



vision**cooksville**

Community Consultation Interim Summary Report

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Overview of Community Visioning To-Date

Vision Cooksville is a City of Mississauga initiative to create a long-range vision for this growing urban area. The first stage of the process, during the fall of 2015, involved getting to know the community from those who know it best - the people that live and work here. Residents, including newcomers, youth and older adults, workers and business owners, and commuters using the area's wealth of transit were engaged in a variety of forums, described in the following section. Generally, whether individually or in groups, in-person or online, we encouraged participants to tell us what is great about Cooksville today, and what should be improved in the future, from their unique point of view.



Residents shared their ideas about Downtown Cooksville in a variety of ways at the Vision Cooksville Public Meeting on November 23rd, one was through small table-group discussions.

1. Cooksville Compass

Cooksville Compass is an interactive digital mapping and survey tool available through the City of Mississauga's Vision Cooksville website. The Compass launched on November 16, 2015. As of November 26 2015, **72 people have completed the online survey**. The public can continue to fill-out the Compass throughout the process; survey questions will be updated to reflect project stages.

2. On-the-Spot Survey Day

On November 16, 2015 City of Mississauga and Urban Strategies Inc. (USI) staff spent a day engaging people in Downtown Cooksville "on-the-spot". The survey team was identifiable by wearing Vision Cooksville branded T-shirts and stickers. Participants were offered postcards and pens advertising the project's website and the date of the first public meetings. Participants were asked to answer questions about the area, either by completing the Cooksville Compass on iPads or on paper copies.

The survey team made specific efforts to visit many of the small businesses in the area, speaking to both owners and employees at **over 70 establishments**.

Surveyors also dropped-in at the Dam/Cooksville to speak with area youth, and spoke with students who were in the area during their lunch break.

Commuters at the Cooksville GO Station and at bus stops at Hurontario and Dundas were also surveyed about their specific experience of the area.

A total of 120 paper surveys were completed, in addition to surveys that were completed on iPads. In some cases full surveys were not completed but our team took note of the key messages from their conversations.

3. Older Adults Meeting

On November 18, 2015 USI facilitated a meeting with older adults at the Cooksville Public Library. **8 community members participated**, discussing the changes coming to the community, what's great about it now and what should be improved.

4. Community Visioning Meeting 1

On November 23, 2015, the City of Mississauga and USI hosted a community consultation. **Approximately 60 members of the public participated**.

The session began with an open house during which the public had an opportunity to participate in activities focused on generating ideas about Downtown Cooksville's existing strengths, issues and future opportunities. Mayor Bonnie Crombie and City Councillor Nando Iannicca welcomed participants and spoke about the importance of community visioning in this growing area.

Pino Di Mascio, partner at USI, presented some of the changes and investments coming to the neighbourhood, as well as the area's existing strengths and challenges. In order to spur ideas and promote discussion, Pino shared some initial findings that came out of preliminary engagement activities in Downtown Cooksville. Participants then had a chance to discuss three questions in their breakout groups:

- "What do you like best about Cooksville?";
- "What would you change about this community?"; and
- "Pick 5 ideas that you would change and list them in order of priority".



ABOVE: Mayor Bonnie Crombie welcomes community members at the first Public Meeting on November 23rd.

BELOW: A resident provides input on the Cooksville Vision Wall at the first Public Meeting.



Key messages heard from the community

This report provides a summary of some of the key messages heard during the various consultation exercises, including Downtown Cooksville's existing strengths, issues and ideas for change. A summary of the most frequent messages, structured as strengths, issues and ideas, is provided below. These are not verbatim but generated from community responses. Verbatim notes from the Community Meeting have been included in the Appendix.

Strengths

1. Central and Connected

Downtown Cooksville is centrally located with easy access to important places like the Hospital and Square One. Dundas and Hurontario streets are both important streets that connect the neighbourhood to the rest of Mississauga and to nearby highways.

2. Excellent Transit

Downtown Cooksville has excellent access to public transit via the Cooksville GO Station and bus stops.

3. Urban and Walkable

Downtown Cooksville feels like the real urban centre of Mississauga. There is lots of activity in a small area creating an authentic urban vibe.

Because there is so much activity in this small area, Downtown Cooksville is walkable, making it possible to do your shopping, get to school or the Dam/Cooksville, go to the pharmacy, library, and access other services without driving.

4. Diverse and Inclusive

Downtown Cooksville is a great multicultural community. Residents get along with each other and are welcoming to newcomers. The cultural diversity of the neighbourhood is reflected in the variety of shops, restaurants, and services that are available in Downtown Cooksville.

5. Open Spaces with Great Potential

Downtown Cooksville has open spaces like the Sgt. Yakichuk Park and natural features like Cooksville Creek, that have great potential to become animated and attractive public spaces that residents will enjoy spending time in.



Cooksville residents love that the area is centrally located with easy access to Square One and the Hospital. There are excellent local and regional public transit connections, further facilitating movement in and out of Downtown Cooksville.

