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Canada Drive Active Transportation and Road Safety Improvements

Public Session, May 12, 2022



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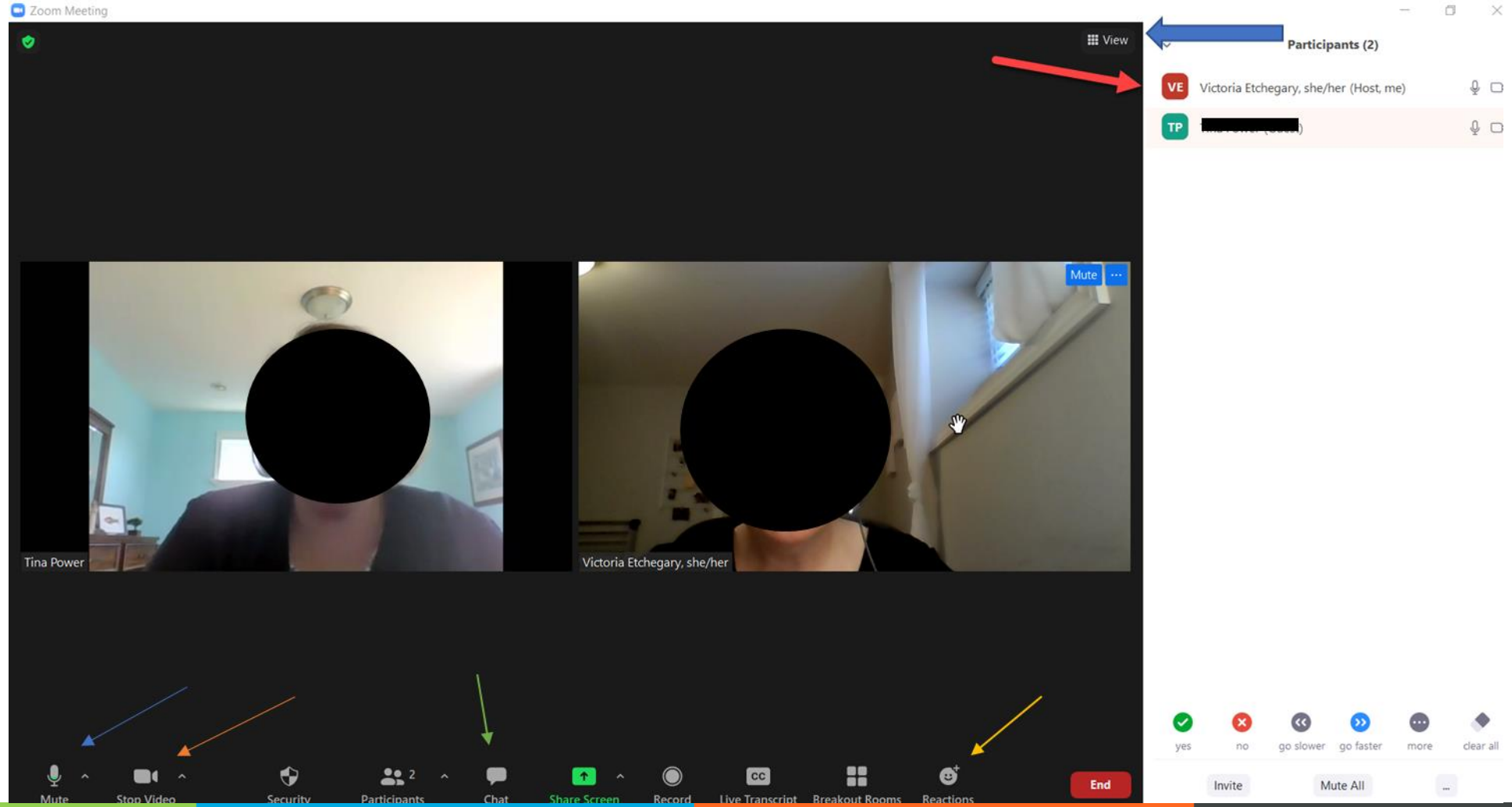
Land Acknowledgement

We respectfully acknowledge the Province of Newfoundland & Labrador, of which the City of St. John’s is the capital City, as the ancestral homelands of the Beothuk. Today, these lands are home to a diverse population of indigenous and other peoples. We would also like to acknowledge with respect the diverse histories and cultures of the Mi’kmaq, Innu, Inuit, and Southern Inuit of this Province.

