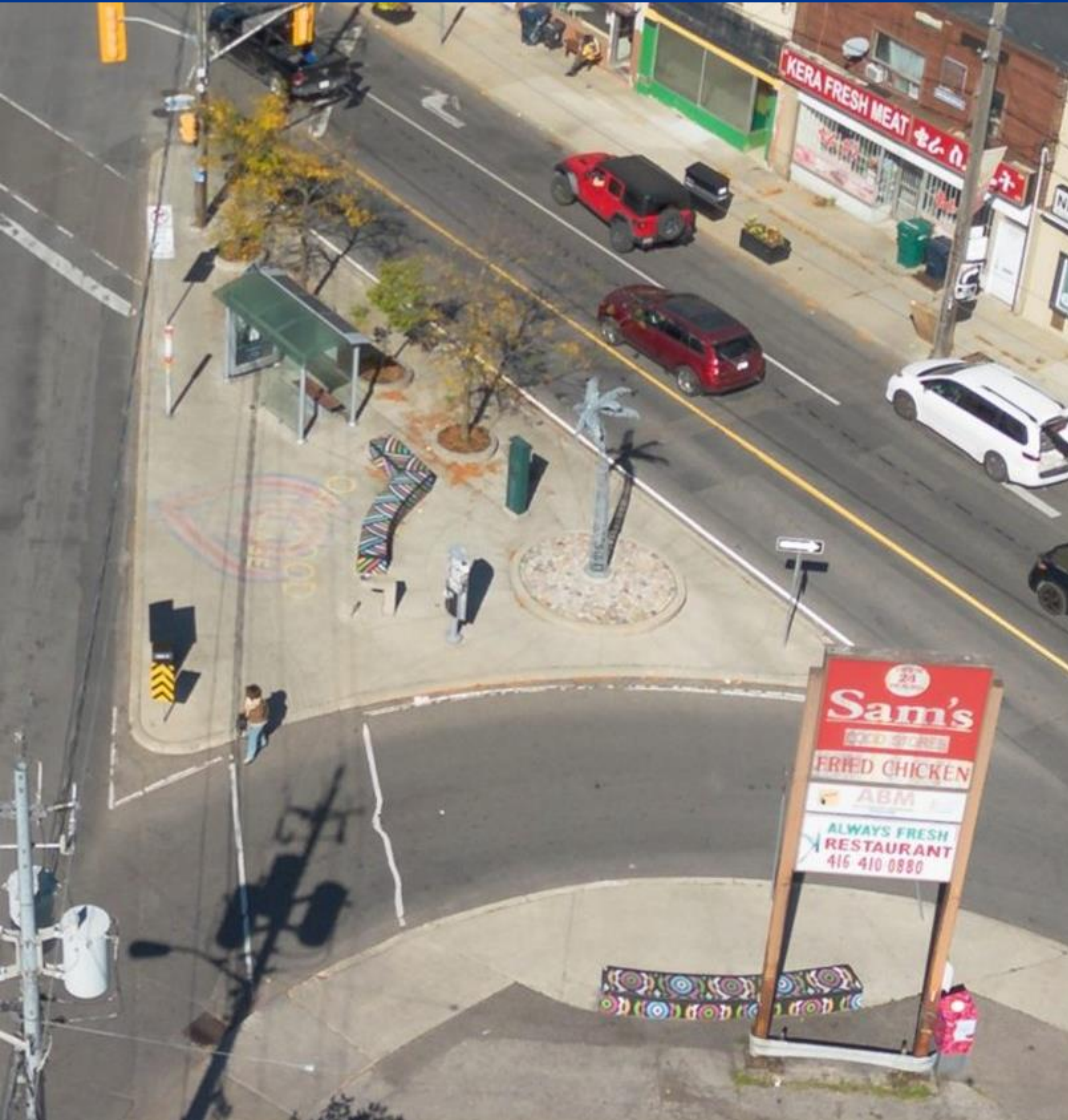


OAKWOOD AVENUE & VAUGHAN ROAD PARKETTE

Feedback welcome!