6. Active and Engaged

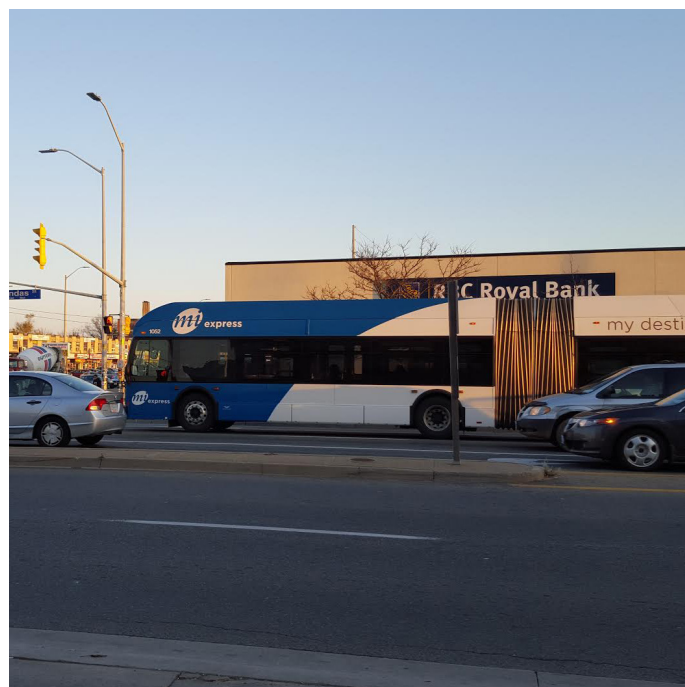
There are a number of active community groups, organizations, engaged residents and youth who contribute positively to the inclusive and cohesive nature of this community.

7. A Hub of Small Businesses

There are lots of small, independent businesses in Downtown Cooksville, many of which have been operating in the area for many years and are cherished by area residents. It's possible to run all of your errands and go grocery shopping or eat out at a restaurant without ever leaving Downtown Cooksville.

8. Affordable Housing Options

There is a mix of tenures and dwelling types in Downtown Cooksville, including quite a lot of affordable rental market housing in apartment buildings.



Cooksville residents love the wealth of transit in the area.

Issues and Ideas

1. Socioeconomic Challenges

Cooksville residents are concerned about homelessness and drug use in the community and want greater investment in supports for people who are struggling. People experiencing homelessness increasingly seek shelter in the covered Four Corners Town Square which is sometimes the site of drug dealing, loitering and shelter for people experiencing homelessness and other challenges. Furthermore, many of the apartments in the neighbourhood are only affordable because they are run-down and in need of repairs.

Ideas:

a. Affordability strategy

b. Strategy for addressing social issues like homelessness



Residents hope to see streetscape improvements and the beautification of important Cooksville places, like at the intersection of Hurontario and Dundas.

2. Beautification & Public Realm

Residents feel strongly that Downtown Cooksville is in need of beautification. There are a number of rundown buildings and vacant or under-used sites that need a face-lift. Garbage often litters the streets and sidewalks and commercial signage clutters storefronts and hydro poles. There aren't enough benches and other public realm elements like gardens, resulting in an unattractive streetscape that is not very pedestrian-friendly.

Ideas:

- a. Strip Mall beautification
- b. Streetscape improvements at Hurontario and Dundas and along both of these major roads
- c. Introduce a local mural program to add colour to the community and create a distinctive 'urban Cooksville' look and vibe
- d. Encourage public art contributions through new development

e. Transform vacant lots and under-used sites, if even temporarily (e.g. turn the empty parking lot behind the Dam/Cooksville into a skateboard park)

f. Introduce a facade improvement program for local businesses

g. Update and maintain older deteriorating buildings

3. Coordination Among Local Businesses

While Cooksville is a great hub of small businesses, there isn't a Business Improvement Association (BIA) in the area which has led to a lack of coordination among local business owners. The community is fed up with differing standards for storefront signage and levels of storefront upkeep. A lack of coordination among owners also means that possibilities for collaboration on marketing and strengthening business are missed and public realm is usually an afterthought.



Residents would like a Business Improvement Association (BIA) to form to help with coordination among the area's local businesses.

Ideas:

- a. Work with local business owners to build capacity and knowledge around forming a Downtown Cooksville BIA
- b. Station a local economic development officer in the community who works with local businesses as part of a business retention strategy to prepare for changes to come.

4. Personal Safety

There are areas of Downtown Cooksville that feel unsafe, especially at night. In particular, most secondary streets and public parks lack adequate lighting.

Ideas:

- a. Improve street lighting, particularly on secondary streets and in public open spaces

5. Traffic and Pedestrians

Cooksville residents are concerned about heavy traffic, particularly on Hurontario and Dundas streets. There are often accidents at

the intersection of Hurontario and Dundas and the heavy traffic can make the area feel unsafe for pedestrians and cyclists. The intersection of Agnes Street and Hurontario is another intersection that was identified as dangerous for both pedestrians and drivers. Overall, more concern is needed for pedestrian safety, especially at crossings.

