

Old East Village Neighbourhood Safety Plan

OEV Neighbourhood Task Force

CPSC Presentation

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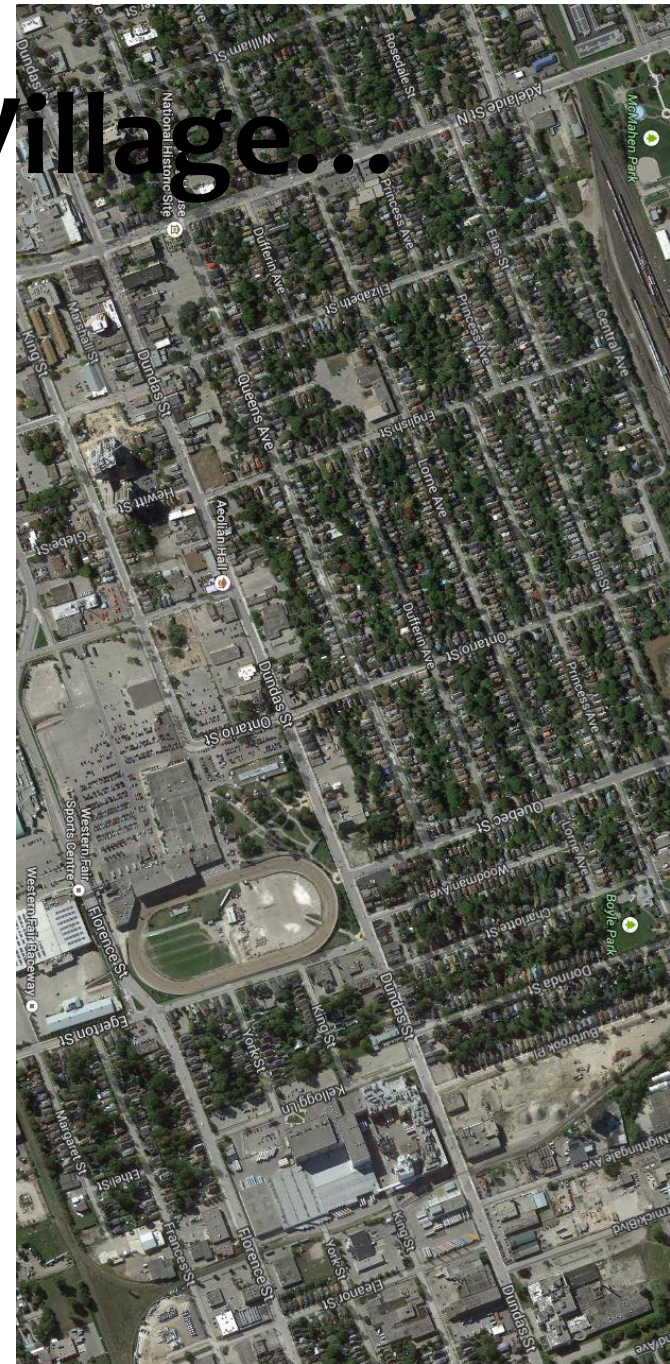
Tonight's Presentation...

1. Meet the Old East Village
2. How the task force started
3. Developing the Plan
4. Highlights of the Plan
5. Next Steps
6. Our request to City Council
7. Questions



Introducing Old East Village...