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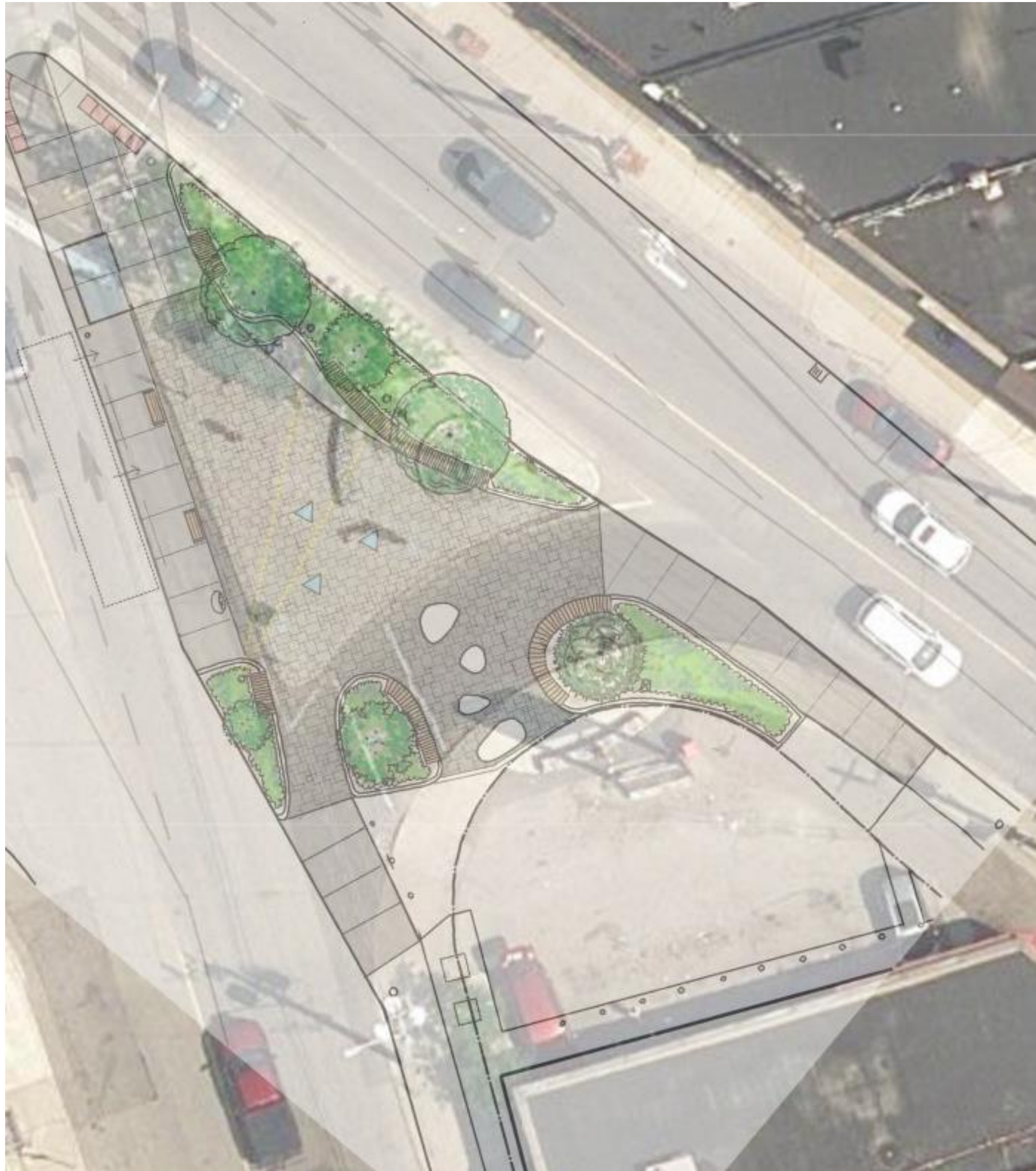


The City of Toronto has road work planned on Vaughan Road in 2028. This provides an opportunity to redesign the current traffic island at Oakwood Avenue and Vaughan Road to improve safety and enhance the public space.