Ideas:

- a. Traffic calming and streetscape improvements at Hurontario and Dundas
- b. Introduce a traffic light at Agnes and Hurontario
- c. Improve the viability of active transportation in the area through introducing bike lanes, especially on Hurontario

6. Open Spaces that Need Improvement

Downtown Cooksville's open spaces need some improvements so that their use is maximized. Cooksville Creek is currently underutilized and



A resident presents the ideas from his small discussion group back to the larger group at the first Public Meeting.



A business owner participating in On-the-Spot Survey Day.

the adjacent trails are largely inaccessible. Some residents have safety concerns with Floradale Park due to heavy traffic on Confederation Parkway, just south of the Study Area.

Ideas:

- a. Add benches, street furniture and other features to existing parks
- b. Improve lighting so that open spaces feel safe in the evening
- c. Work with City, and in some cases owners of private green spaces, to implement open spaces programming such as community gardens and farmer's markets
- d. Improve the Cooksville Creek Trail and make it accessible to the public
- e. Improve the attractiveness of the Four Corners Square with more greening and planting

7. Community Spaces

There isn't a community centre in Downtown Cooksville and there is generally a lack of recreational spaces. This means that residents have to travel outside of the area to use recreational spaces. There isn't adequate space to support all of the active local community

groups, making it difficult for them to program activities. Similarly, the Cooksville Public Library is small and not at street level, located on the second floor of the Cooksville Colonnade mall.

Ideas:

- a. Create a community hub at the TL Kennedy Secondary School site that includes a school, open space, library, and community centre
- b. Create new open spaces as new development comes to the area

8. Cooksville Identity

Downtown Cooksville lacks a strong identity that distinguishes it from other areas of Mississauga. Some residents feel that the area should be re-branded in a way that reflects the area's modern character. There is a feeling among some residents that a sense of neighbourhood pride needs to be brought back to the community.

Ideas:

- a. Introduce community events in order to get the community together such as street festivals (e.g. 'Taste of Cooksville') or a music festival
- b. Work with the community to determine a new Cooksville 'brand' to help make Cooksville a destination known for something unique.



The Cooksville Public Library is located on the second floor of the Cooksville Colonnade Mall. Residents would like a larger and more visible library as well as new recreational spaces such as a community centre.

