

Is Port Credit Walkable and Accessible?

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#### **UNIVERSAL DESIGN**

#### What does it Mean for Lakeshore Corridor?

- Accessibility
- Age-In-Place
- VisitAbility
- Inclusion
- Employee Retention
- Increased # Customers for local stores
- Social Interaction

### **SOME STATISTICS**

 Statistics Canada (2012) states 13.7% of population declare as having a disability

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by age 45 - 64 years old,
by age 65 - 74 years old,
by age 75+ years old,
42.5 %
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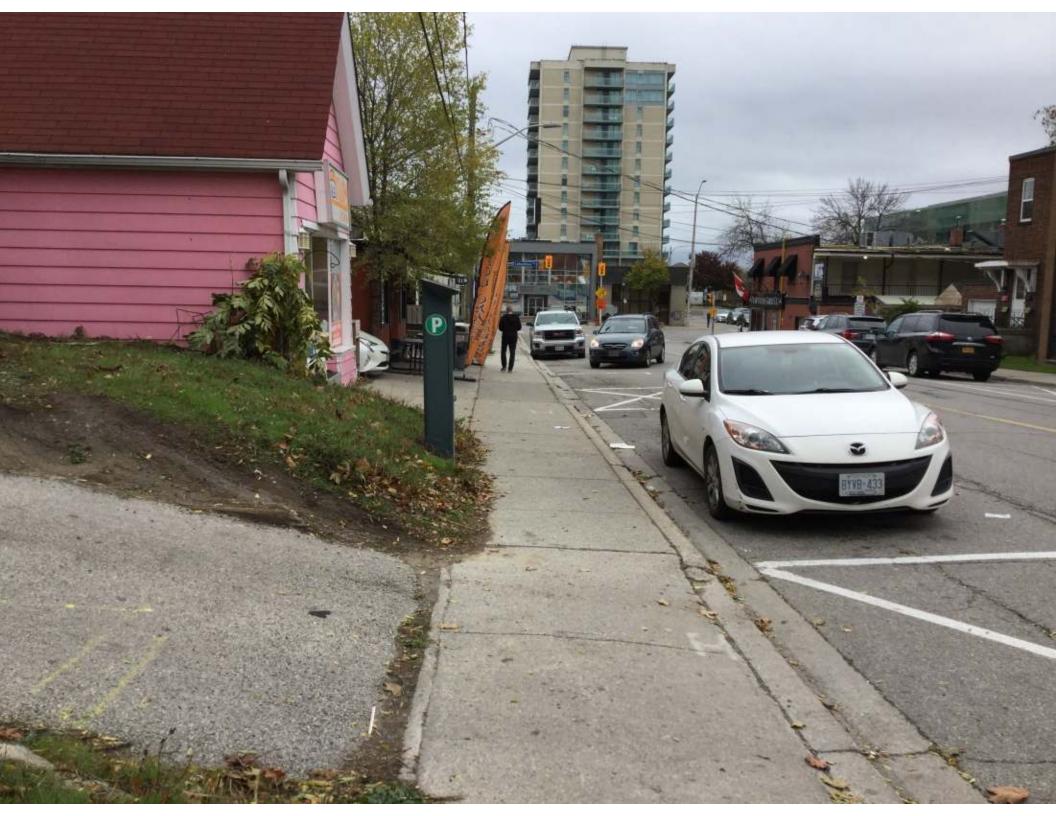
- If your community isn't accessible, you may have to:
  - Leave your community, leaving friends and family behind
  - Quit your job, or may lose your job or your business
  - Stay at home and lose social contacts and sense of community

### **ACCESSIBILITY MISSES**

- It's not that we plan to make life difficult for others but we are not always aware how what we do can affect others so much
- You may find you will now see things a little differently, and think about how the walking experience can be improved for all
- Here are some Port Credit examples...















