

# the Jane Finch Crossroads



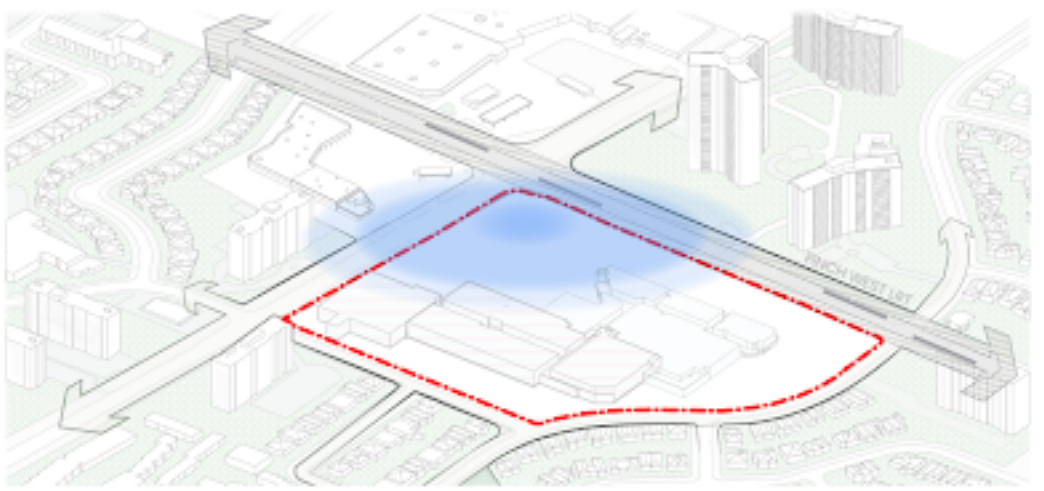
A transit-supportive place with the greatest potential for landmark high-rise buildings.



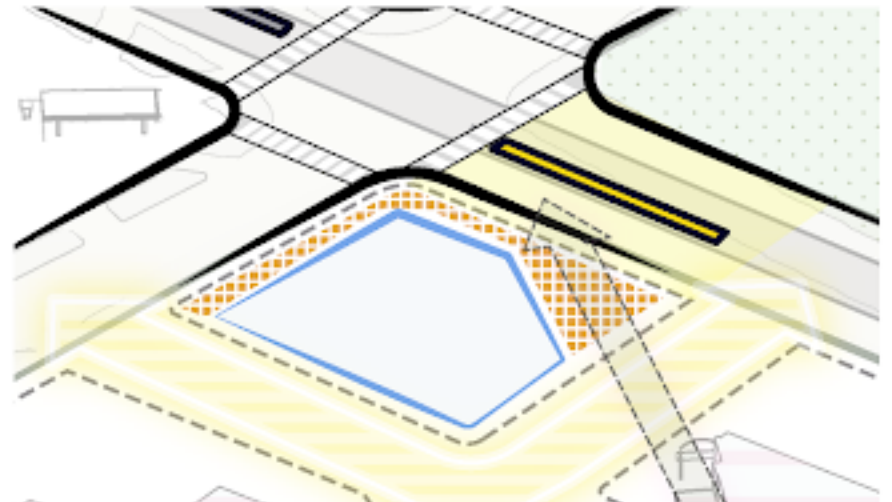
A place for residents to engage and connect to information, services, and supports



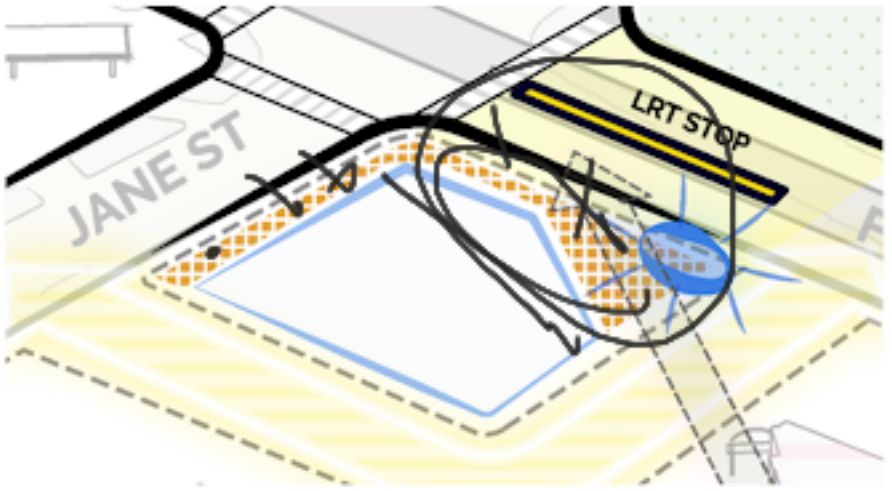
Indoor and outdoor community uses and gathering.