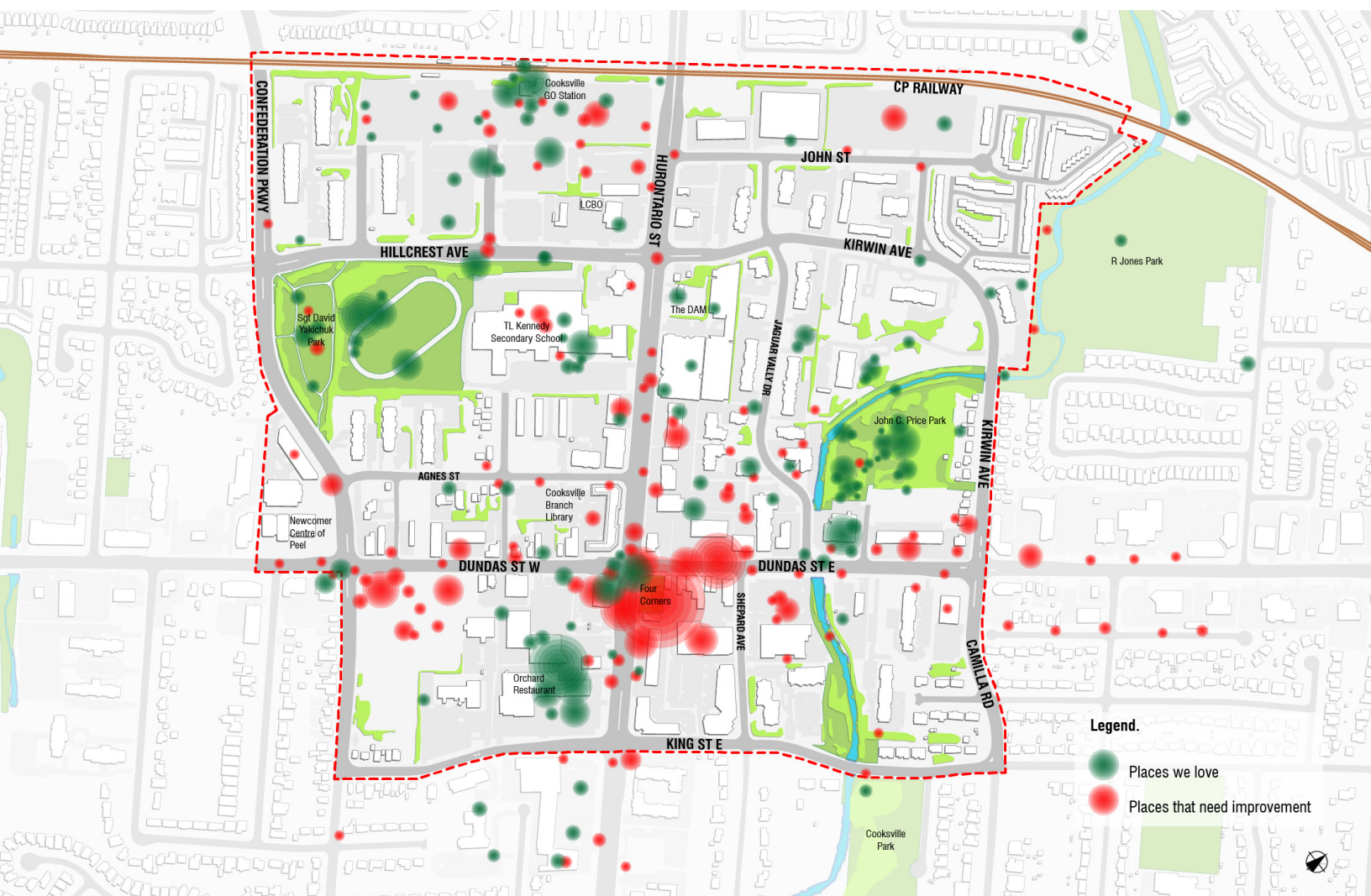
“Dotmocracy” Map and Vision Wall

The “dotmocracy” map exercise asked residents to indicate places they like with green dots, and places in need of improvement with red dots, on a map of Downtown Cooksville (see picture on page 10). Larger green or red orbs are shown below wherever a high frequency of dots was indicated on the map. The map below has been created from data collected during the first Public Meeting as well data collected from the online Cooksville Compass survey.

Some of the insights from this exercise reveal that residents’ greatest affinity is for green spaces,

transit stops and some of the area’s retail, as demonstrated by the clusters of green dots at Sgt. Yakichuk Park, David C. Price Park and the Cooksville GO Station.

A large red orb found at the northeast corner of Hurontario and Dundas streets, illustrates some of the residents’ concerns with the Four Corners Square, which were elaborated on during the first Community Meeting as having to do with issues of loitering and a lack of attractive streetscape features.



During the Community Meeting participants were asked to select images and words that represented their “ideal” future for Downtown Cooksville. The selections indicated that participants hope to see more open and green spaces as well as places for recreation.



Next Steps

The Vision Cooksville Team will review all of the community consultation feedback in order to draft a vision, guiding principles and key actions to test with the community at the next Public Meeting in January 2016.

A resident participating in the dotmocracy exercise, in which green and red dots were placed on a map of Downtown Cooksville to indicate the places they like, and the places they feel would benefit from improvement.

Appendix:

Verbatim responses from the community

Verbatim responses gathered from roundtable discussions and sticky notes at the first public meeting are provided here. The responses are organized into the key questions asked during the first Public Meeting.

Question 1: What do you like best about Cooksville?

- Access to GO Station
- Access to highways
- Food diversity including affordable options, restaurants, groceries
- Walkability (don't need to drive)
- Density
- Lots of rental, variety of tenures
- Proximity to hospital
- Sense of small community
- Good greenspaces opportunities
- The historic crossroads
- Positive desire for community uses (i.e. library)
- Good access to services
- Sense of potential
- Variety of shopping / businesses
- Restaurants
- New 5+10
- Variety of people and diversity
- Parks
- Close to shops
- Hospital being close
- Transit is accessible
- Good to have another form of transit (GO Station)
- A library
- Walkability
- Shopping area
- Trees, parks
- Cultural and economic diversity (mix of incomes in community)
- Walkable
- Restaurants and eateries
- Transit access. Access to communities
- Cooperative housing (Ashworth)
- Low crime
- Community agencies
- Good bus connections
- Ethnic restaurants
- Nice pockets of parks such as Camilla Road Park and greenbelt along creek
- Close to hospital
- Happy to have busy little library
- Easy to walk around
- Variety of stores
- Taraboosh (yum!)
- Small independent stores
- The orchard for breakfast (yum!)
- Can get everything you need here
- 24 hrs Shoppers Drugmart
- Churches
- Hospital
- Shopping – grocery, pharmacy
- Transit (GO Train) – frequent, good service; \$1 senior fare
- Location – close to highway
- Diversity – experiences + opinions 'seems peaceful'
- Lively – always something happening
- David Yakichuk Park – grass + open space
- Restaurants - Border MX, Charlie's, Orchard
- Trees
- DAM
- Diversity
- Welcoming people, accept new people easily
- Women feel comfortable

- Proximity of services, fire, police, hospital, shops, unique to Mississauga, GO station
- Lots of economic potential
- Peaceful neighbourhood
- LRT will be awesome
- GO station
- Restaurants
- People
- Proximity to hospital, shops, church
- Safety
- Creek (natural features)
- Mature trees
- Playgrounds
- Access to transportation
- Fire station
- Close to highway and major streets
- Retail is responsive to multiculturalism
- Lots of barbershops, grocery shops, lots of varieties of restaurants!
- Multicultural community
- Good library
- A good community centre close by in Mississauga Valley
- Good public transit, especially miway
- Close to Square 1 and easy access to hospital
- Friendly
- The Dam
- Good parks!