Initial community feedback gathered through the Vaughan Road Safety Improvements consultation suggested a desire to:

- Maximize public space and opportunities for community events
- Improve safe access to the TTC stop
- Add greenery and shade
- Ensure safe sight lines and good lighting
- Maintain access to the plaza parking from Vaughan Road

Parkette Design Concept



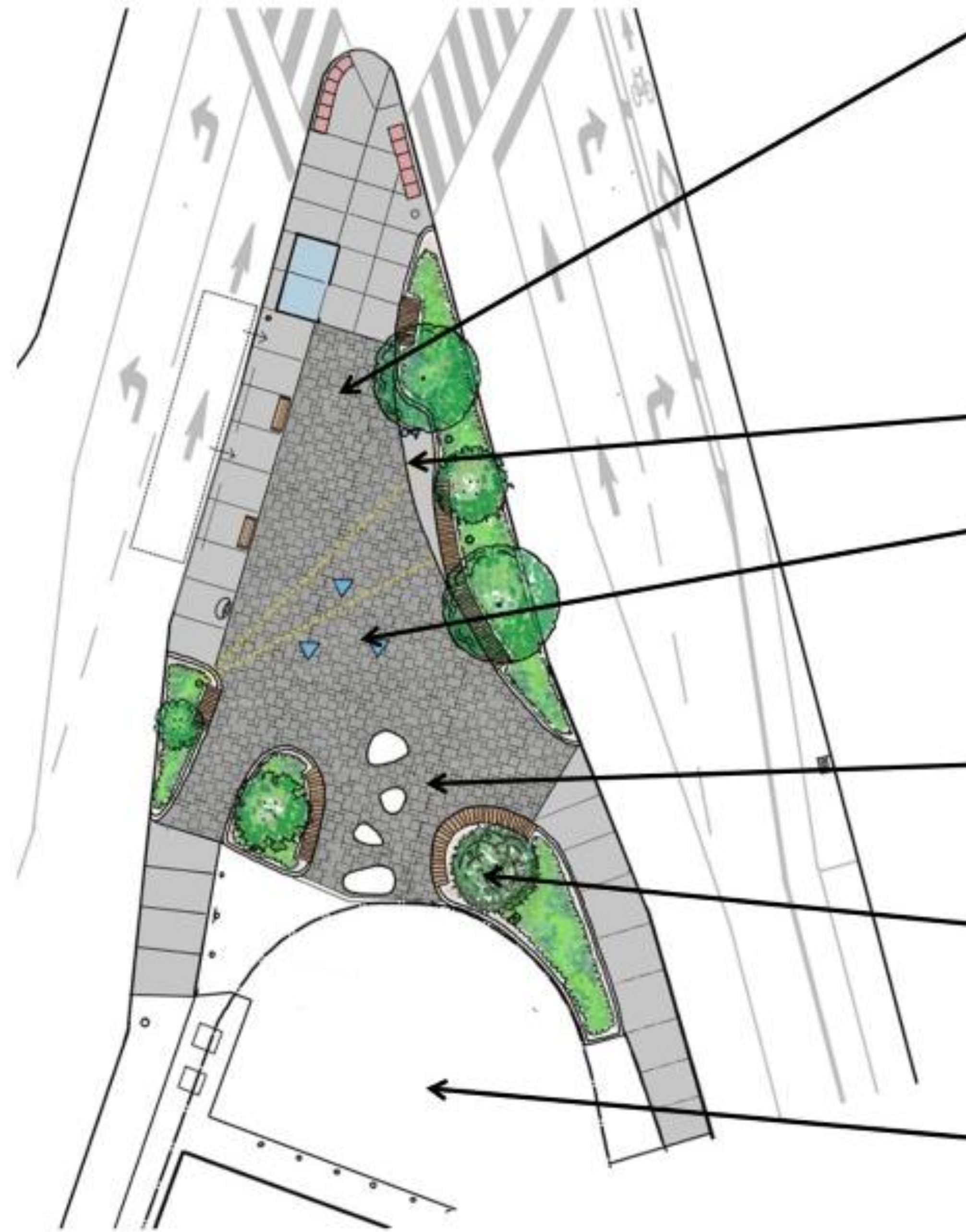
- Close northbound right slip lane (right turn lane) from Oakwood Avenue to Vaughan Road. TTC buses no longer use this route
- Minimize unnecessary vehicular turns at the Oakwood Vaughan intersection
- Access to plaza parking would be from Vaughan Road only. Eastbound entry from Oakwood Avenue will be possible only as needed for large delivery trucks
- The design maximizes public space, green space and event space.

