




COMMUNICATION UPDATE

TO:	Mayor and Members City Council
DATE:	June 13, 2022
SUBJECT:	Open Street Temporary Urban Linear Park – Public Engagement (Wards 2 and 3)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	Wards 2 and 3
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On May 4, 2022, Council approved the Open Street Temporary Linear Urban Park Report PED22075. This Communication Update responds to the General Issues Committee 22-009, Item 6, Recommendation (g): “That, prior to the implementation of any Open Streets Temporary Linear Urban Park, staff be directed to an provide opportunity for direct resident engagement to include, but not be limited to, the use of Engage Hamilton to invite residents along the King Street stretch to comment on this matter.”

As per the Recommendation, Staff is seeking public input on an Open Streets pilot project which would turn King Street into a Temporary Urban Linear Park from Gage Park to Gore Park. On one weekend day, four kms of linear roadway space would be transformed into additional public space that could be used for cycling, physical activity stations, and small urban activations.

This project will focus on the corridor of King Street between Gage Street and Gore Park to create a comfortable area for walking, rolling, and cycling. There will also be some opportunities for non-commercial programming from community organizations. This project is being conducted as a pilot, and if determined a success, could move forward with additional dates in 2023.

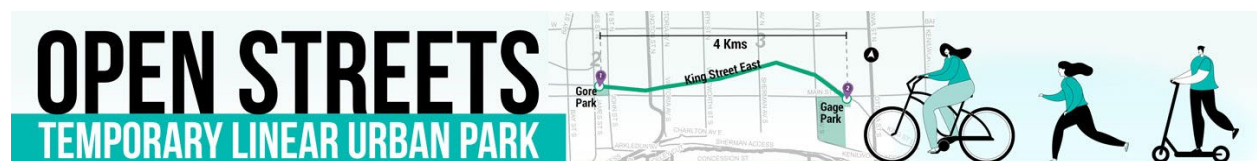
The survey will be available on Engage Hamilton until June 23.
<https://engage.hamilton.ca/openstreets>

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Open Streets are programs that temporarily open streets to people as additional public space, closing them to cars. These events typically have a family-friendly festival type atmosphere but are not organized as festivals. The first one was conducted in Bogota, Columbia in 1974. The Cyclovia (translated to “Cycle-way”) closed major streets to vehicular traffic on Sundays, and still runs today with 122 kms of roadway included in the program. Hamilton has successfully run Open Streets-style events in the past, including an event on James Street North, and one in Westdale.

The input gathered will help the City of Hamilton understand the interest in this project from local residents, and to help guide the final design of the project.

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APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

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