Question 2: What would you change about this community?

- Cooksville creek has been paved over - make it accessible, re-naturalize
- Signage need better rules, better looking
- More attention to pedestrian traffic, public right of way
- More commercial/office density
- Keep residential off main street frontage (put it above)
- Complete communities (mix/hub of housing, civic services, social, recreation, all together)
- Make parks cleaner, more active, better programming, safer, open
- Better integrate libraries + schools (TL Kennedy + Library)
- Four Corners more like Streetsville main street square
- Street lighting --> improve brightness
- Traffic --> encourage transit use (LRT); manage traffic
- Appearance of strip malls --> eliminate strip malls; beautification
- Surface parking --> remove surface parking and replace with underground garages or parking structure
- Lack of markets --> create Byward market
- Lack of development regulations on underused land
- Commercial establishments not attracted --> attract more jobs; improve attraction e.g. wine making
- Lack of library space --> expand + put on street level
- Police station/presence --> bring back police station
- Active transportation connections lacking - improve active transportation (biking!) w/ trails, pathways, etc; expand Cooksville creek trail;
- Lack of walkable space --> increase walkable space
- Public realm
- Aesthetics of Hurontario and Dundas corner; beautify it for pedestrians and businesses, widen sidewalks, brighter lights
- Establish a BIA

- Bars need more diversity; better mix of licensed premises (higher end, after hours)
- Strip malls improved or upgraded, but not gentrified
- More galleries and cultural spaces
- Better public space and amenities, water fountains, sidewalks, bike paths
- Refer to Cooksville as downtown
- Better mix of retail on Dundas: clothing, shoes, etc
- Concert from take-out to stay-in
- Need to create BIA for area residents/ratepayers association
- Crime reduction
- Call it “the downtown”
- Building on creating mom and pop shops as a brand (tailors, cobblers, drug stores, etc)
- More transit service
- More bike lanes
- Improve housing from affordable to market
- Address homelessness
- Manage, reduce traffic
- Grow public space from square to ravine
- More parks
- Make 4 corners park bigger and like Yonge and Dundas (jumbo-tron)
- Park needs light at night
- Traffic light at Agnes and Hurontario
- Pigeon control (don't feed the birds)
- Benches on streets
- Area needs BIA
- Storefront beautification program
- Public areas beautification
- Area looks rundown
- Better lighting in Sgt. D. Yakichuk Park
- Wider sidewalks
- Street trees
- Transit pricing for lower incomes
- Take down fences
- Public space as part of the development at Dundas and confederation
- More daycare
- Community entre with a big busy library
- Bigger library
- More affordable housing
- Clean up and update 5 and 10 area
- Get ride of strip malls --> Beautification
- Businesses – signage, rules etc. --> BIA?
- Traffic! --> LRT?
- Poor lighting
- Sidewalk poorly maintained
- Improve parkette at 5 & 10
- Homeless services needed (all of Cooksville)
- Library/Rec centre/pool
- Services i.e. Malton, Dixie/Burmanthorpe, like celebration square
- Free services, events, programs, community spaces
- Low income community ability to pay
- Garbage
- Clean up vacant sites
- Library back where it was!
- Need more spaces to meet
- Safety – police and fire come constantly to my condo; don't feel safe walking home tonight; need better lighting; businesses have iron bars... depends on what they sell
- What is a “Colonnade”? – take library out of commercial grey building and put it in a more visible location with better signage
- Sidewalks on Dundas are too small
- Hospital does not have enough capacity
- Parking affordability
- Improve cycling (Hwy 10) bike lanes
- Pedestrian safety (Confederation + Floredale)
- Fences for parks and safety
- Should have crosswalk at Floredale
- Preservation of heritage buildings and sites
- Enforcement of bylaws
- Fix hydro poles
- Improve trails along Cooksville creek
- Improve vehicular traffic
- No festivals
- No community centre, swimming pool or indoor recreational activities
- Not enough defined youth hangout
- TL Kennedy needs an update such as more computers, air conditioning
- buildings in the community need maintenance and a

facelift

- there are social issues like drug dealing/use and homelessness
- re-amp strip mall beside the Dam
- there are some vacant, rundown lots and parking lots like the un-used parking lot behind the Dam that could be transformed into something useful
- more public art and more colour needed in the community as well things like buskers, murals, festivals
- social issues like homelessness – Cooksville needs a shelter
- beautify parks! Add benches
- taste of Cooksville – festivals

Question 3: Pick 5 things you would change and list them in order of priority.

