



vision**cooksville**

Community Meeting #2 Workbook

#VisionCooksville

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Introduction

Vision Cooksville is a City of Mississauga initiative to create a long-range vision for this growing urban area. During the fall of 2015, we talked to residents, newcomers, youth and older adults, workers and business owners, and commuters to get to know the community and its aspirations for the future.

This workbook organizes the messages we heard from the community into six categories, or Themes:

1. Pedestrian Experience
2. Connected and Creative Open Spaces
3. Community Facilities and Spaces
4. Supporting and Strengthening Local Business Opportunities
5. Addressing Social Concerns
6. A Cooksville Identity

To continue the conversation, we have also included a few ideas to shape the Cooksville we all want to see, as change comes to this community. Many of the ideas come directly from the community, others were generated by the Vision Cooksville Team. Some of the ideas reinforce initiatives already being undertaken or considered by the City of Mississauga.

Overall, these ideas are only preliminary and don't represent commitments by the City of Mississauga or any other level of government. Using this workbook, you can help to articulate your Vision for Cooksville.

Please return this workbook to a member of our team before leaving.



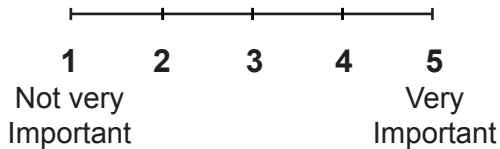
Theme 1: Pedestrian Experience

Walkability is part of what gives Cooksville its authentic urban vibe. Because there is so much activity in this relatively small area, lots of people get around by foot to do daily shopping, go to the bank, meet friends, go to school or work, or catch a bus or GO Train. While Cooksville is definitely a place *of* many pedestrians, it's not yet a place *for* pedestrians – improving the pedestrian experience in the neighbourhood is a priority.

Idea 1.1 – Pedestrian Amenities on Hurontario and Dundas

- Pedestrian scale lighting
- Lots of benches
- Accessible seating
- Flower boxes and trees

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Pedestrian scale lighting

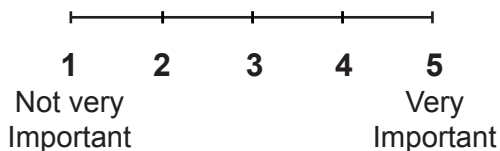


Benches and planters

Idea 1.2 – Attractive Urban Design

- Buildings lining the street
- Parking at the rear of buildings or underground
- Pedestrian weather protection
- Well-maintained attractive storefronts
- Outdoor patio space

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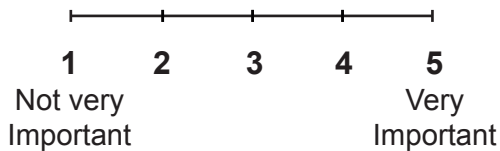


Well-maintained, active and weather protected storefronts

Idea 1.3 – Transit Amenities for Pedestrians

- Additional enclosed bus shelters
- Improved transit signage

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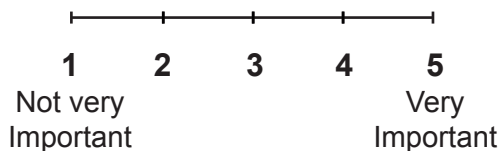
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Idea 1.4 – Pedestrian Safety

- Pedestrian 'safe-crossing zones'
- Wider sidewalks
- Direct access to GO station from east side of Hurontario

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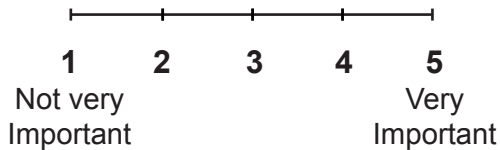
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Idea 1.5 – New Public Streets and Shorter Blocks

- Break up long blocks by creating new public streets
- Remove fences between commercial properties
- Pedestrian paths across large sites

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Public path through a large development site



Pathways through parking lots

Other Ideas and Comments

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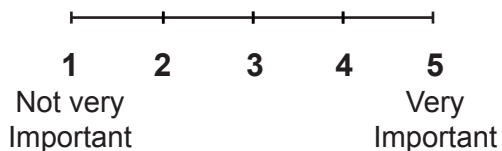
Theme 2: Connected and Creative Open Spaces

Cooksville has a number of existing parks and open spaces within the study area, and others just outside. Many of these spaces can be improved to better meet the needs of residents. As the area grows, additional open spaces, and greater connectivity between them will ensure access to attractive, functional outdoor space for all.