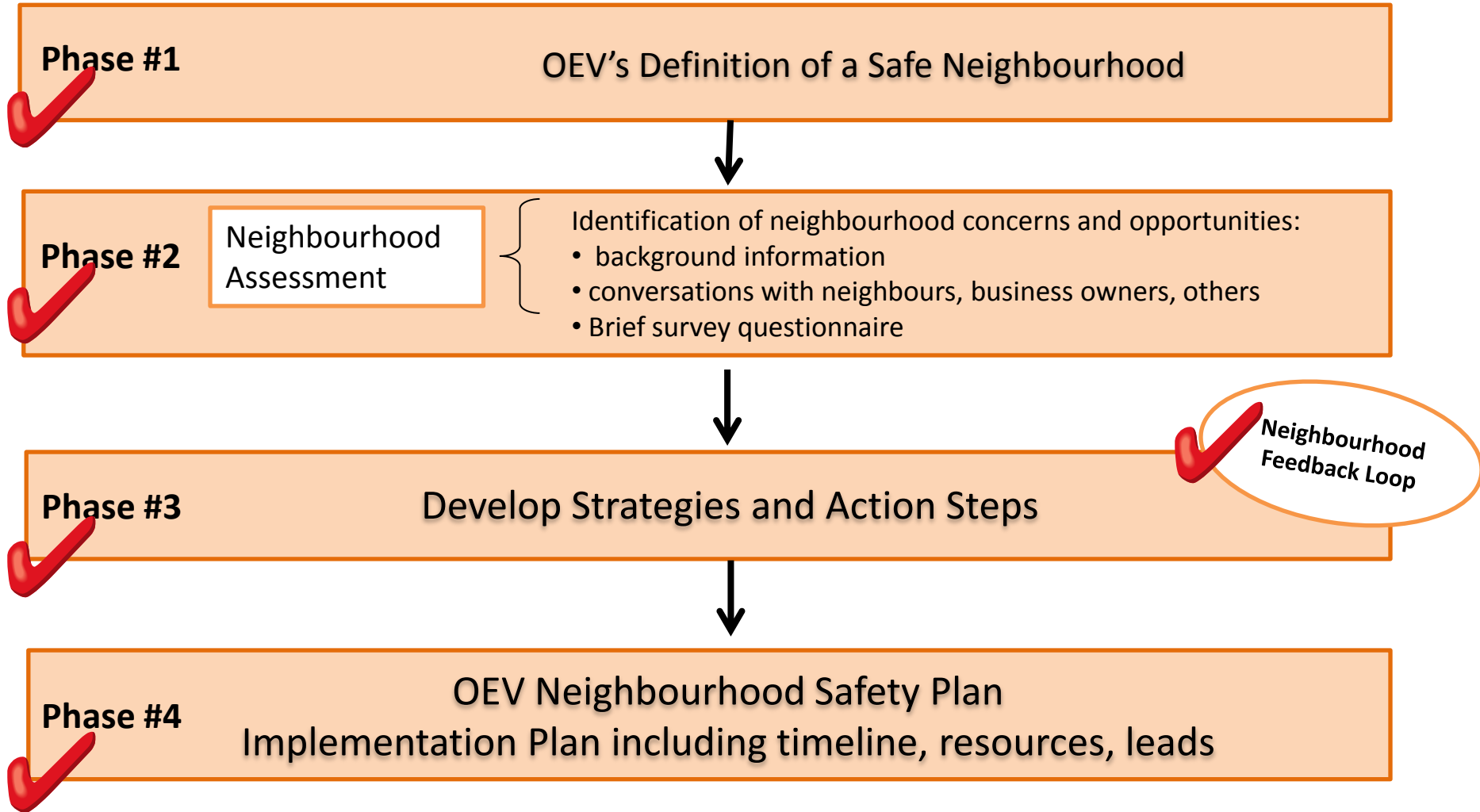
- Total population 10,380
- Received Heritage District Designation in 2006
- Over 65 businesses along the commercial corridor with many unique owner-operated retail operations (Adelaide-Quebec)
- Growing reputation as a “foodie” and arts destination
- Strong sense of pride and optimism about the future
- Vibrant & diverse neighbourhood



How we started...

- City Council requested city staff to initiate a Neighbourhood Safety Task Force for the Old East Village for the purpose of developing a neighbourhood safety plan which would include various options and tools to increase public safety
- Over 50 people attended a meeting in early November 2013 and supported an open invitation to the neighbourhood to form a task force
- On January 23, 2014 the task force first met: about 40 people met once a month for 6 months to develop the neighbourhood plan

Developing the Plan...