A signature site with the greatest potential for height: greatest visibility with access to transit, and the intersection



Opportunities for partnerships with local community organizations, and/or flexible, multi-purpose space for gathering and meeting



The plaza could be animated by community activities and place-making opportunities

## What we heard during the stakeholder sessions:

Want to better understand opportunities and benefits for existing community members

Supporting the corner as a common space

Important place for community culture to be reflected

Explore partnerships with institutions aligned with community needs/interests

Indoor and outdoor space dedicated to and accessible by the existing community is important

Desire for integration of local art and cultural work, community programming, performance and animation

Desire for more comfortable and green space that is designed to be an inviting place for people to sit / gather

Surprise about change and how different things would look

A space for community uses; sharing of local information, culture and history – year round

## What else is missing?

Landmark - Something that would reflect the different cultures of the community...like a globe...all the flags, representing all the different places people come from

Place for local artists

Green space / shared space for activism/ community connection

a small gathering/meeting place

Places for people to sit, talk and have a rest if they are carrying groceries. Maybe moving the services closer.

A welcome sign. Here you are, a beacon. Could it change during certain events. Holidays Christmas Like the Toronto Sign or integrated in the building preserve the Jane Finch Mall sign

Go there for shopping, events - kids carnival - the market - the flea market.

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# the Market Core



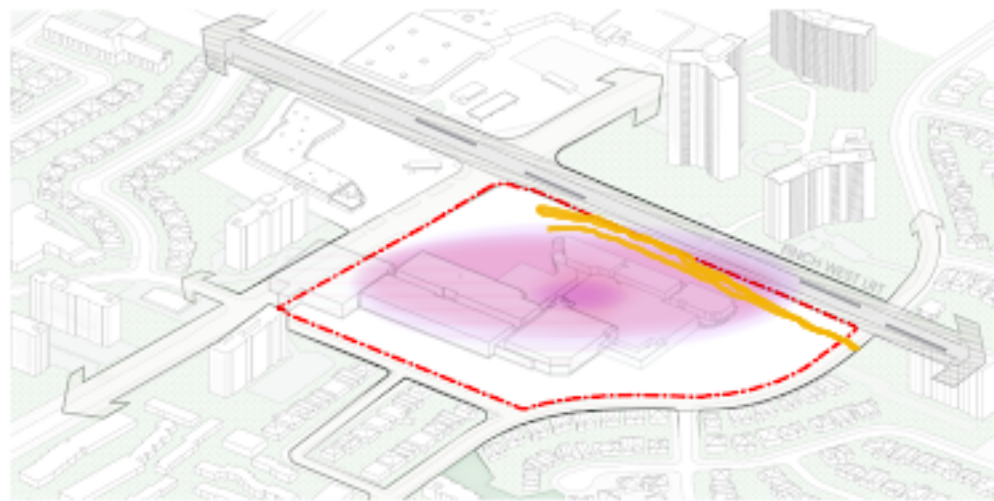
A market space and shops to support small business and a variety of retailers, with a focus on services that support the community.



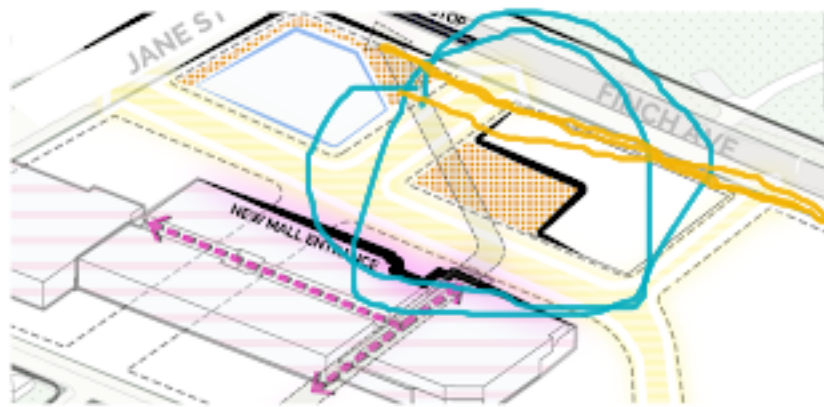
A place for community celebrations and programming.