Idea 2.1 – Improvements to Existing Parks

- Additional lighting on paths and near benches and play equipment
- Splash pad for warmer months
- Natural ice rink in winter
- Community gardens

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Splash pad

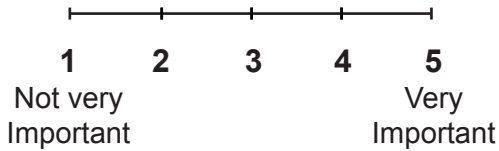


Benches integrated into landscape design

Idea 2.2 – New Open Spaces in Strategic Locations

- Small, urban squares with benches and planters
- Parkettes that provide respite from the urban bustle

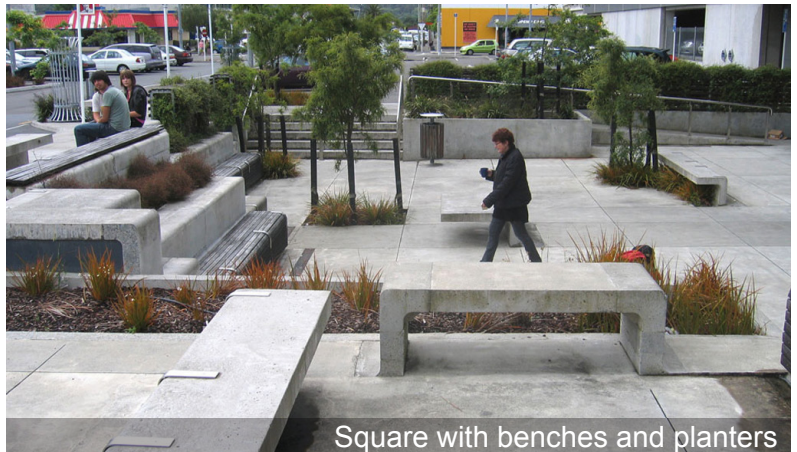
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Green parkette

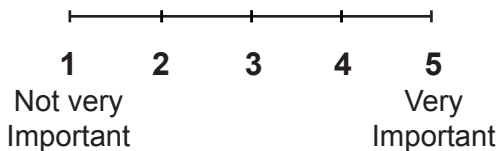


Square with benches and planters

Idea 2.3 – Publicly Accessible Private Open Spaces

- Walkways
- Gardens
- Courtyards
- Playgrounds

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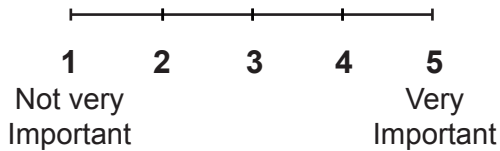


Public enjoying courtyard on private land

Idea 2.4 – Four Corners Park Programming and Beautification

- Farmer's market
- Street food vendors
- Buskers
- Home base for area festivals and events
- Community art installations
- Floral garden
- Digital displays

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Buskers enliven the square

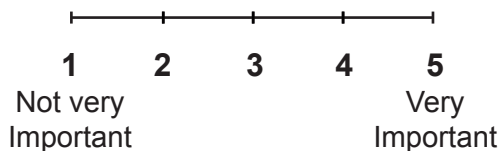


Community gathering space

Idea 2.5 – Improved Bike Infrastructure and Amenities

- Covered and well-lit bicycle parking
- Self-service bike repair stations
- Improved signage for bike routes
- More and improved bike routes

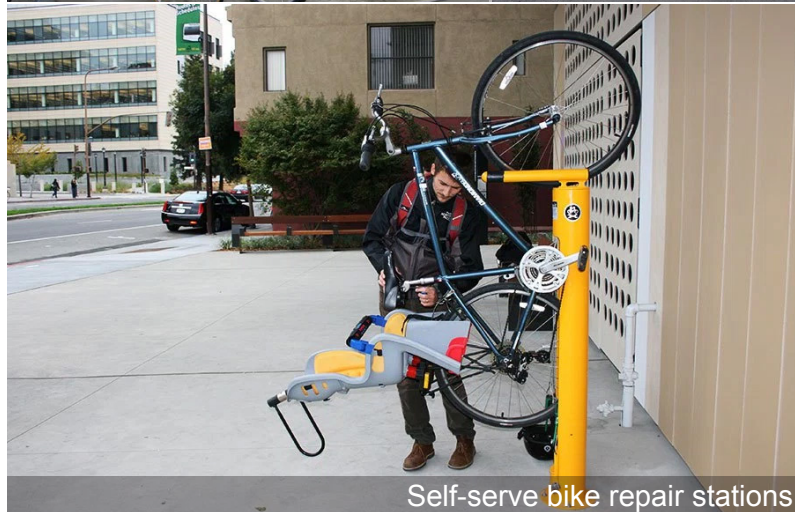
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Lots of bicycle parking in strategic places



