

What is an Urban Design & Streetscape Plan?

The study area is expected to change dramatically over the next 30 years, as (i) the Spadina Subway is built in the middle of the study area (2015), (ii) new bus terminals providing surface transit connections are completed, and (iii) as York University lands develop. In addition, the continued expansion and growth of the City of Vaughan will generate development pressure in this area as it transitions from suburban industrial land use towards a more intensive and urban mixed-use community. OPA 620/Steeles West Secondary Plan provides development principles and objectives, a public realm framework, and urban design policies for the study area.

This Plan provides a design framework to (i) direct growth and change, and (ii) to influence new development and redevelopment. This will include the location of future road alignments, proposed parks and open spaces, and transit station and infrastructure. The Plan will also detail road classifications, potential buildings types and configurations, and street and built form relationships.

This Plan is intended to represent the desired approach for growth over the long term, as the lands develop.