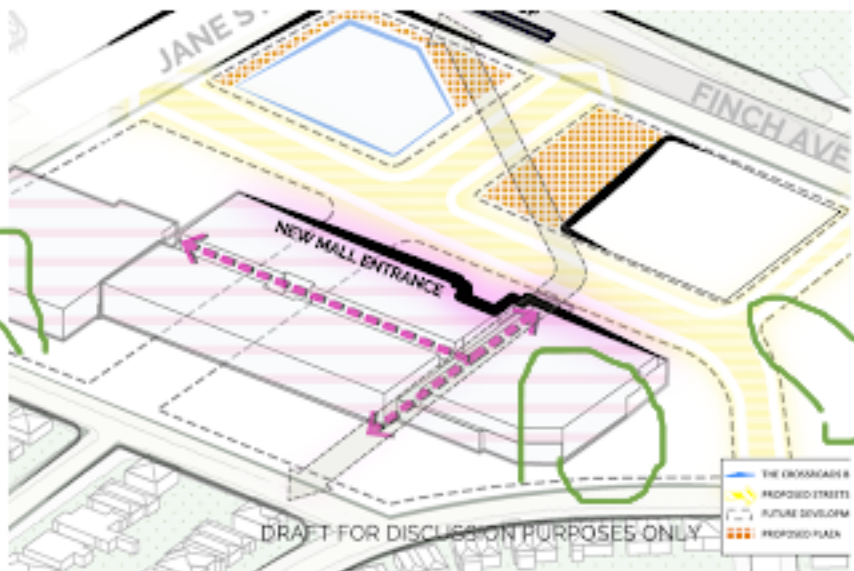
A mix of housing, including affordable homes and homes sized for families



Maintain the Site as a place to meet your daily needs, support local business, and enable connection through food, retail and services.



- Street related shops
- Space for the community to gather
- Space for local retail markets
- Small business incubator and food spaces
- Space for micro retail and live-work



## What we heard during the stakeholder sessions:

Future retail/services should be tailored to the needs of the community

Public spaces should be inclusive for all

A place to go, chill, eat and talk. I want people to say "Jane and Finch has some good stores" and don't want to have to leave the community to do stuff.

Affordable spaces for small, local business, artists, and entrepreneurs are important

More healthy and local food choices

Live/work-spaces sound desirable

Clear views & connection to the corner

Could we close the streets for events?

Flexible spaces to support changing uses and destination retail

## What else is missing?

how do we create stores that are accessible and affordable so we don't have to travel too far

make pedestrian friendly streets to support/extend the market

middle open space: prefer the version that is wrapped by buildings - for a market space

Good plan, needs to include a mix of types of stores. Food will be an important feature