1. Aesthetically pleasing lighting
2. Bring vibrancy through festivals (food, dance)
3. Façade (exterior) improvements
4. Establish a Cooksville BIA
5. Implement beautification principles
 - Zoning for new business towers, offices
 - More visible police presence
 - Complete community (housing, business, variety)
 - Traffic improvements

1. Traffic --> encourage transit use (LRT); manage traffic
2. Appearance of strip malls --> eliminate strip malls; beautification
3. Commercial establishments not attracted --> attract more jobs; improve attraction e.g. wine making
4. Active transportation connections lacking --> improve active transportation (biking!) w/ trails, pathways, etc; expand Cooksville creek trail;
5. Lack of development regulations on underused land

1. Community hub (community space + library + rec space + meeting space)
2. Beautification
 - Street trees/parks/lighting
 - Public realm – benches etc
 - Storefronts
 - Supported by BIA
 - Make “4 corners” active day and night
3. Pedestrian safety
 - Wider sidewalks
 - Traffic signal @ confederation and Agnes
 - Pedestrian lighting
4. Urban park @ confederation and Dundas
5. Take down fences between properties
6. align entrances/exits (organize driveways)
 1. clean up 5 and 10 – BIA = rules and regs; pride to area; marketing/promotion; keep Cooksville clean – events?
 2. Library – community centre – pool / programs

3. Improve Walkability – improve lighting, sidewalks, cafes, shops, snow removal
 4. Community Development: free services/ programs/ assistance
 5. Housing and Development: clean up run down housing; low rise, affordable
(PS we want a T-shirt or sweater!)
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1. Need better lighting on the side streets
 2. Better location and stand-alone building for library
 3. Parks (Flordale) needs better lighting
 4. Re-branding – Cooksville is no longer the “winemaking capital” anymore
 5. Wider sidewalks... Dundas
 6. How can we put wider sidewalks with LRT Skytrain would be less traffic
 7. Form a BIA
- Improved architecture – make more visibly appealing; more modern architecture
- Overnight/late night transit - people who work shifts don't have way to get home – “we are a 24 hr society”
 - Women empowerment hub – a space to provide workshops/services to newcomer women – 2-3 years after getting citizenship, they may be citizens but still need help...
 - Community centre for everyone – services, “studio 89” of Cooksville; non-profit fair trade coffee; Tomkin & Eglinton
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1. beautification like murals, public art, buskers, expanding green spaces
 2. address social issues like homelessness
 3. Build a Community Centre and other recreational/ youth spaces
 4. Introduce events to get community together like festivals, Taste of Cooksville or music festival
 5. Update/maintain older buildings and make better use of vacant lots

Workbooks completed at the first Public Meeting

Workbook 1

Q1

- People
- Close to shops
- Close to hospital
- Close to church
- Playground
- Close to funeral home
- Close to highways
- Close to bus route

Q2

- Have a crosswalk at Flordale drive and

Confederation

Q3

- Crosswalk at Flordale & Confederation
- Fences for park safety
- After clearing snow off sidewalk the now plough push it back on the sidewalk

Workbook 2

Q1

- Restaurants
- People
- Close to hospitals, schools, shops, church

Workbook 3

Q1

- Happy with my neighbours
- Close to shops, church, hospital, schools
- Safety, creek
- Fire station
- Close to highway
- Multiculturalism
- transportation

Workbook 4

- safer compared to other cities – schools, hospitals, churches are there, less confusion – fire

Workbook 5

Q1

- mature trees
- creek
- multicultural is responsive in retail
- garbage in creek (enforce bylaws)
- garbage bins are too big
- need bike lanes
- Cooksville creek trail

Q2

- Confederation and Dundas
- Improve cycling on Hwy 10
- Crosswalk at confederation and Floradale
- Improve safety
- Floradale park

Q3

- Safety (pedestrian)
- Beautification
- Hydro poles
- Bike lanes
- Hospital

Workbook 6

Q1

- GO station very good
- LRT will be awesome
- Library good location

Q2

- Architecture improvements, modernize or heritage
- Late/overnight transit options
- Narrow/unsafe Dundas and Hurontario intersection
- Nicer library
- Form a BIA

Workbook 7

Q1

- Orchard family restaurant
- GO Station provides easy access to Toronto

Q2

- Move library out of Colonnade and into a stand alone building or combine it with TL Kennedy

- I would not have as many Pay Day Loan places in this area (predatory lending)
- Plant more flowers – rebrand (remove Cooksville Wine Capital sign)

- More coordination of small businesses (such as a BIA)