Welcome and Introductions



Using Zoom


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Live Transcript
Breakout Rooms
Reactions
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Rules of Engagement

- This conversation is about Active Transportation and Road Safety Improvements on Canada Drive
- You are here to participate, learn about this project and provide your feedback; we are here to collect your feedback so that it can be used to inform decisions on design
- Make the most of the virtual tools; chat, raise hands, etc.
- Respect the space – only one person talking at a time
- Respect the time – we have allocated 90 minutes; respect my role as facilitator
- What else do you need to have a productive conversation**?**

Quick Poll – Who's here?

Which best describes you:

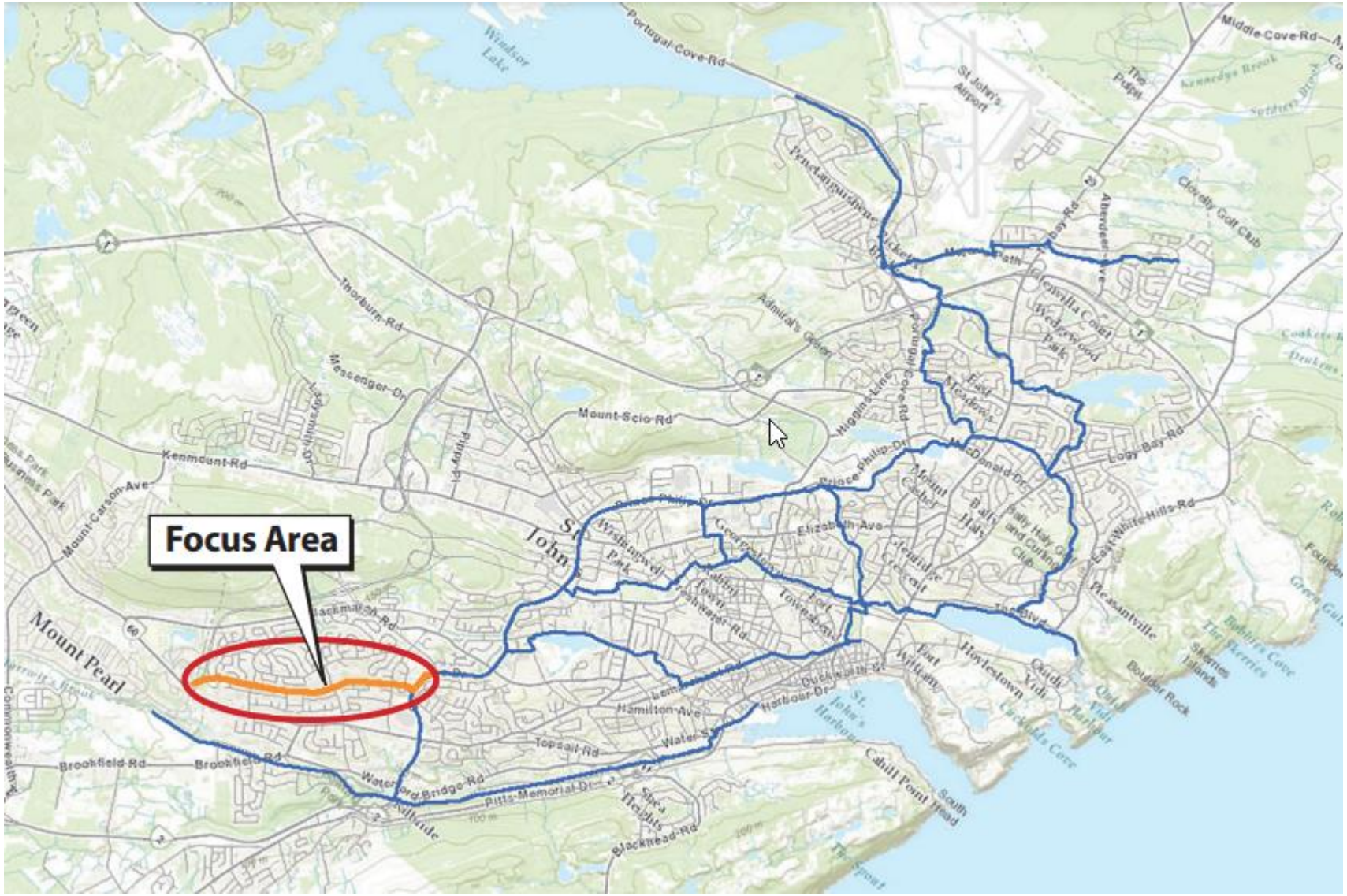
Quick Poll – How do you/will you use space?