entrepreneurship can support community-led market space

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# the Neighbourhood



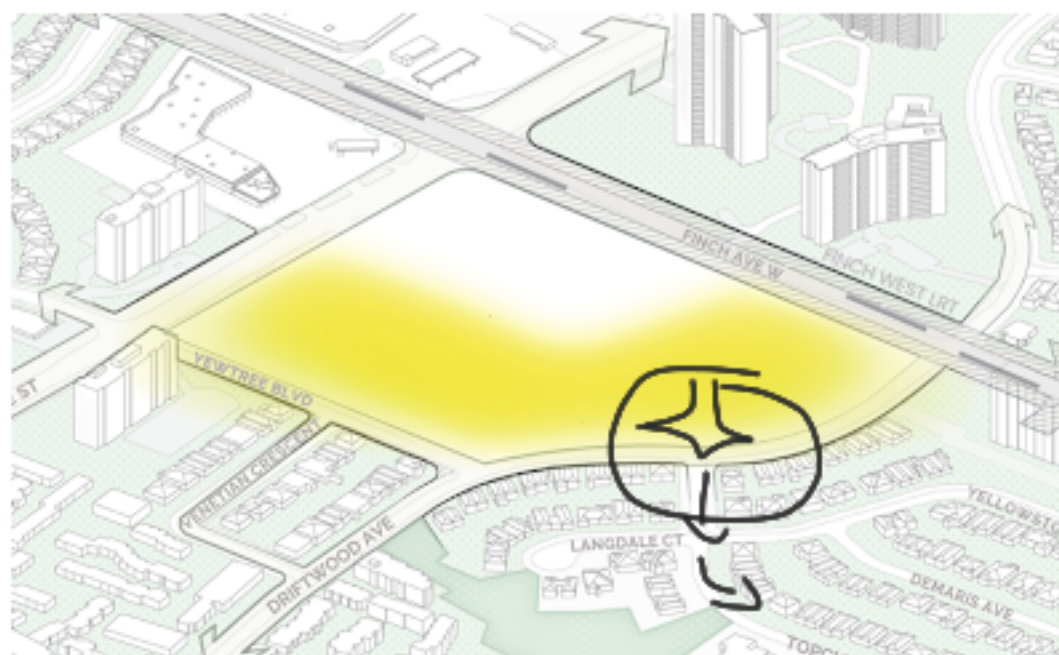
A place with parks and amenities for new and existing residents to gather, learn and play.



An opportunity to reach out to Black Creek Ravine with greenery and open spaces.



An area where buildings and open space support transition to lower rise neighbourhoods.



Create new neighbourhood parks and central amenities to connect residents. Provide affordable homes. Integrate safe and family-friendly design.

An area where buildings and open space support transition to lower rise neighbourhoods

Opportunity to deliver new parks and amenities for new and existing residents

- a larger sized park and some plaza spaces
- two mid-sized parks
- a single large neighbourhood park

needs to consider recommendations of the entire spectrum of diversity in the neighbourhood

the pathway to the ravine could represent a gateway - stepping into an entryway into nature

Green space / shared space for activism/community connection

NW open space for events with green/gathering

parks near roads may create safety concerns if intended for kids - may need fencing to contain

## What we heard during the stakeholder sessions:

Who is all this housing for? Will it meet the needs of the existing community?

How many units will it bring? Rental or ownership? Will it be affordable?

Space for seniors and families is important

Space for new daycares is important

There is lots of green in the community but its not active - Make sure buildings and uses activate the spaces

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# parks and open spaces



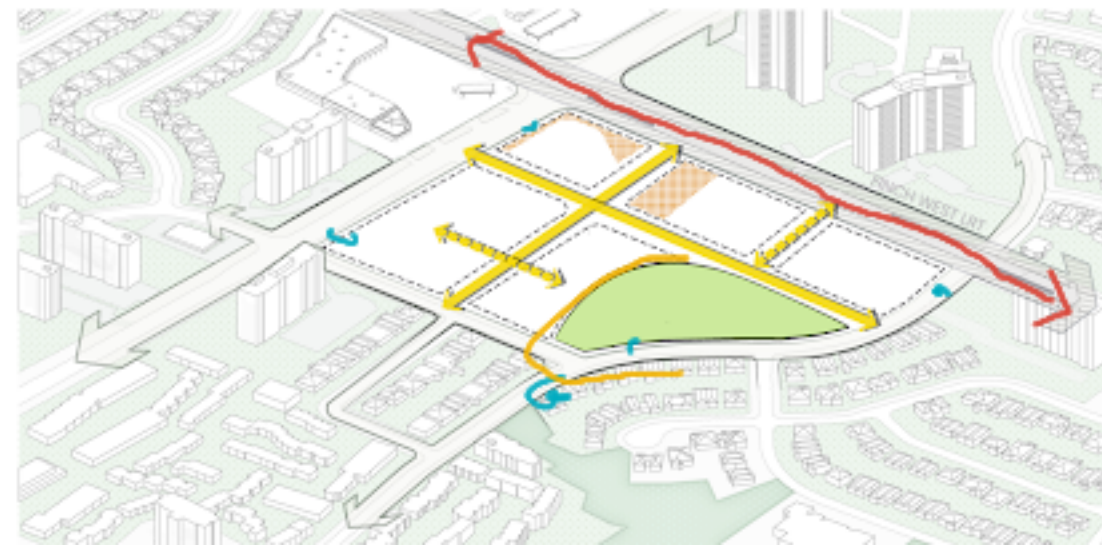
## Parks could be...

