

SUMMARY OF THE COMMUNITY

WINDSHIELD SURVEY – FORM 4

In driving around the community the following observations were noted to gain an accurate view of the area directly related to First Baptist Church.

The boundaries used in the drive around were primarily Oshawa Creek, Rossland Road, Simcoe Street and Taunton Road. The natural boundaries of the area are ravines, no lakes or rivers were observed. Human-made boundaries were roads, and strip malls.

More seniors were observed in the area, it was difficult to notice economic, racial and occupation constitution of the people and the type of jobs they hold.

Nothing significantly was observed the area hasn't changed in years. Housing in the area were mainly single dwellings, well-kept and landscaped. Most have 2 or 3 automobiles parked in the driveway, pride of their home was assessed as the level of interest that people had in their neighbourhood.

Schools in the neighbourhood are all age groups, with Sunset Heights, Dr. S. J. Phillips and Queen Elizabeth catering to Kindergarten through Grade 8. O'Neill is the only High School for ages 9-12.

No historic tensions were observed between the surrounding community and First Baptist although in the past, parking was an issue, but this has been rectified.

Annual picnics, church dinners are remarkable events that take place between the church and the community.

WALKABOUT – FORM 5

The dominant features of the neighbourhood observed are that it is primarily a residential community with a reservoir. Safety in walking around was felt. The flow of neighbourhood was observed as people walking with dogs and for exercise. Children of all ages were riding bicycles. This was more evident as it was

during the summer and that amount of activity may change during the winter months.

Many services were observed, i.e. restaurants, convenient stores, social agency, music store, cleaners, paint stores and a vet clinic. There was casual interaction between people visiting on the streets.

Activities noticed for young people in the area were the Oshawa Little Theatre, and a Dance Theatre.

It is both a commuter neighbourhood as well as an area where people can walk to schools and grocery stores. There was limited ebb and flow of people on the street at the time. Very few stores move in and out of the neighbourhood. Some shopkeepers own their own enterprise i.e. convenience stores. There were no food banks identified.

The surrounding community know where the church is and have been invited to special events i.e. Christmas and Easter Concerts and some have attended. There is collaboration with other churches in the area, collaboration with Northminster United for Good Friday Services and Harvest Events. Joint concerts are held with Maranatha Reformed Church in Bowmanville twice yearly.

NUMBER OF CHURCHES IN OSHAWA AND DENOMINATIONS

There are 5 Anglican, 1 Anglican/Catholic, 4 Baptist, 1 Slavic Baptist, 1 Beth Zion Synagogue, 1 Christian Missionary Alliance, 2 Christian Reformed, 1 Christian Science, 1 Community Church, 1 Greek Orthodox, 2 Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 1 Non-Denominational, 1 Pentecostal, 4 Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, 4 Presbyterian, 6 Roman Catholic, 1 Salvation Army, 2 Seventh Day Adventist, 1 Ukrainian Catholic and 8 United Churches.