Self-serve bike repair stations

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Theme 3: Community Facilities and Spaces

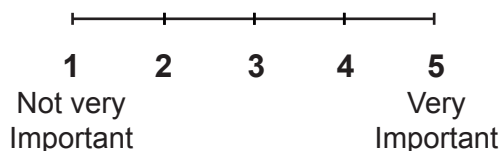
A cohesive and connected community needs space in which to interact. Cooksville boasts many social and community groups but they often struggle to find meeting space and residents often travel outside of Cooksville to access some recreation activities.

Idea 3.1 – New Community Spaces

Amenity space in new development, such as:

- Indoor children's playrooms
- Playgrounds
- Community gardens
- Meeting spaces for community use

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Bright community spaces

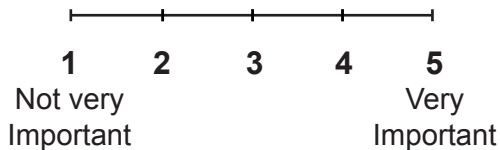


Community meeting spaces

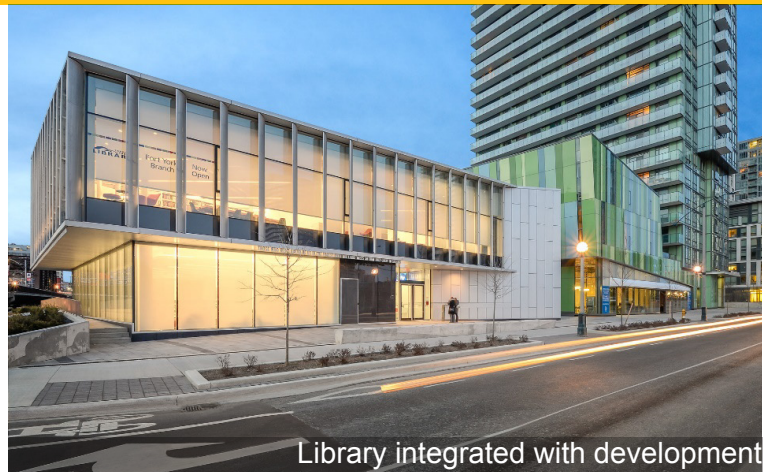
Idea 3.2 – Library Improvements

- Bigger
- Easy to find
- More community meeting space
- Larger children's program space
- Access to new technology
- Maker spaces
- Exhibits

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Library integrated with development

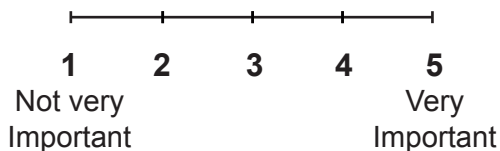


Library with great visibility from the street

Idea 3.3 – More Community Recreation and Cultural Spaces

- Idea incubators
- Community kitchen
- Maker spaces
- Gymnasium
- Studios
- Performance space
- Fitness centre

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Gymnasium space

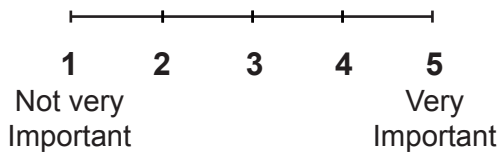


Community kitchen

Idea 3.4 – A Cooksville Community Hub (Multi-Purpose Centre)

- Library
- Childcare
- Meeting space
- Community Centre
- Recreation
- Community gardens
- Gym/sport centres

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Community sport centre



Community childcare

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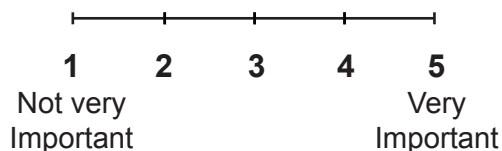
Theme 4: Supporting and Strengthening Local Business Opportunities

The vibrancy of this neighbourhood is reflected in the diversity of its shops, restaurants, and overall small business landscape – people come from all over Mississauga and the GTA to shop, eat and do business here. Strengthening and retaining Cooksville's small businesses is a priority.

