

Dundas Eco-Motion Project: Assessment Tool

Thank you for contributing your ideas to the Dundas Eco-Motion Project. This Assessment Tool, adapted from one used previously by the Public Health department, will take 1-2 hours to complete and should be completed while walking. It is divided into three sections:



- Section 1 'Where you are Walking' lets us know where you most frequently walk to.
- Section 2 'Walking Condition in Your Neighbourhood' provides us with a detailed description of given streets and a rating of your walking experience.
- Section 3 'Changes You Would Like to See' outlines what improvements would make your neighborhood more walkable.

It is useful to read all instructions first. The information gathered will be used to help make Dundas a safe, efficient and comfortable place to walk. Please submit your completed forms to Alessandra from Environment Hamilton (contact info below), and enjoy your walk!

PLEASE NOTE: This form can be used for biking as well. Simply indicate this change at the top of the survey.

SECTION 1 – WHERE YOU ARE WALKING

Circle Places You Go

What are the places in your neighborhood that you get to by walking? On the Dundas map, circle all major places you go (destinations) in **BLACK**. If the location does not appear with a symbol on the map (as the Library is) put a number inside the circle and list the numbered circles on the bottom of the map. Destinations might include shopping locations, workplaces, schools, parks, places of worship, recreation, library, medical appointments, movie theatre, restaurants etc.

Add Important Places You Go

On the Dundas map, place an "IP" in **BLACK** for "important places" you go most often, or have a need to go. Choose the 1 or 2 most important places.

SECTION 2 – WALKING CONDITIONS IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

SIDEWALKS

It is important to know how complete your sidewalk system is. Are there whole parts missing? Are there major parts that are broken and where you can't walk? Use the **RED** pen to draw a line to identify all locations of **MAJOR** problem areas, such as cracked sidewalks. Please only indicate problems that would impede pedestrians.

STREET CROSSINGS: Safe street crossing is an important part of walkability. It might be fairly easy to cross a local two lane street, but it is more difficult to cross a street with 3-4 lanes and lots of traffic. How safe are street crossings in your neighbourhood?

Draw Street Crossings in GREEN

1. Circle the most important places to cross in green.
2. Draw a green "S" for each traffic signal.
3. Draw in marked crosswalks with a green "X"

DIRECTNESS: The distance the walker must go affects whether they choose to walk. If they have to go a long way to get around barriers, they might decide to drive instead. How direct are walking paths in your neighborhood?

Draw Barriers in RED

1. Draw a jagged RED line to show barriers to walking.
2. Write a short explanation on the map. (These barriers might be physical – such as a railway, deep ditch, snow bank, or fence – or they might be barriers like a wide, busy street which is unsafe to cross.)

PHYSICAL INTEREST AND AMENITY: Walkers like places that are pleasant, visually interesting and well maintained. Do you enjoy walking in your neighborhood?

1. Highlight the best places to walk with a solid **GREEN** circle.
2. Highlight the worst places to walk with a dashed **RED** circle.
3. Write a short explanation for your choices. Explain why each of these places are either good or bad.

SECURITY: If people feel unsafe walking in an area, they will typically choose not to walk there. In general, how safe do you feel walking in your neighborhood?

Draw Security Issues in RED

1. Circle and label any areas where you think you are unsafe walking.
2. Write the 2 or 3 reasons you feel an area is unsafe on the edge of the map.

LOCATION OF YOUR WALK:

From: _____
Map # _____

To: _____
Name: _____

GENERAL RATING: Please read over this checklist before you go. As you walk, note the locations of things you would like to change. At the end of your walk, give an overall rating to each question using the following scale:

1	2	3	4	5	6
EXCELLENT	VERY GOOD	GOOD	SOME PROBLEMS	MANY PROBLEMS	AWFUL

1. Did you have room to walk?

There were sidewalks, paths, or shoulders	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Sidewalk started and stopped	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Sidewalks were broken or cracked	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Sidewalks were blocked with poles, signs, shrubbery, dumpsters, etc.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Too much traffic	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Something else? _____		
Locations of Problems: _____		

Rating (circle one): 1 2 3 4 5 6

2. Was it easy to cross streets?

There were crosswalks and signals where needed	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Road was too wide	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Timing on walk signal was long enough	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Parked cars blocked our view of traffic	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Trees or plants blocked our view of traffic	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
There were curb ramps in good repair	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Something else? _____		
Locations of Problems _____		

Rating (circle one): 1 2 3 4 5 6

3. Did drivers behave well?

Looked before backing out	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Yielded to people crossing the street	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Turned into crosswalk when people were crossing	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Drove Slowly	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Sped up to make it through traffic lights or drove through red lights	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Something else? _____		
Locations of Problems: _____		

SECTION 3 – CHANGES YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE

Walking Wishes

Now that you have reviewed and summarized your work, think about the five most important changes you would like to see in your neighborhood. They may or may not be related to the streets you walked today. Write down five specific “walking wishes” in the space provided below. These will include anything that you need in your community to encourage you to walk more. (think about the reasons you need to drive!)

Remember, your wishes have no limits! Include amenities you would like to see, environmental or structural changes...anything!

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

Thank you for your time and effort in letting us know what you think about improving walkability in the neighbourhood.

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