

## Block 3 – Streetscape Character

Source: 1982 Old Oakville Heritage District Plan

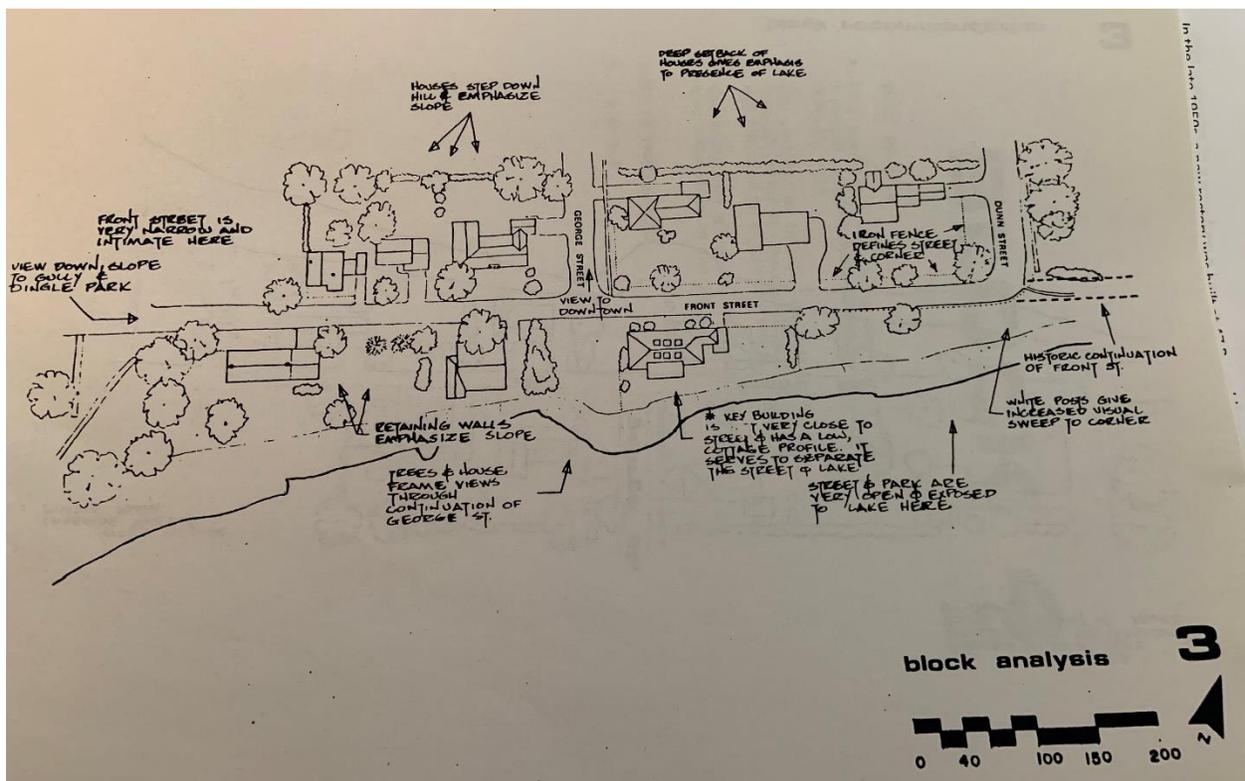
This area forms the southern end of a deep gully which runs through the Old Oakville residential district from north to south. Front Street is very narrow and intimate here with views down the gully to Dingle Park.

Houses step down the hill and stone retaining walls on the south side emphasize the slope of the gully. The iron fence defines the streets corners at Dunn and George Streets. The setback of houses between Dunn and George emphasize the presence of the lake.

The central feature of this area is the house at 212 Front Street which has a low, cottage profile. It is a focal point in the block and defines the street edge as well as visually separating the street from the lake.

The street and park are very open and exposed to the lake at the bottom of Dunn Street running west along Front Street. White posts give increased visual sweep to the corner.

This area should become an integral part of a walkway system which would traverse the length of the lakeshore in the Old Oakville area.



*OLRA Working Group Observations*

Since the 1982 plan, Front Street has become a key part of the Town’s walking pathway along the lake between Lakeside Park on the west and Allan Street.

Important to maintain narrow, intimate nature of this area through one way road and lack of sidewalks and curbs. Town should continue to actively seek opportunities to plant trees on Town property on the north side of Front Street to support overall tree canopy. Opportunity to do so in 2023 in front of new build at 187 Front Street.

Important to maintain views to the Lake along this street, including the views from George Street (both to lake and to downtown); the views from Dingle Park and the views from the west end of the property at 212 Front Street.

Stone retaining walls on the south side at the west end of Front and the iron fence with stone pillars on the north side at the east end of Front Street further define the street edge and should be retained.

As noted in the Block 4 Streetscape analysis, OLRA partnered with the Town to incorporate some elements to reinforce the identity of public spaces – note picket fence at the end of George Street. There is an opportunity to leverage this initial work with an overall vision of integrated design elements that connect the historic Front Street with Dingle Park and other public spaces in the District as well as Oakville’s historic downtown (signage, picket fences, benches, etc.)



*Historic lake stone retaining walls at southern street edge along 176 Front Street*



*View looking west on Front Street from “Gully” up towards Lakeside Park  
Narrow road, absence of curbs and sidewalks reinforces intimate nature of this street and walkway*



*View looking west on Front Street with Worn Doorstep circa 1925 – Oakville Historical Society Photo Archives*



*View looking east on Front Street towards Dunn Street and Dingle Parke  
Narrow road, absence of curbs and sidewalks and tree canopy reinforces intimate nature of this walkway*



*View looking east on Front Street near Thomas  
Consider opportunity for Town tree planting in front of 187 Front Street once construction is complete  
to contribute to overall tree canopy at this end*



*Stone Pillars and Iron Fencing on property lines on north side of Front Street define street edge*



*Public space at bottom of George Street – Picket Fence similar to end of streets in Dingle Park  
Views should be maintained south to Lake and north to downtown*



*Corner of Front and Dunn Streets – east end of Block 3*



*Enjoying the lake view at Dingle Park – the end of Block 3*