Idea 4.1 – Encourage a Cooksville Business Improvement Area

- Coordinate local businesses
- Advertise Cooksville
- Sponsor community events
- Façade improvements
- Improved and consistent storefront signage

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Streetsville BIA event

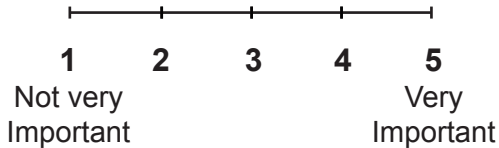


Port Credit BIA event

Idea 4.2 – Street Vendors

- Foods
- Newspaper stands
- Farmer's market
- Local artisans
- Buskers

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Providing space to local artisans

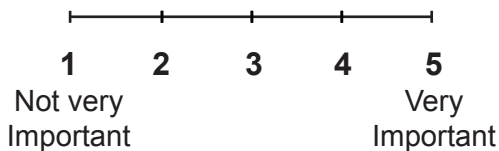


Activating streets with outdoor vendors

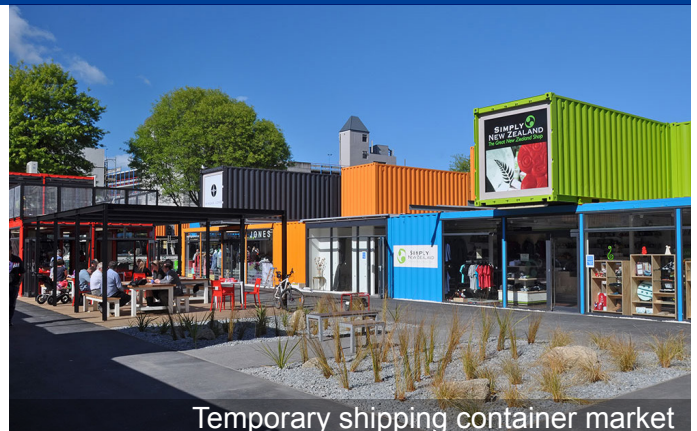
Idea 4.3 – Temporary Spaces

- Shipping container market
- Kiosks
- Pop-up shops
- Business incubator space

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Temporary shipping container market

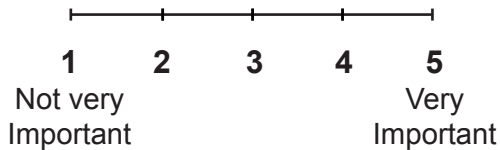


Seasonal market on parking lot

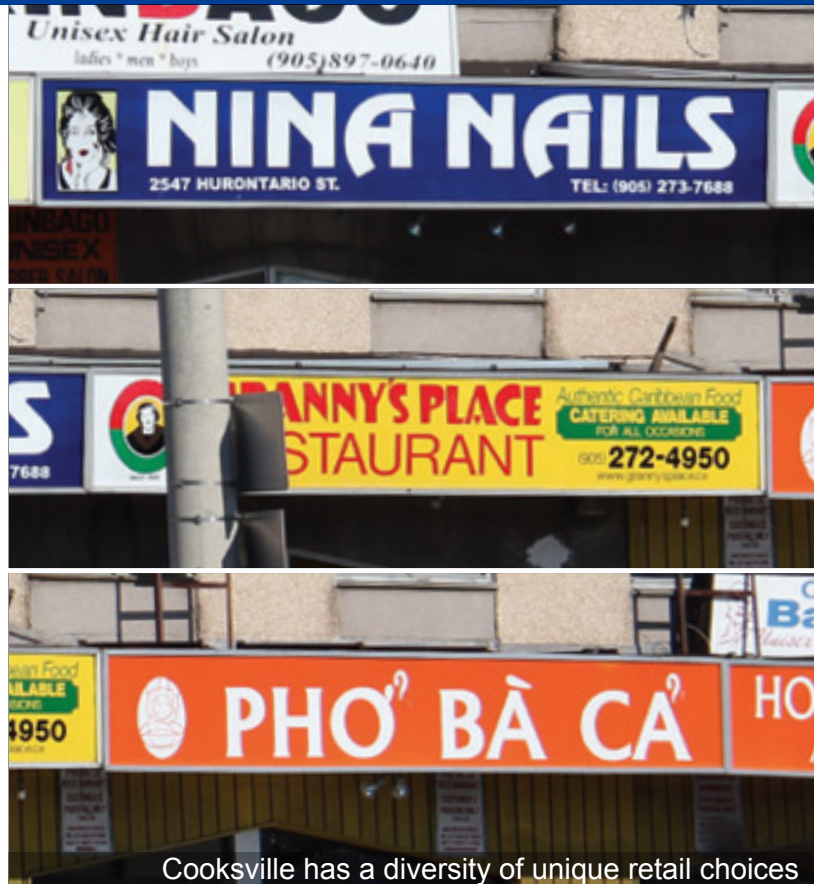
Idea 4.4 – Business Retention

- Small retail spaces in new development
- Match businesses with available space
- Keep diversity of retail and restaurants