Feedback Incorporated

ORIGINAL SKETCH (FALL 2025):



FEEDBACK INCORPORATED:



More open space added for events and gatherings by moving walkways to the centre of the plaza. This also shelters the public space from traffic with planters at the edges.

Water and electricity access

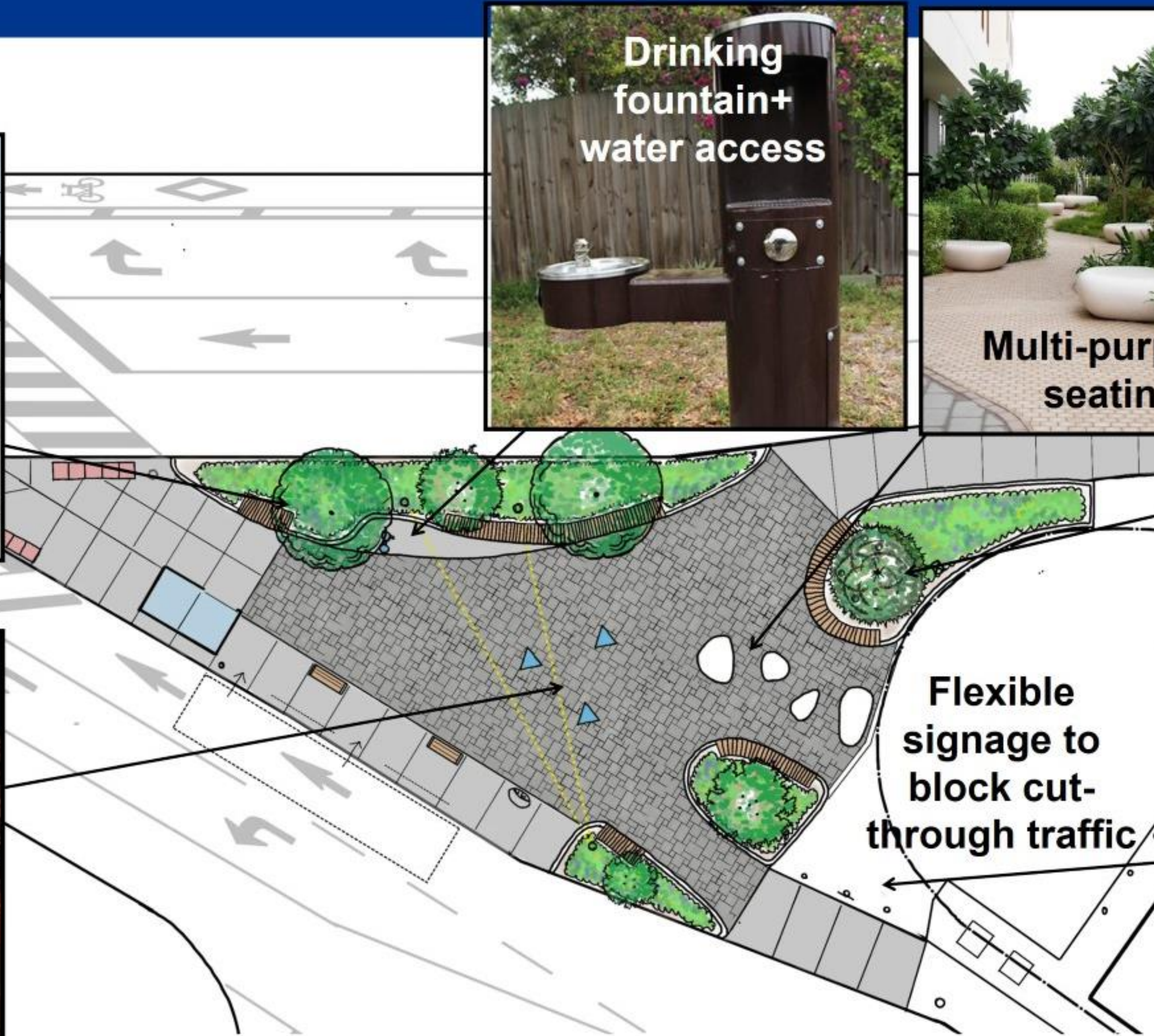
Oakwood Village BIA / community placemaking signage added

Additional multi-purpose seating and playful elements added

A large evergreen tree to be used for winter festivities

Pedestrian connectivity to the plaza parking lot to provide better flow and opportunity to expand for special events

Design Elements



The Vision



Artist rendering of planned parkette at Oakwood Avenue and Vaughan Road.

