

Streets can help **connect the island** with the rest of the city, and beyond!

They can offer...



Everyday access

Everyday access for future residents of Ookwemin Minising. Whether you're getting your groceries, taking your kid to school, or going out for a mid-day jog.



Provide a "warm welcome"

Streets act as a gateway as you arrive to the island. Streets can help you navigate this space, such as framing views to the water and other prominent destinations.



What is a Complete Street?

A complete street responds to the local context and balances the needs of all users – pedestrians, cyclists, transit users, drivers, and people of all ages and abilities.



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How do buildings and streets work together?

Streets and buildings work hand-in-hand together. The design and scale of surrounding buildings impact the feeling of streets. With more residents living on upper floors of buildings, ground-level spaces (shops, cafes, galleries, services) are better used and supported. Tall buildings with the right proportions also shade sidewalks.

Servicing

Public streets house essential utilities – both underground (watermains, sewer lines, stormwater systems), and aboveground (transit stops, street lights).

What's the transit access in the area?

Today, the 114 Queens Quay East or 202 Cherry bus routes serve Ookwemin Minising from Union Station, and we are building toward the Waterfront East LRT as the long-term transit network connection. The City, TTC and Waterfront Toronto are also working to improve connections in the interim, including by installing priority bus lanes on Queens Quay East in 2025.

Flexible public spaces

Flexible public spaces, such as parklets, cafes, street markets, play areas, cultural events and festivals.

Ground floor uses

Lively streets with active ground floor uses, through dense mixed-use buildings that frame the edges of the streets, allow for some indoor uses to spill out into the public sphere.

