

# Open Streets Temporary Urban Linear Park

**BIA Advisory Committee** 

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#### What is an Open Street?



- Temporary opening of streets to people as additional public space, closing them to cars.
- 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 km of roadway included in the program.



'Cyclovia' Open Street event in Bogota

### Why an Open Street?



- Mobility patterns have shifted during the COVID-19 pandemic, with a worldwide increase in walking, cycling, and generally being outside more.
- Many cities have recognized this and improved outdoor space such as pop-up bike lanes and temporary dining spaces
- In North America, the most common measure has been Open Streets



Open Streets in NYC

# **Open Streets in North America**





NYC Open Street



Portland Open Street

# What is being considered?



- One day this fall on a Saturday or Sunday, the roadway would be transformed into additional public space that could be used as a temporary linear urban park.
- 4 km of road closed to vehicles from Gage Park to Gore Park
- Space for cycling, physical activity stations and small urban activation projects.
- This is a pilot project, and if successful there is the potential for more of these events in 2023.



#### What has Hamilton done in the past?



Past events include: James St North, Westdale, Barton Village Festival

In the past these have been much shorter, with a lot of programming and

activities.





*Images from James St North Open Street event, 2015.* 

# **Barton Village Festival**







#### **Survey Engagement**





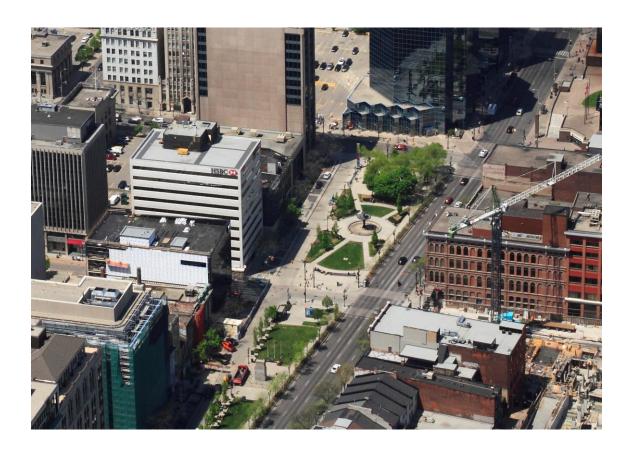
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- Share your comments via e-mail to <u>sustainable.mobility@hamilton.ca</u>
- Will review comments for consideration as we continue to plan the logistics of this event.
- The City will be engaging with businesses impacted by this project to ensure minimal disruption to operations

#### **Next Steps**



- Compile survey results
- Continue engagement with key stakeholders including BIAs, Police, Fire, Transit, businesses
- Detail concept, costs, issues mitigation
- Report back to Council with survey results and proposed next steps







# **THANK YOU**