Q3

- 1) Move library out of Colonnade and into a stand alone building or combine it with TL Kennedy
- 2) There should be less pay day loan stores as they are predatory lending
- 3) Rebranding exercise needed – something besides calling Cooksville “Canada’s Winemaking Capital”
- 4) Orchard family restaurant should be designated a heritage building in Mississauga, if it isn’t already.
- 5) Beautification – plant flowers and better lighting

Other thoughts: Cooksville needs a BIA

Workbook 8

Q2

- “women empowerment hub” □ a space to provide workshops/services to women “Canadian women” who are citizens of Canada and would like to empower themselves by learning new skills, educating themselves in order to help build a strong community. Most of the services here are for newcomers. Nothing of this sort in Cooksville, highly needed.

www.mywomensupport.com

Q3

- Community hub
- Pedestrian safety

Workbook 9

Q1

- GO Station
- Access to HWY

Q2

- Commercial offices/buildings/towers

Q3

- Zoning

Workbook 10

Q1

- Food from different cultures

Q2

- Close to the parking lot on the east side of Hwy 10, south of Dundas, in front of the strip mall... for a festival. Put 50 tables/umbrellas/bands in the space have a party! Just it for 1 and weekend see what happens. In the future, turn this space into a piazza with underground parking.

Q3

- Brand Cooksville as the food capital of Mississauga
- Have community events
- Establish a BIA
- Close parking lots for 1 weekend and have food parties
- Make really wide sidewalks and a separate (protected) bike lane.

Workbook 11

Q1

- Accessible
- Shopping
- Walkable
- Affordable, living, shopping

Q2

- Beautification
- Community centre
- Improvement to Cooksville library
- Rapid transit on Dundas □ subway
- Business development group BIA
- More visible policing
- Pedestrian friendly and safety
- More low rises
- Improvement to parks + added walking trails

Workbook 12

Q1

- Food
- Density
- Diversity

Q3

- 1) Jobs
- 2) Accessibility
- 3) Greenspace
- 4) Community hub

Workbook 13

Q2

- Cooksville creek is not accessible to public – homeless people
- Make creek accessible to public
- Beautification – run down/old – lots of signs
- Parks not being used + dangerous - ____ is better, Yakichuk park is too busy
- 4 corners used for dangerous mostly drugs
- Public drug use, homeless, 4 corners, released from hospital without supports

Workbook 14

Q1

- Diversity – a microcosm of a truly multicultural Canada
- Lots of restaurants
- Very transit accessible (GO station/miway)
- Walkable – amenities such as groceries, medical, other services are plentiful

Q2

- Improve 5 and 10 (Four Corners) □ transient population prohibit other residents from using the space
- More urban parkettes □ places for families to gather
- Given the amount of apartment dwellings there needs to be more green space
- Wider sidewalks that make it more pedestrian friendly

Q3

- 1) Brand Cooksville as a destination
 - Small business hub
 - Strength in diversity
 - Real urban centre of Mississauga
 - Support independent businesses
 - Foodie paradise
 - Re-brand as wine destination focus on history
- 2) Create a Cooksville Community hub (library, rec

centre, pool)

3) Intensification of commercial density – get rid of some of the strip malls and build some commercial buildings

4) Beautification – public art, bike lanes

5) Taste of Cooksville! – tap into the diversity of food options available here

Workbook 15

Q2

Main concern is the Dundas Hurontario corridor in the study area – to put it in nicer terms – is very unattractive. We have a mish-mash of business places on both sides of both streets and they each seem to follow their own rules regarding signage, property beautification (non at all).

I'd like to see Cooksville be like all the other small community that made up the original Mississauga... Port Credit, Clarkson, Streetsville, etc. They have a nice main street/area that you can be proud of + want to frequent. The Four Corners of Cooksville is a dump and has turned into that ever since City Hall moved from its previous location to where it resides today.

Other thoughts:

Any new high rise buildings should their height capped at no more than 8 stories so that we have the area looking like Burmanthorpe and #10. Also need a business association that businesses need to join and follow uniform rules/regulations for a nicer looking front of businesses on the two main streets.

Workbook 16

Q2

- Bring back central library
- Bigger library
- Affordable housing
- Clean up Dundas/update Dundas
- Get rid of strip malls
- Beautify
- Low rise buildings
- Signage/rules
- Create BIA
- Traffic

- Improve sidewalks
- Improve sidewalk lighting
- Improve parkette at 5 & 10
- Service to improve drug/alcohol addicts, homelessness

- More cafes
- Encourage strolls like port credit
- Library/rec/services

Workbook 17

Q1

- Churches
- Trains, GO train, transit
- Shopping? Grocery, pharmacy
- GO
- Location – highways
- Diversity – get a long well
- Lively – always something happening
- Parks
- Active young people come to meetings

Q2

- Bigger library
- More affordable housing
- Cleanup and update Dundas street (5&10)
- Get rid of strip malls
- Low rise, no skyscrapers
- Make buildings ___, signage, associations
- Traffic
- Poorly lit, sidewalks look messy
- Thinks parkette at 5 and 10 should be looked after better – no sleeping homeless people
- More cafes along street like port credit
- At Burmanthorpe, Mavis etc have GO or subway service centre, community
- Free facilities (like church is providing tonight's meeting)

