

The background of the slide is a photograph of a paved road curving through a green landscape under a blue sky with white clouds. A large green rectangular box with a thin dark border is centered in the upper half of the image, containing the title text.

# **Teron Road Renewal**

## ***Towards a [more] Complete Street***

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# Summary

- Teron road is 50 years old
  - A collector with a park-like setting; it's showing its age.
  - Ash trees are dying, others are reaching end of life.
  - Plant screening has grown “patchy”. Out-of-character elements have been added over time.
  - Privacy, noise and active transportation compatibility are issues.
- A new Master Plan is needed:
  - Integrate planned new sidewalks with overall renewal.
  - Need plan to renew crumbling existing sidewalks. Plan landscaping updates, ...
  - Consistent with the community and incorporating Complete Streets concepts

This proposal is based on a study and recommendations by Landscape Architects **Fernando Ribas** and **Leo Marti-Aguilar**



# Street Assets

- **Some excellent examples of street, building, landscaping integration**
- **Good elements have consistent, timeless natural style which the community wants carried forward**





The trees in front of the building block the view. Landscaping adjacent to Teron is excellent.





Natural variation – utility box needs screening





Excellent project. The Spruce trees will grow much taller. Notice the three levels of Planting.



Well screened buildings, natural variation in trees, landscaping





Well set back building, attractive building frontage, varied screening





Beautiful natural area



# Street Problems

- Individual and groups of utility boxes
- Parking lots at street edge
- Ugly buildings/lack of screening
- Screening gaps impacting privacy
- Overgrown or short life trees, dying ash population
- Poorly maintained (private) fences, landscaping





Utility Boxes – everywhere...





Poorly maintained fences and landscaping on private land





- No sidewalks on East side.
- The hole indicates that this area is used for vehicle access to the sports field.





Deteriorated sidewalk, parking fronting on Taron Road





Sidewalk and manhole heaving, cracking, uneven surface





Less than attractive fence. Lack of privacy for homes fronting on Teron Road





- Good higher screening, but parking lot fronts on Teron like a used car dealership.
- Crumbling sidewalk. Depressions become ponds during winter thaws, skating rinks once re-frozen





Bell Canada utility building, vehicle parking and utility box by bus stop





Bell Canada utility building view from Teron/Penfield intersection





Condo Parking lot fronting on Teron – South East corner – Beaverbrook and Teron Roads





Firehall needs landscape design to minimize visual impact of building on Teron Road





Unattractive building, parking fronts on Teron.





# Suggested Solutions (landscaping)

- Use plantings (in cooperation with Utility box owners) to camouflage boxes
- Use multiple height plantings to soften buildings, views, improve privacy for Teron facing residential
- Upgrade sidewalks and integrate new sidewalks with plant screening. Possibly upgrade to pedestrian/cyclist compatible
- Some possible examples....



Block view towards building with medium size trees and shrubs





Landscaping to block view to building





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Screen planting concept





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Suggested design concept for fire hall





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Medium size shrubs to block parking while allowing to see the shop names





# Conclusion

- **Proposed upgrades are modest.**
  - Spot replace/renew
  - Recognize Teron was not designed for Complete Streets. May be impractical to fully separate cycling.
  - Can be executed incrementally (but needs a Master Plan now)
- **Provides improved privacy, noise reduction through increased screening**
- **Needs to be integrated with proposed additional sidewalks in short term**