- a larger sized park and some plaza spaces
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## Plazas and other open spaces could be...

- Programmable
- Places to play, reflect and sit
- Hardscaped
- Representative to the culture and community of Jane Finch



## What we heard during the stakeholder sessions:

New parks should be places near housing and away from busy streets

There could be unique programming opportunities for parks and amenities like food truck festivals or arts in the park.

more fountains and hardscaping was of interest

Integrate places for youth to play and hang out

Public spaces should be inclusive for all

## What else is missing?

more space for arts club / arts in the park

if the mall wants to continue to be a pillar of the community - they should have places to host events -- if they can be that place for people to host celebrations/holidays

water is calming - people gravitate towards it

mixed use green space -- throw frisbee

splitting up parks is good - with lots of folks, places for seniors, for meditation, for youth and people who want to make nose

soccer is popular!!

outdoor music opportunities

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Local and affordable retail



incubator & entrepreneurship

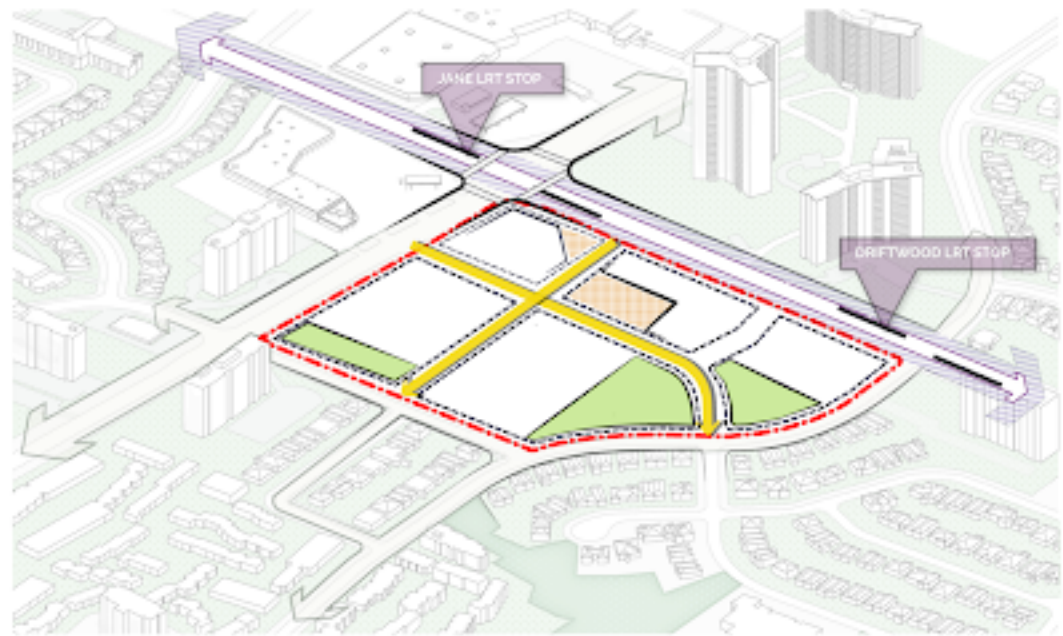


parks and open spaces



community programming

# community interests



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Indoor and outdoor space dedicated to and accessible by the existing community is important

How does the community keep having an active role as benefits come into place

Space for seniors and families is important  
Space for new daycares is important

There needs to be affordable homes and retail opportunities

**Spaces could be for...**

- Community program
- New and existing residents
- Incubator and entrepreneurship
- Local and affordable retail
- Artists
- Parks and open spaces

## What else is missing?

artwork, murals, plaques acknowledging the history of the community and the original stewards of the land and educating residents/visitors about it

spaces for young people, decompress, accessible spaces, easy to find

places to do sports are lacking (e.g., basketball courts, tennis (difficult to access the court that currently exists), lessons can take place here), could have these in parks too

space for events and to highlight different things going on with different orgs/people (different cultural days and groups) to capture the diversity of the neighbourhood (e.g. powow, latin american cultural day, heritage day)

lengthy history of spaces being created in community and then lost because accessibility/governing hasn't been thought through

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