Which best describes you:

Background and Context

- Cycling lanes and infrastructure initiated and installed between 2009-2011
- Feedback over the years on cycling lanes, safety, a task force and survey in 2016
- New cycling master plan approved in 2019 built with feedback from public
- One recommendation is to create an east to west back bone network of which Canada Drive is a part

Project Location



Project Scope

- Installation of active transportation corridor on Canada Drive over time
- Corridor will extend from Columbus Drive through Canada Dr- link to Team Gushue in West and Kelly's Brook Shared Use Path in the East
- Decision on which of the design options is preferred as it will be used for the full corridor on Canada Drive over time
- Work will be completed over time coincident with roads rehab/funding availability
- For 2023 scope would include Columbus to Hamlyn Rd and for 2024 Hamlyn Rd. to Cowan Ave.
- No set schedule in place for remaining sections currently

Visual of Backbone Network



Why this Project? Why Now?

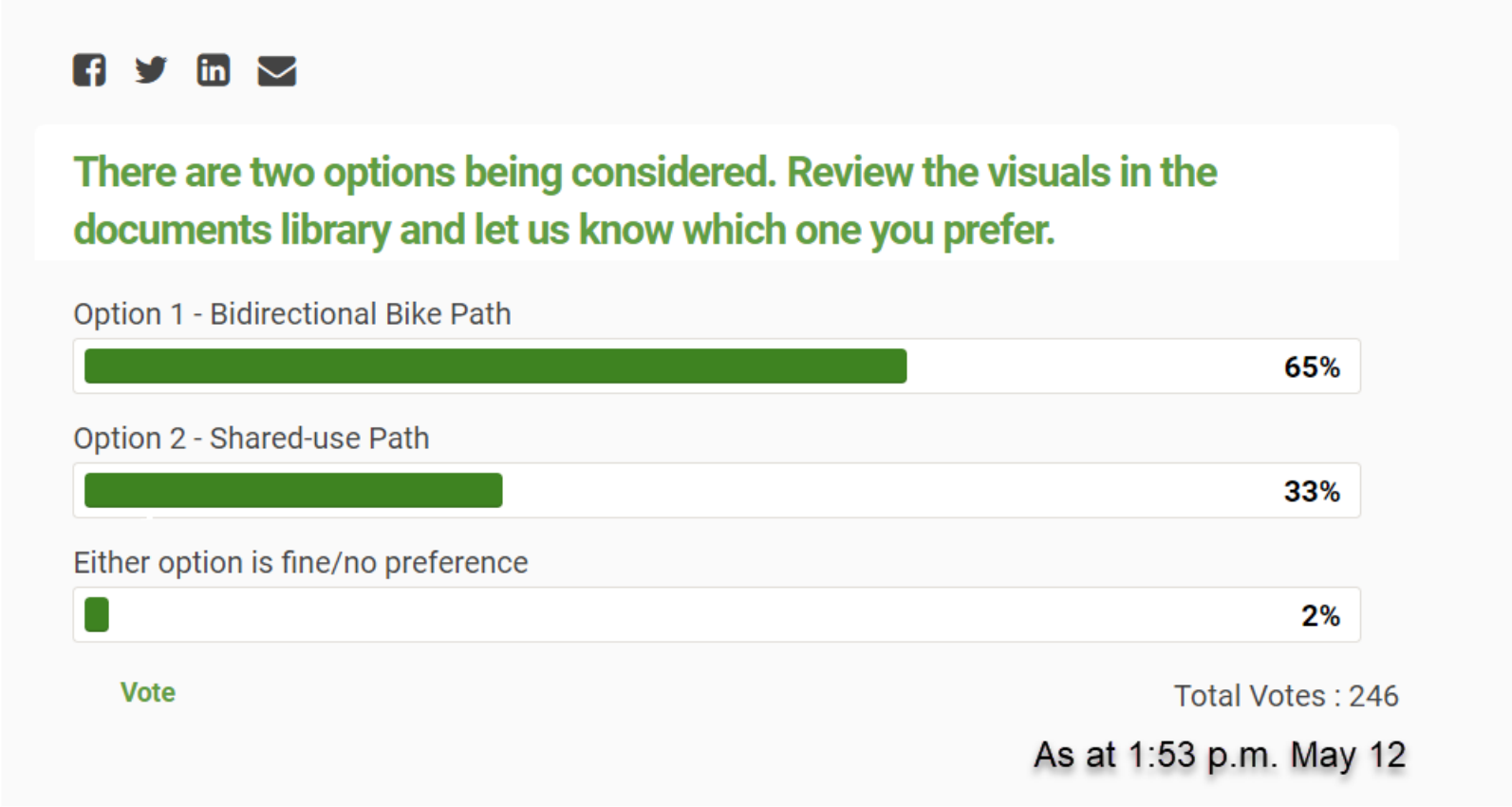
Bike Master Plan

- Vision to create “a safe, inclusive, and convenient cycling network that is well-connected, attractive and reflective of the City’s unique topography and climate.”
- Backbone network that will connect Columbus Drive to Kelly's Brook shared-use-path (SUP).
- Since parts of Canada Drive are identified for street rehabilitation in 2023 and beyond, any changes to the use of the street will be carried out during the design and construction phase.

Strategic Direction

- The city has a strategic direction to be a City that Moves with a goal to expand and maintain a safe and accessible active transportation network.
- Council has committed to adopt a sustainable mode share target of 16% to be achieved by 2030 and 22% by 2050

What we Have Heard so far



Other things we have heard so far:

