



Public Engagement

Lakeview and Port Credit Districts

2.1 Consultation Goals and Objectives

The goal of the public engagement component of the study was to create practical and realistic community-based visions for the Lakeview and Port Credit districts that could inform potential revisions to the existing district policies, and other policies within the Official Plan, zoning by-laws, urban design guidelines and community improvement plans.

The study objectives were to:

- Engage the community and stakeholders in a creative and productive manner;
- Define each community's character, issues and opportunities;
- Address specific issues such as building heights, transit and transportation and appropriate locations for intensification; and
- Provide a framework for communicating the on-going study results to the community and provide diverse opportunities for feedback.



Public engagement for the study included visioning and place making sessions, a bus and walking tour, open houses, on-line questionnaires and youth outreach.

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The City's website for the District Policies Review Study is frequently updated.

2.2 Consultation Process

2.2.1 Stakeholders

An extensive list of stakeholders were identified at the commencement of the study and they were consulted at various times throughout the process. Stakeholders included recognized community groups, landowners, special interest groups, government agencies, residents and business owners, and are listed as follows:

Lakeview Stakeholders:

- Lakeview Ratepayers Association
- Ontario Power Generation
- Port Credit Yacht Club
- Credit Reserve Association
- Credit Valley Conservation Authority
- Toronto and Region Conservation Authority
- Region of Peel
- Sierra Club of Canada
- Peel District School Board
- Heritage Mississauga
- Mississauga South Heritage Society
- BC 21 Team: Our Future Mississauga
- Applewood Acres Homeowners Association
- Orchard Heights Town and Country Homeowners Association
- Sherway Homeowners and Recreation Association
- Landowners
- Resident and business owners

Port Credit Stakeholders:

- VIVA Port Credit
- Town of Port Credit Association
- Canada Lands Corporation
- Credit Reserve Association
- Port Credit BIA
- Friends of Old Port Credit Village
- Port Credit Village Project
- Port Credit Village Ratepayers Association
- Imperial Oil
- Credit Valley Conservation Authority
- Sierra Club of Canada
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Credit Valley Conservation

Credit Valley Conservation are a key stakeholder that have interests in both the Port Credit and Lakeview districts. Several documents and studies contain relevant recommendations for both districts.

Credit Valley Conservation (CVC), formed on May 13, 1954, is a partnership of the municipalities that make up the Credit River Watershed. They have been working for over 50 years to protect the natural environment. CVC is a community-based environmental organization originally formed by an Act of provincial government and dedicated to conserving, restoring, developing and managing natural resources on a watershed basis. They are mandated to ensure the conservation, restoration and responsible management of Ontario's water, land and natural habitats through watershed based programs.



The Credit River Watershed

Credit Valley Conservation has jurisdiction over lands that are located within the Credit River Watershed.

Lakeview Ratepayers Association

The Lakeview Ratepayers Association's objective is to protect, promote and further the interests of the residents of Lakeview. They represent the municipally recognized residents association for the community. The Association includes several committees, each assigned the task of staying current on specific community topics.

The Lakeview Ratepayers Association is concerned with the following community issues:

- The Lakeview Generating Grounds
- Health of our Environment
- Health of our Citizens
- Pollution and Litter
- The Lakeview District Plan
- Development on Lakeshore Road
- Infill Housing
- Lakeview Waste Treatment Plant
- Storm Sewer Overflow
- Community Safety
- The Arsenal Lands Park
- Traffic and Transit

Please refer to Appendix B for a summary of submission materials regarding the Lakeview Legacy Project.



The Lakeview Ratepayers Association has been actively performing their own land use studies on lands within the district: The Lakeview Legacy Project.

VIVA Port Credit

VIVA (Village Inspired Vision Alliance) Port Credit was formed in 2007 as an Alliance of diverse groups with a common interest and a shared vision for Port Credit. Town of Port Credit Association is a founding member of VIVA Port Credit.

VIVA Port Credit's mission statement is to "nurture collective ideals and initiatives that respect Port Credit's heritage and express a commitment to our future."