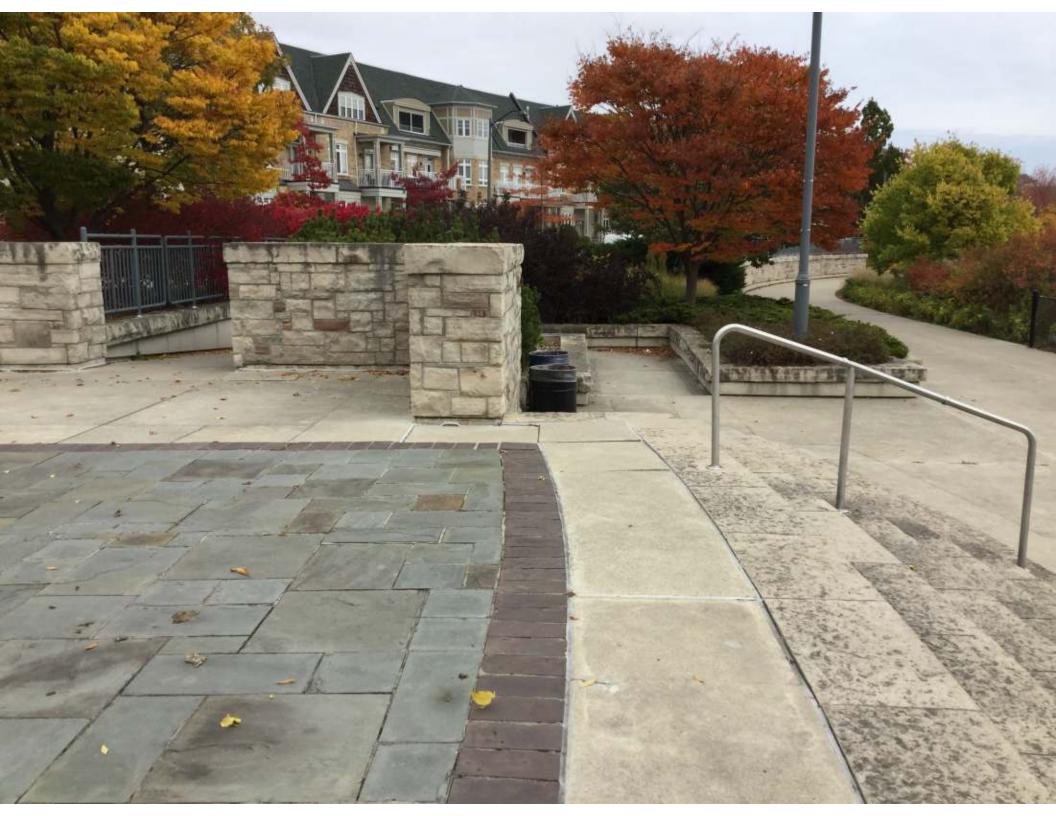




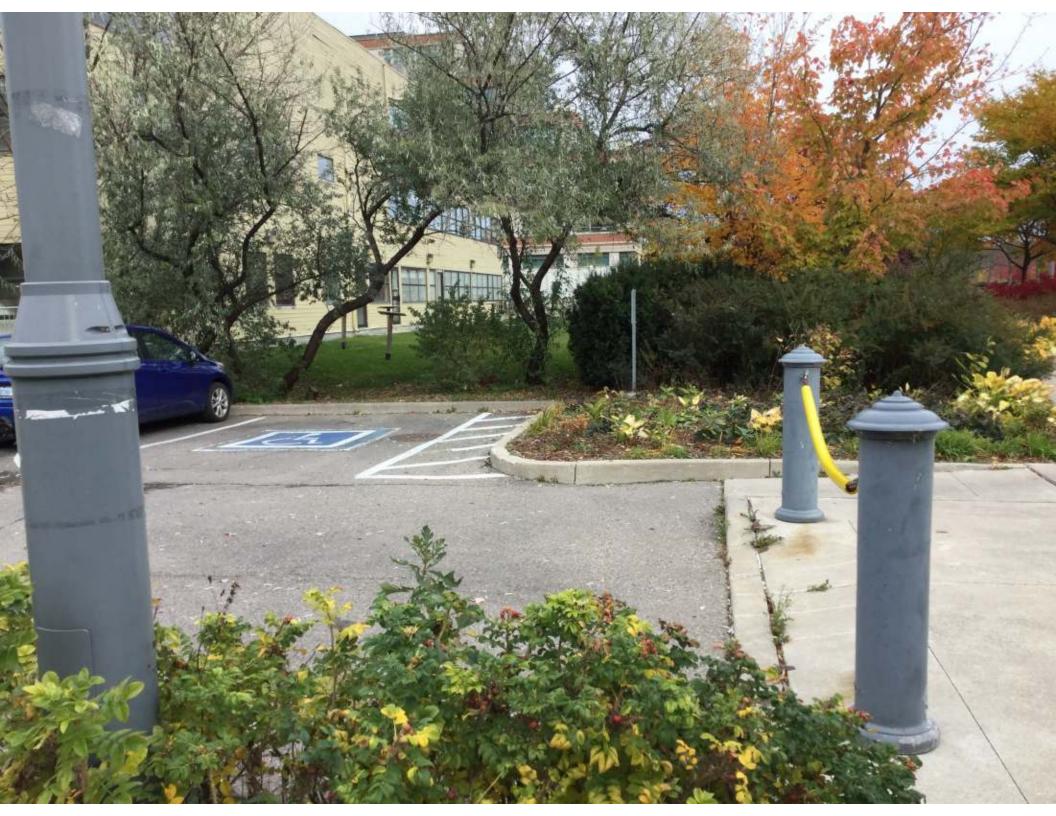
#### SOME GOOD EXAMPLES

 It's not all bad news as we are seeing more and good examples of accessibility, and here are just a few in Port Credit ...











# The Lakeshore Walkability Audit

Conducted by: Lakeshore Connecting Communities / City of Mississauga; co-hosted with Region of Peel (May 2017)

- Online (8 page PDF) at: www7.mississauga.ca/Departments/Marketing /lakeshore-connecting-communities/Port-Credit-Walkability-Audit.pdf
- Take a look at the audit and open your eyes to ways to improve our mainstreet accessibility...

#### **TOP TEN Audit Concerns**

- Not all storefronts on Lakeshore Road are accessible
- More benches and seating areas needed near destinations
- Add perpendicular wayfinding signs (e.g. washrooms)
- Install a lit-up store directory at street corners
- Uneven pavements and curbs; some very narrow and sloped
- Obstacles: garbage cans, planters, bike posts + bikes
- Protrusions: trees, traffic poles, parking metres, light posts
- Lighting in some areas could be improved
- Curb ramps are not well done in some areas
- Patios are great; unsafe for folks with certain accessibility needs

## Include Accessibility in Planning!

#### Implement Universal Design wherever it can be:

- City of Mississauga is an accessibility leader: www.mississauga.ca/portal/residents/accessibility www.mississauga.ca/portal/residents/accessibilitystandards
- Region of Peel accessibility: www.peelregion.ca/corpserv/makingway/
- Ontario is one of the few Canadian Provinces with Accessibility Laws (AODA):
  - www.ontario.ca/page/accessibility-laws