- Sightlines
- Bike lanes in general
- Investment $
- Signage
- Safety

Considerations for North and South Sides

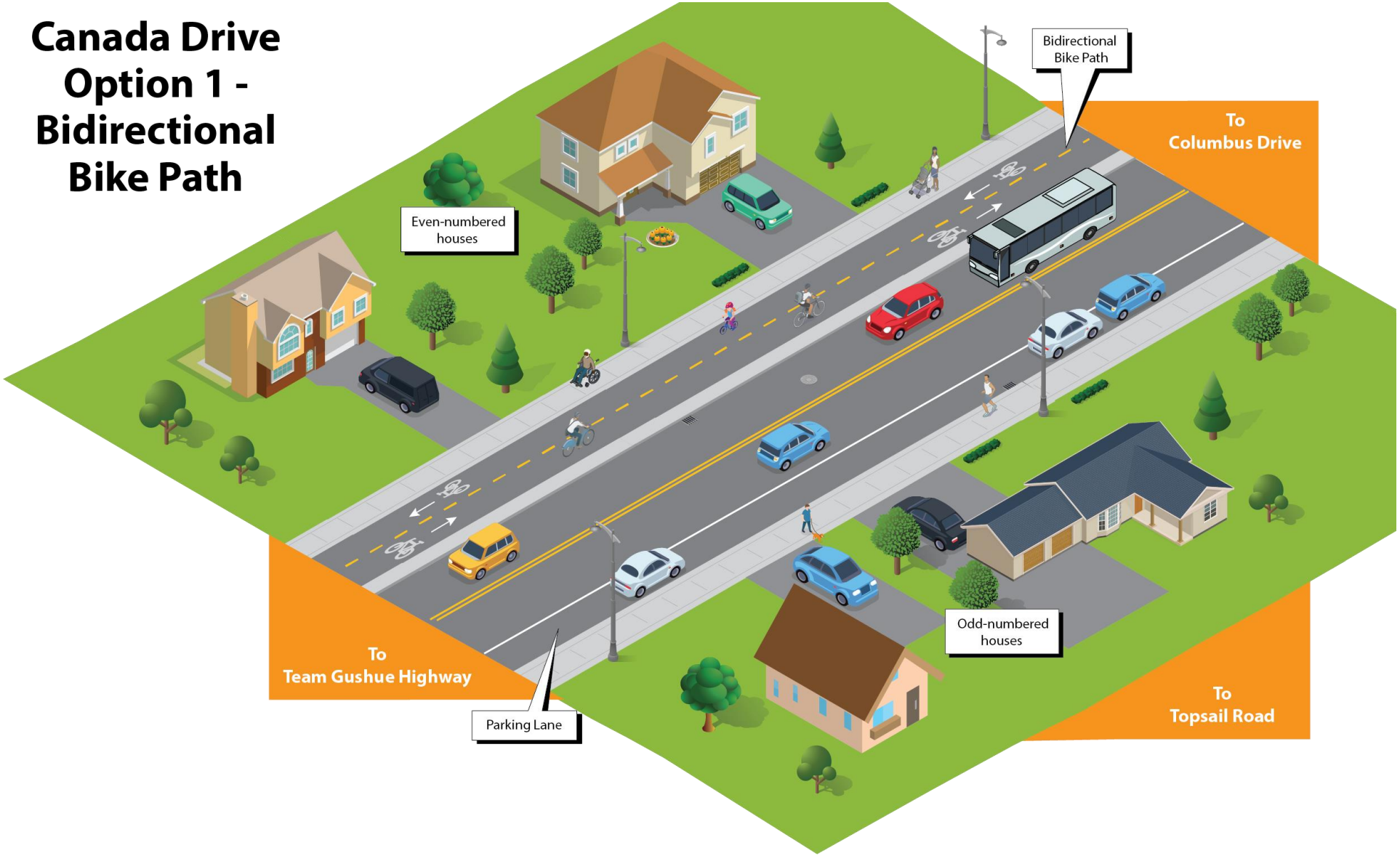
Impacting Factors	North Side	South side
Intersection	+ Lower number of intersections → Lower potential conflicts	− Higher number of intersections → Higher potential conflicts
Driveway	+ Lower number of driveway → Lower conflicts	− Higher number of driveways → Higher conflicts
Sightline	− Embankments on private property lawns could potentially pose sightline concern	+ Embankments on private property lawns may potentially have no sightline concern
Connectivity	+ Connects to the existing SUP@ Columbus Dr (same side)	+ Connects to Teams Gushue Highway (same side)
Winter maintenance	− Lower priority for snow clearance	+ Higher priority for snow clearance
Utilities	+ Depends on design	+ Depends on Design