Other thoughts:

I'm still thrilled that in all those years, Sheppard St or Ave have never succumbed to the fate of having all the houses and its lovely trees demolished and cut down. My children enjoyed the park areas along the creek (Cooksville) and I spent many July days picking raspberries and becoming painfully scratched, until

I decided to wear jeans during my forays. The fruits were large because the whole area had been covered by market gardens and orchards. “The Orchard” was always a favourite restaurant and it was wonderful when the train service started up because I could reach Hamilton and Toronto without a car. I don’t miss the garage at the 4 corners because I’m without a car. Other people would probably appreciate being able to buy gas without a long journey. I suppose I rather hope that it doesn’t become a sea of skyscrapers along both highways. Would never cut down the oaks at Square 1 for an LRT.

Workbook 18

Q1

- Close to hospital
- Close to church
- Close to stores
- Close to highways

Q2

- Have a crosswalk at Floradale and confederation

Workbook 19

Q3

- 1) Safety
- 2) Beautification
- 3) Affordability

Workbook 20

Q1

- Churches, hospitals, go train, shopping, orchard, youth - active

Q2

- Hurontario and Dundas and confederation – clean up and update
- Hushing the traffic
- Tress – oxygen
- Clean up park at confederation and paisley
- No large buildings
- Dirty looking old buildings on Dundas
- Traffic Dundas and confederation
- Clean up park at Paisley and Confederation
- Less traffic

- More trees

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Q3

- 1) Eye sore businesses on Dundas, low buildings, no more heavy density
- 2) Quiet traffic volume/direct onto Hurontario – no more large buildings
- 3) Clean up park @ confederation and paisley
- 4) Library like Major Prentice Theatre Dixie and Burmanthorpe with all the trimmings
- 5) Walkability

Workbook 21

Q1

- People – diversity
- Restaurants – orchard
- Parks
- Proximity – hospitals, shops, church
- Safe
- Creek
- Access to transportation, transit
- Get to square 1
- Good affordable grocery store
- Potential to be great
- The Dam
- Retail responsive to multiculturalism
- Fire stations
- Newcomers welcome and safe
- Many services
- LRT will be good
- Accessible by foot
- 30 min to TO

Q2

- Larger library
- Improve cycling
- Community hub
- Prioritize pedestrians
- All way stop scramble
- Beautification like hydro poles
- Complete/connect Cooksville creek cycling trail

Q3

1. Cycling – bike lanes along #10 – trail along Cooksville Creek – continuous active transportation

2. Beautification – streetscape, no hydropolos, flowers
3. More walkable – safety, free flow for pedestrians
4. Heritage preservation, highlight history of Cooksville, street level library,
5. BIA □ to enhance retail presentation needed and marketing

Other thoughts: Cooksville is downtown Mississauga with small town core

Workbook 22

Q1

- People
- Restaurants
- Closeness to hospital
- Trees/creek
- Access to transportation/GO/buses etc.
- Close to fire station/police station

Q2

- Bigger and better library
- More affordable family care hospital
- Safety for bikes, more bike lanes, fewer cars

more bikes, ride on Hurontario

- Foradale park real safety crime
- Overheard structures
- Snow plowing onto people driveways + sidewalks
- Hydropole eliminate – blight on the landscape – better streetscaping
- Improve Cooksville creek trail
- Improve vehicular traffic

Q3

1. Bike safety/more bike lanes

Workbook 22

Q1

There are portions of Cooksville that are quiet and neighbourhood. Hurontario and Dundas are very busy.

Q2

- Dundas – businesses on either side of street
- A Business Association to work to better improve the look of the establishments would be welcomed.
- The same would be appropriate for Hurontario

north and south of Dundas

- To make Hurontario Dundas corridor increasingly difficult for pedestrians to navigate is not going to make it more walkable community.
- Port credit, Clarkson, Streetsville, are corridors which are attractive and encourage pedestrian movement

Q3

1. More public spaces – parks for families because of the number of high rise outdoor space is needed – priority, have a reason to be in the community
2. Child care – affordable and accessible, multi types able to be accessed by working families
3. Ensuring that traffic flow is regulate to ensure safety for elderly families children speed of vehicles to be monitored

Workbook 23

Q1

- Family oriented neighbourhood
- Variety of restaurants
- Vibrant community

Q2

- Agnes and confederation dangerous intersection no lights
- Sgt David Yakichuk park not well lit – needs better lighting to walk in and beside at night
- Afghan Women's Organization name should display on the map as a settlement organization serving newcomers and refugees in Cooksville area for last 20 years

Q3

1. Community hub
2. More trees, wider walkway
3. Traffic light at Agnes and Confederation
4. Lighting and benches in park