Expanding Public Space



Current traffic island area



Future parkette area



Potential to use the parking lot for special events in coordination with plaza businesses

The Palm Tree



Originally constructed in 2010 through the City's Clean and Beautiful City program in response to a nearby violent incident, the palm tree represents strong roots and unity in the community.

During construction of the parkette it would need to be removed.

We are seeking input on how it should be returned after construction.

Options include:

- Incorporating it into the parkette design
- Relocating it elsewhere in the greater community to avoid storage during construction

Tell us about the significance of the palm tree in your community:

Events and Community Use



Tell us how you see the new parkette being used:

BIA and Community Branding

As part of the plaza design there is an opportunity to include Oakwood Village BIA / community branding.

Here is an option which includes lighting. What are your thoughts?



Collaboration

Many teams will be part of designing and maintaining the Oakwood Avenue and Vaughan Road parkette:

Transportation Services: Oversee design and funding, including the larger Vaughan Road Safety Improvements project

Urban Design: Funding and design partner for parkette

Councillor Josh Matlow's office: Champion and securer of Section 37 funds

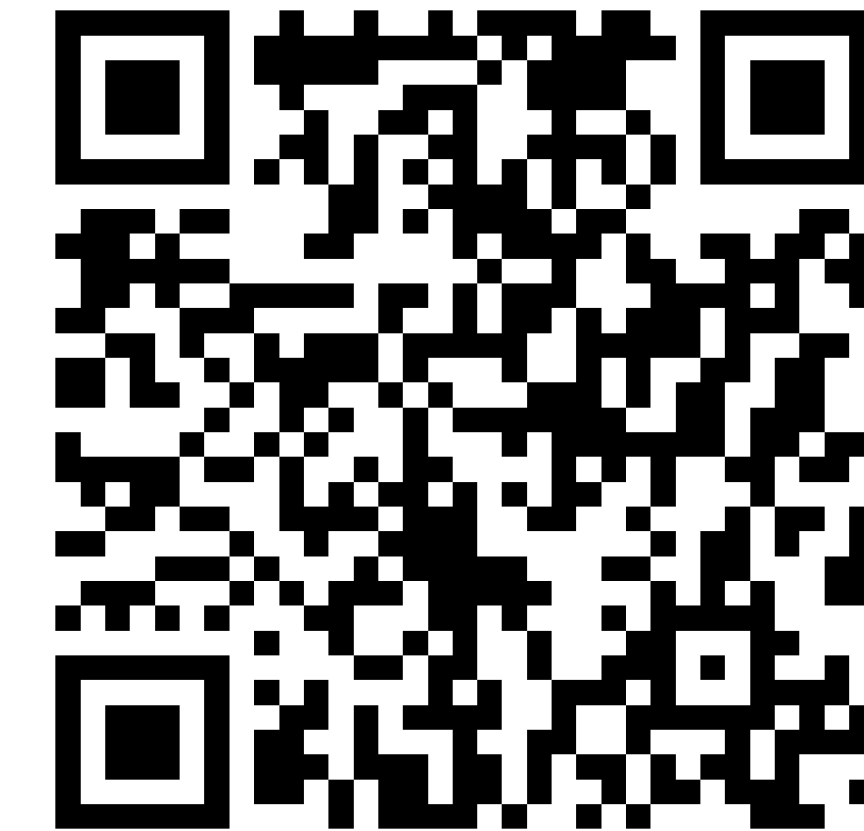
Oakwood Village BIA: Design advisor, funding partner and lead on events and maintenance

Community organizations and volunteers: Ongoing event, animation and maintenance support

Next Steps

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Feedback will be incorporated into a functional design and refined through detailed design with input from Oakwood Village BIA, Urban Design and Councillor Matlow's office.



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