Canada Drive View



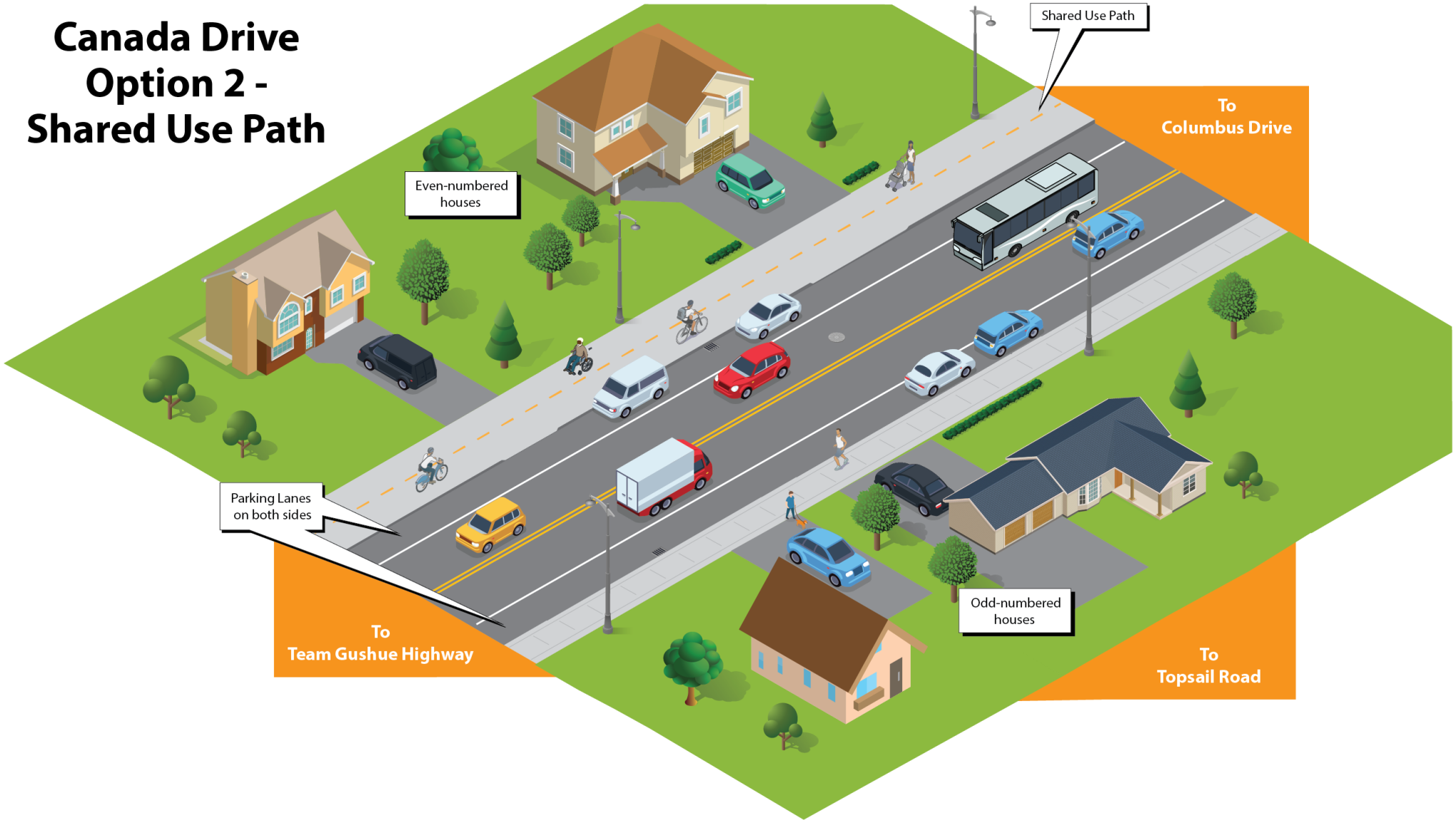
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Canada Drive Option 1 - Bidirectional Bike Path



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Canada Drive Option 2 - Shared Use Path



Questions or concerns about the options

Quick Poll

Of the two options presented, which do you prefer?

- Option 1 – Bi-directional bike path
- Option 2 – Shared Use Path
- No preference/either is fine

What else do we need to know?

Next steps

- You can submit other thoughts and ideas:
  - Visit EngageStJohns.ca
  - Email engage@stjohns.ca
  - Call 311
- Staff review of submissions
- Develop a What we Heard document and share with Council and community
- Make recommendation to Council on the preferred design option and any other changes