

*McMaster University Office of Community Engagement*  
**Healthy Spaces & Communities Lab**  
Priorities<sup>1</sup>

This document provides a summary of priorities for the Office of Community Engagement's Healthy Spaces & Communities Lab. The lab will take a systems approach to focus on a combination of the following issues as they relate to Healthy Spaces & Communities:

- Physical design of public space
- Transit-oriented development (urban & suburban)
- Walkability
- Community social spaces
- Aging in place
- Vision zero
- Housing
- City Building
- Smart Cities
- Cycling
- Complete Streets
- Transit planning
- Healthy neighbourhoods
- Green spaces
- West Harbour
- Heritage sites
- Adaptive reuse
- Storm sewers
- Quality of life
- 8-80 communities

The Office of Community Engagement will take the following steps to develop the Healthy Spaces & Communities Lab:

- **Identify co-chairs and partner units, groups, or organizations** to form the lab.
- **Formalize the structure and function of the group** to include goals, budget, and responsibility of members.
- **Plan and facilitate a deliberative dialogue** focused on networking, knowledge sharing, project ideation, and summarizing the goals and objectives of the lab.
- **Develop a longer-term Healthy Spaces & Communities Lab agenda and workplan**
- **Support the formation of new partnerships** through providing catalyst funding and proactively connecting individuals and groups with common research, education, or service interests related to Poverty & Inclusion.

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<sup>1</sup> This document was created in August 2016 by Dave Heidebrecht (Coordinator, Office of Community Engagement).