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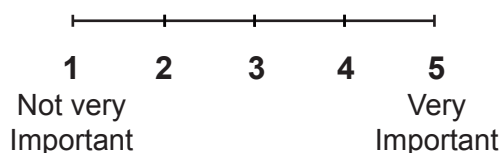
Theme 5: Addressing Social Concerns

Cooksville is a community of great empathy and community spirit, despite challenges of homelessness, low incomes and housing affordability. Meeting the needs of all members of the community, new and established, young and old, will enrich everyone.

Idea 5.1 – Diversity of Housing Types and Tenures

- High-rise, mid-rise & townhouses
- Live-work units
- Rental and condo
- Family-sized units
- Seniors units
- Affordable housing options
- Affordable ownership programs

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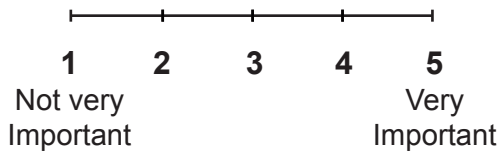
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Idea 5.2 – Address Neighbourhood Homelessness

- Shelter/place for people experiencing homelessness
- Clinic space for personal care, mental health and addiction supports

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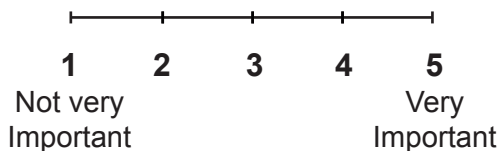
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Idea 5.3 – Programming and Recreation Spaces for Youth

- Youth centre or spaces with after school, weekend and holiday activities
- Free wifi for the area
- Youth-based parkettes and outside amenities for recreation

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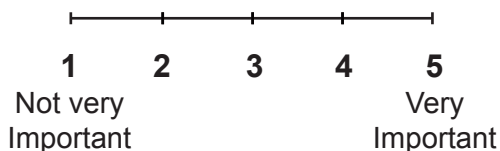
Theme 6: A Cooksville Identity

Cooksville's urban vibe and diverse, contemporary character should become part of its visual identity.

Idea 6.1 – Distinctive Cooksville Brand

- Proactive marketing
- Street signs
- Street furniture, benches and umbrellas
- Promotion of events
- Draw on history, culture, urban vibe

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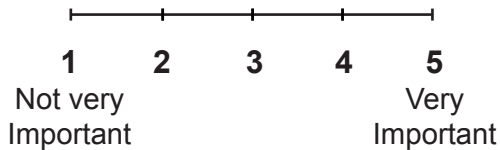


Streetsville branding

Idea 6.2 – Gateways and Signage

- Public art, murals, light installation
- Community maps and wayfinding
- Defined area boundaries
- Use the Cooksville brand

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Community maps and wayfinding

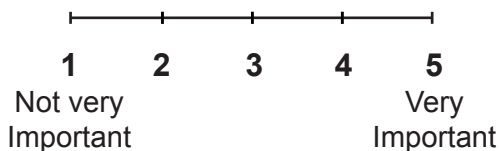


Establishing identity through murals and public art

Idea 6.3 – Public Art

- Murals
- Sculpture
- Engage local artists and youth
- Incentives and programs for artists

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Public art

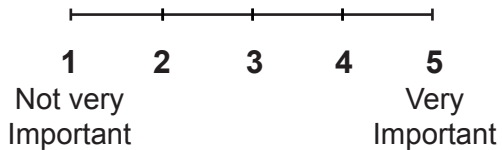


Murals created by community members

Idea 6.4 – Celebrate History

- Include in branding
- Public art
- Landscape design
- Commemorative plaques
- Digital apps to share local history and stories

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Heritage interpretation in landscape features

Other Ideas and Comments

What do you see as Cooksville's identity? Do you have any ideas for establishing this identity?

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Are there any other themes or ideas we should consider as we develop your Vision for Cooksville?



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