TOPIC 1 IDFA WALL SUMMARY

What could make Dundas better in the future?



WHAT WE HEARD*

Improve transit

The existing system needs a revamp, like a subway, LRT, BRT, or simply creating continuous transit priority. Whatever the mode, there needs to be a focus on connections and linkages to existing networks (MiWay, GO, TTC, etc.). Routes should be as direct as possible and avoid time wasting-diversions.

Urbanize

Create a liveable city with beautiful public spaces, improved pedestrian connections, cycling infrastructure, active storefronts, and local businesses. We need to move away from the suburban design and structure, and start urbanizing to improve the overall experience of our city.

Create a street for everyone

Dundas should be a functional, accessible, vibrant, healthy place for all types of people and all types of movement. Developments should connect with the street, supporting each other in keeping people using Dundas diverse, locally active and invested in the local economy.

Make Dundas futurefocused, and sustainable

Link climate change adaptation and mitigation to development priorities by requiring things like rainwater harvesting, daylighting, and urban gardens. Reducing sprawl, retrofitting existing green buildings, and building sustainable transit can reduce the city's carbon footprint and strengthen the local economy.

Make Dundas a destination

Dundas Street should a vibrant place to go, rather than an area that we pass through on our way to Toronto. Add affordable mixed-use and live-work developments with places to play such as restaurants, patios, and night-life entertainment.

Improve curb appeal

By making some simple aesthetic improvements, like adding greenery, street furniture, and lighting, and upgrading existing buildings, Dundas could better attract and retain businesses, boost property values, and give residents the community feeling they craye.

Make smart development decisions

Make the best use of the space we have. Direct growth to busy nodes and mobility hubs, like Dixie, and "juice as much as possible" out of intersection corners. Where possible, create green spaces and parks that add to the character of the corridor.

Give Dundas a village feel

Create continuous street frontage with small-scale, diverse retail. All new developments and redevelopments should enhance pedestrian experience, and support transit users and cyclists.

Complete the street network

As land is redeveloped, we should make every attempt to complete the street network that surrounds Dundas. This should be done not only for road users, but also for pedestrians. Explore opportunities for dead-end extensions, greenways, and catwalks.