VIVA is an alliance of the following groups:

- Town of Port Credit Association
- Friends of Old Port Credit Village
- Port Credit Village Project
- Credit Reserve Association
- Mississauga South Historical Society
- Heritage Mississauga
- The Heritage Information Network
- Walk and Bike for Life
- Lakeview Ratepayers Association

Under the banner of VIVA Port Credit, the groups have been working to elicit ideas and engage the community in the current district plan review process. The volunteer team has jointly compiled a detailed document with the aim of extending the village conversation started a year ago through a series of citizen-sponsored meetings on place-making. The detailed document "*Port Credit: An Urban Village for the 21st Century; A Model Community for the World*" will provide the City with valuable feedback and ideas as they review the policies and plans that will shape Port Credit's future. Refer to section 1.3.1 Relevant Policies and Documents for more details on this document.

Please refer to Appendix C for a summary of the submission prepared by VIVA Port Credit.



VIVA Port Credit has established a vision for the village that is based on input from several community groups, agencies and other interested parties.

2.2.2 Public Events

The public events that were held as part of the Public Engagement Process included stakeholder interviews, a kick off meeting, visioning sessions, place making workshops, youth outreach exercises, and an open house. The following is a brief summary of the public events:

Kick Off Meeting:

The Kick Off Meeting introduced the Port Credit and Lakeview District Policies Review, Public Engagement Process. City staff presented an introduction to the project outlining the study process, goals and objectives. The presentation also included a brief overview of common community themes, stakeholder input to date and emerging issues for each of the districts. The presentation concluded with a summary of potential tools that can be used to 'shape' the community's ideas for their districts.

District Visioning Sessions:

The purpose of the Visioning Sessions was to further define the community's ideas about their district by focusing discussions on three main topics. The discussion was generally guided by a questionnaire distributed at the beginning of the session. The topics were:

1. Community Structure;
2. New Buildings, and;
3. Improved streets and green spaces.

Groups were asked to make notes and illustrate their ideas on an aerial plan of the district. At the end of the session, each group presented their main discussion items.

District Place Making Sessions:

The purpose of the Place Making Workshop was to determine community preferences for shaping the future of the Port Credit and Lakeview communities. Each table initiated discussion by describing their top two priorities for that area, with further topics of discussion outlined on a series of worksheets and models. Three place making sites were selected for each district. The sites are further described in sections 3.7 and 4.7 of this report.

Youth Outreach:

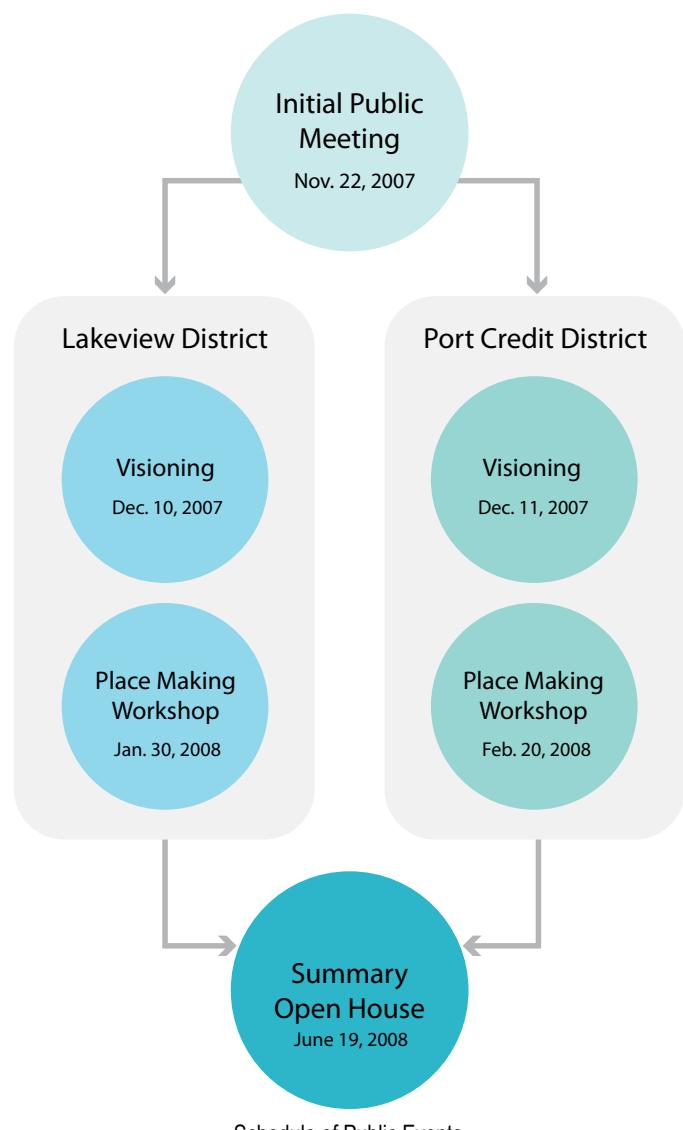
The purpose of the Youth Engagement Workshop was to understand how youth utilize their community and determine preferences for shaping the future. Each table initiated discussion by describing the top three things they love about their community, with further topics of discussion outlined on a worksheet. The following is an outline of the workshop's objectives:

