

# 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 Conditions 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 Adam 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

### Identify Places You Go

Let us know which destinations in your neighbourhood you get to by walking. Please list the most important destinations.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

**You may use a map to highlight your points of concern or needed changes. You can send this in with your assessment, but this is not included or critical.**

### Circle Places You Go

What are the places in your neighborhood that you get to by walking? On a map, circle all major places you go (destinations). If the location does not appear with a symbol on the map, 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. On the map, place an "IP" 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

### LOCATION OF YOUR WALK:

From: \_\_\_\_\_

To: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**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:

<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
EXCELLENT	VERY GOOD	GOOD	SOME PROBLEMS	MANY PROBLEMS	AWFUL

### 1. Did you have room to walk?

There were sidewalks, paths, or shoulders

Yes

No

Sidewalk started and stopped

Yes

No

Sidewalks were broken or cracked

Yes

No

Sidewalks were blocked with poles, signs, shrubbery, dumpsters, etc.

Yes

No

Too much traffic

Yes

No

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

No

Road was too wide

Yes

No

Timing on walk signal was long enough

Yes

No

Parked cars blocked our view of traffic

Yes

No

Trees or plants blocked our view of traffic

Yes

No

There were curb ramps in good repair

Yes

No

Something else? \_\_\_\_\_

Locations of Problems: \_\_\_\_\_

Rating (circle one):

1

2

3

4

5

6

### 3. Did drivers behave well?

Looked before backing out

Yes

No

Yielded to people crossing the street

Yes

No

Turned into crosswalk when people were crossing

Yes

No

Drove Slowly

Yes

No

Sped up to make it through traffic lights or drove through red lights

Yes

No

Something else? \_\_\_\_\_

Locations of Problems: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**4. Did cyclists/skateboarders/scooters behave well?**

Yield to pedestrians?      Yes       No

Something else? \_\_\_\_\_

Locations of Problems: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**5. Was it easy to follow safety rules? Could you...**

Cross at crosswalks where you could see  
and be seen by drivers?      Yes       No

Easily see both directions before  
crossing streets?      Yes       No

Walk on sidewalks or shoulders facing traffic  
where there were no sidewalks?      Yes       No

Cross with the light?      Yes       No

Something else? \_\_\_\_\_

Locations of Problems: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**6. Was your walk pleasant?**

Some unpleasant things      Yes       No

Needed more grass, flowers, trees,  
or interesting sights      Yes       No

Scary dogs      Yes       No

There was good lighting      Yes       No

Clean, little litter      Yes       No

Something else? \_\_\_\_\_

Identify pleasant things \_\_\_\_\_

Identify unpleasant things \_\_\_\_\_

Locations of Problems: \_\_\_\_\_

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

## **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 relate 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.

**Please mail the completed assessment to:**

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Located on the third floor in the Sonic Unyon building – located between James and Hughson Streets in downtown Hamilton.

Or visit [www.environmenthamilton.org/view/page/dundas\\_eco\\_motion](http://www.environmenthamilton.org/view/page/dundas_eco_motion) and complete the electronic version, and email the assessment to:

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