Our Plan...

- Definition of a safe neighbourhood
- 5 areas of focus
- Strategies for each focus area
- Implementation plan



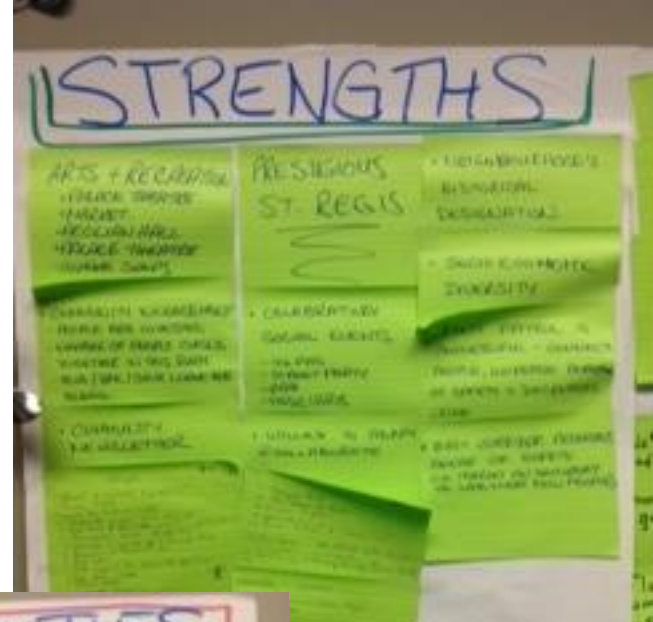
Our Definition...

For OEV, a safer neighbourhood weaves together residences, services, businesses, resources, and public spaces to promote inclusion, community ownership, collaboration to solve problems, and a celebration of shared cultural, social and historical values while discouraging crime and behaviours that are harmful to the community.

5 Areas of Focus in the Plan

- Task force identified strengths, challenges and opportunities

1. Neighbourhood Engagement
2. Community Ownership
3. Physical Space
4. Economy
5. Programs and Services



Neighbourhood Engagement

- Work with organizations to provide training/learning opportunities with respect to safety
- Strengthen public education of safety resources available in the community (such as London Police Foot Patrol, London CArES, OEVCA Safety Committee, Neighbourhood Watch, Addiction Services Thames Valley (ADTSV))

Community Ownership

- Expand and increase participation in Neighbourhood Watch and other watch/community safety groups



Physical Space

- Deter unwanted behaviour within residential areas and improve safety conditions at meeting points within residential areas
- Make streets safer for pedestrians and cyclists
- Replace play surface at Boyle playground
- Keep the Dundas Street corridor clean and free of trash, litter, needles and graffiti

Economy

- Engage the Old East Village BIA and other economic leaders regarding neighbourhood economic development



Programs and Services

- Improve needle collection in the Old East Village
- Develop effective practices for service providers, participants, businesses and neighbours to work together

Implementation Strategy...

Create a resident /community based leadership team/network to oversee implementation of the safety plan:

- Representation may include residents, service providers, service recipients, business operators and others.
- There will be a broad call out to the OEV neighbourhood.
- Ownership is with the community.
- City may act as a resource for the implementation strategy.

Next Steps...

The Task Force identified some immediate next steps for the newly formed leadership team:

- review the year one strategies, actions steps and timelines to prioritize implementation
- determine the sense of priority for strategies that may require financial resources and identify when and whom to ask
- identify some strategies that are quick wins in order to show momentum and progress to the neighbourhood

Our Request to City Council...

- City Council endorse the Old East Village Neighbourhood Task Force's "Old East Village Neighbourhood Safety Plan"
- City Council and staff support the implementation of the 3 year plan
- Any new resources tied to the strategies in the plan will be brought forward through the annual budget process (2016 and/or 2017)

Questions

Thank you!