Tell Us About Your Community:

- What is important to you in your community and what makes it special?
- What do you like/dislike about your community?
- What is missing in your community?

Groups were asked to make notes of their ideas on the worksheets provided and to utilize a series of precedent photographs to illustrate their preferred urban design elements under the headings:

- Favourite public spaces and parks
- Favourite buildings
- Things we don't like
- At the end of the workshop, each group presented their recommendations and discussion items.



Final Open House:

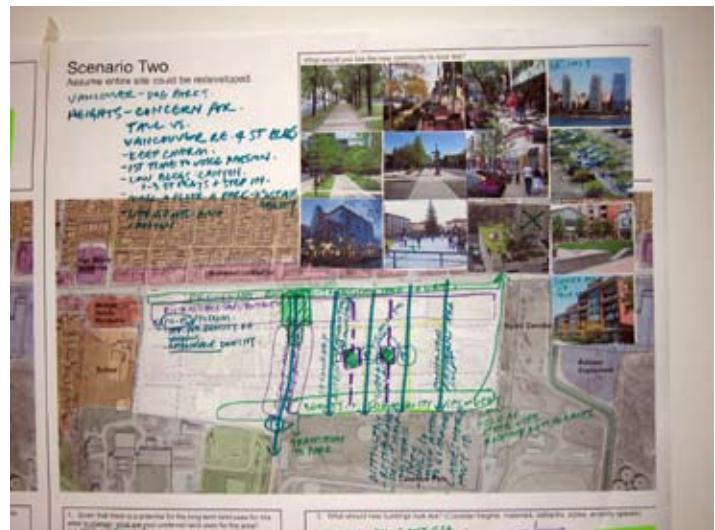
A series of display panels for each of the planning districts was presented. The panels outlined the summary of public input collected to date relating to specific themes. The panels also indicated other matters that will need to be considered when developing the policy recommendations.

Attendees of the Open House were asked to participate by reviewing the display panels; making comments on each panel with the post-it notes provided; asking questions and discussing their ideas and concerns with staff from the City and the consultant team and completing and submitting a questionnaire. The intent of the evening's input was to ensure that the consultant team had "got it right" before proceeding into the recommendations phase of the study.

Summary of Events:

- Study Kick Off Meeting, November 22, 2007
- Lakeview Visioning, December 10, 2007
- Port Credit Visioning, December 11, 2007
- Lakeview Place Making Workshop, January 30, 2008
- Port Credit Place Making Workshop, February 20, 2008
- Youth Outreach Exercise at Alan A Martin Public School, April 8, 2008
- Youth Outreach Exercise at Riverside Public School, April 8, 2008
- Final Public Open House, June 19, 2008
- Online Input
- Stakeholder Interviews and Submissions

Refer to the attached Appendices for summaries of all of the public engagement events related to this study.



Worksheets and precedent images were used for many of the place making sites.



A physical model was prepared for the Inglis Site, Lakeview District.



Presentation boards and comment sheets were also used to collect community feedback.