

Lower Sapperton Traffic Calming Workshop Information Package

To all residents interested in participating in the Lower Sapperton Traffic Calming Initiative,

We are the Steering Committee for the Lower Sapperton Traffic Calming Initiative. We are a group of Lower Sapperton residents who have volunteered our time to develop and facilitate a process through which residents of our area can determine whether they wish to have additional traffic calming measures in the neighbourhood, and, if so, the types of measures they wish to see implemented.

Thank you for participating in our online or door-based survey back in October, and for providing valuable feedback about traffic issues and concerns in Lower Sapperton. This data has been collated and analyzed (please see the full summary details on the next page), and it is clear from responses that an overwhelming majority of people in Lower Sapperton are in favour of some additional measures to deal with the anticipated increase in traffic in the neighbourhood due to the relocation of the Emergency Entrance to Sherbrooke Street.

On **Wednesday, November 17, at 7 pm**, we will be hosting an online workshop via Zoom to discuss potential ideas for additional traffic calming measures for Lower Sapperton. We are hopeful that as many interested residents as possible will join this discussion and we are inviting you to participate.

Sometimes, it can be hard to talk about abstract, conceptual ideas where anything can be possible. Maybe you have clear ideas of what you'd like. Maybe you are uncertain what traffic calming means! To help us ground our conversation and get on the same page to start with, we've put together a little exercise for the meeting. We've designed two very different examples of what traffic calming could look like. **Please note: these are not real suggestions!** We've designed these two 'plans' to be extreme and thought-provoking on purpose to give us things to talk about. We hope they help generate ideas, reactions, thoughts, and opinions when you look at them.

Our plan is to give everyone a chance to talk about what they liked and don't like about these drawings, and use the conversation to help us all, as a collective, come up with a proposal that we can get on board with. The guiding question we must all consider is: what level of inconvenience are we individually willing to accept to enhance the collective livability of the neighbourhood?

We look forward to seeing you on November 17 and to hearing a range of thoughtful ideas that we can propose to the City to help enhance the livability of our neighbourhood.

If you would like to participate, please RSVP using the following Google Form. This will help us to plan for the number of people who will be participating. The link is: <https://forms.gle/wSgPYwFEJuQmWGRd7>

With many thanks,

The Lower Sapperton Traffic Calming Initiative Steering Committee

Summary of Data Collected from Online and Door-Based Survey

- **158 neighbours** answered the survey. When asked if they would like additional traffic calming in Lower Sapperton due to the RCH Emergency Department entrance moving to Sherbrooke Street:
 - 24 answered Maybe (15%)
 - 14 answered No (9%)
 - 120 answered Yes (76%)
- Regarding whether people were most concerned about speed or volume:
 - 18 answered speed (13%)
 - 20 answered volume (14.5%)
 - 100 answered both (72.5%)
- Recurring themes in possible ideas for traffic calming
 - Stop signs and speed bumps
 - Signage indicating local traffic only
 - Reduced speed limits
 - Intersections designed to direct traffic, e.g right turn only
 - Focus on pedestrian and cyclist experience and safety
 - One-way streets
 - A lot of people who had no ideas but were very keen to learn more
- Recurring themes in the stories and experiences
 - Overwhelming desire to see this neighbourhood as a place for walkers and cyclists. Lots of mentions of prioritizing pedestrian traffic and the pedestrian experience. Almost all commenters mentioned that pedestrian and cyclist life has been compromised throughout construction and concern that it will continue to worsen.
 - Lots of stories of speeding cars and traffic that is going dangerously fast, both on Sherbrooke and on the neighbourhood streets (namely Kelly, Fader, Garrett, Wilson)
 - Many stories of traffic cutting through to get to Braid, often at very fast speeds.
 - Big safety concerns for pedestrians and accounts of vehicles not yielding, including numerous close calls. Lots of calls for more separation from vehicles and thought to pedestrian experience.
 - Lots of stories of kids and families not feeling safe, and of people without kids concerned about the kids they see being not safe.
 - Strong feeling that this is a neighbourhood-wide issue, not just Sherbrooke. Many sharing the sentiment that traffic calming measures must be equitable, carefully and strategically planned to avoid fixing a problem on one street and simply funneling problems elsewhere.
 - Lots of people on Wilson Street have continued concerns about parking and traffic due to the school on Rousseau. Though not relevant specifically to this issue, worth noting that there is already frustration and feeling of not being heard.
 - Existing speed bumps and roundabouts are very appreciated and supported
 - Almost universally people have noticed a change/worsening since construction started.
 - Lots of people noticed increase in traffic 3-7pm
 - Concerns about trucks and larger vehicles coming through the neighbourhood
 - Overall, strong neighbourly vibes. People want Sapperton to be a place where everyone wants to walk around and nurture a sense of community.