NE SESSION NOTES FEB 28 '09

WITH MAR 7 '09 REVISIONS

PARKING, TRAFFIC + SAFETY:

- VANNESS TRAFFIC CONCERN
  - ROUNDABOUT OR OTHER TRAFFIC CALMING
- VEHICLES NOT RECOGNIZING PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS
- PARKING IS AN ISSUE – SOMETIMES NO LANE ACCESS OR 'NO PARKING AREAS'

CHARACTER + 'PLACE':

- NORQUAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- KINGSWAY IS NOT WELCOMING – ESPECIALLY IMPACT OF TRAFFIC NOISE.

TRANSPORTATION:

- STATION AREA SAFETY ISSUES
- CLOSE PROXIMITY OF 2 SKYTRAIN STATIONS
- NEED FOR A LOCAL SHUTTLE OR SOME OTHER WAY OF CONNECTING KINGSWAY TO SKYTRAIN STATION.
- 29th AVE. CROSSING @ STATION @ EAST END

COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND AMENITIES:

- SCHOOL AS AMENITY
- LARGE PARK IN AREA BUT COULD BE PROGRAMMED BETTER TO ACTIVATE THE PARK AND MAKE IT SAFER.

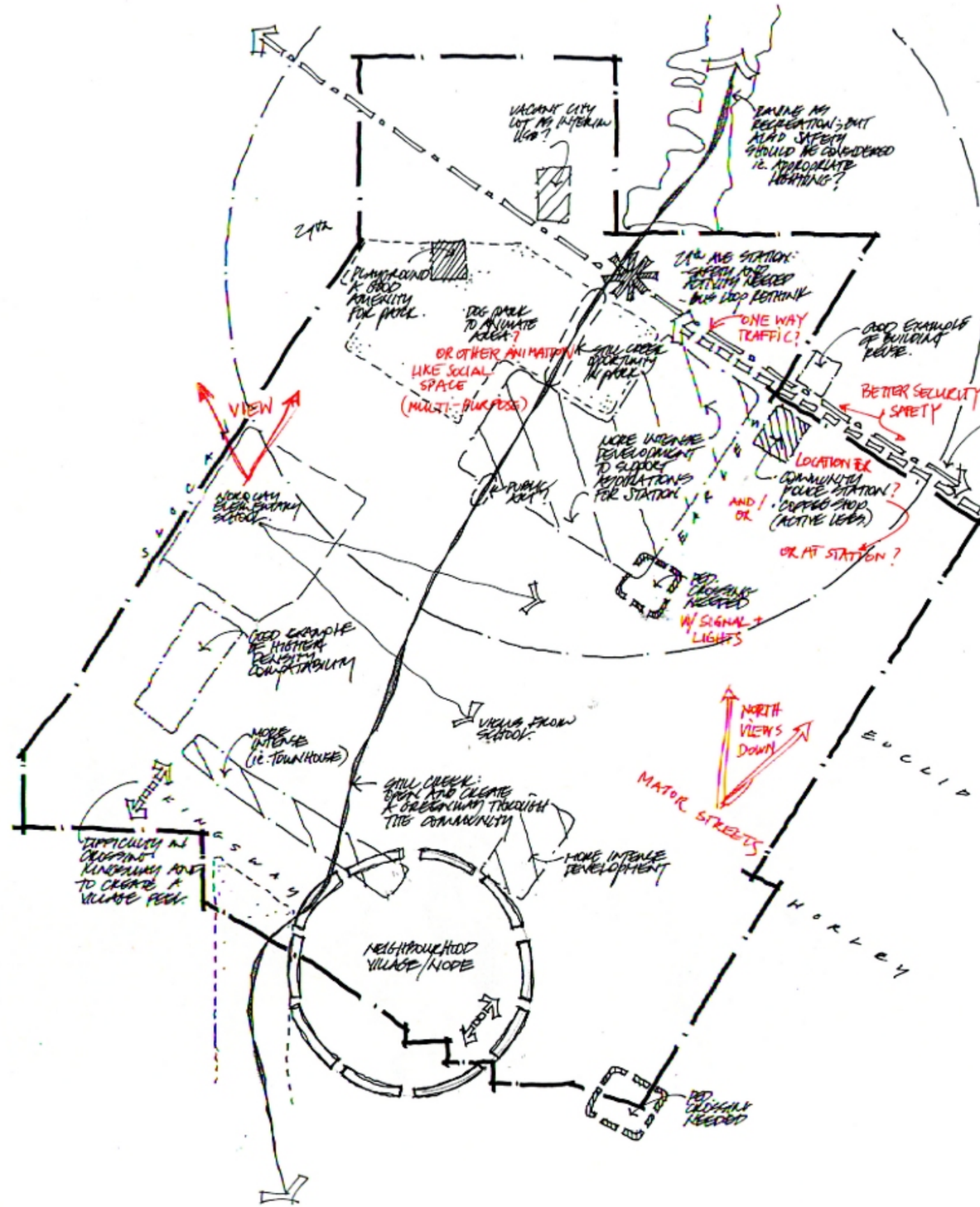
SUSTAINABILITY:

- STILL CREEK AS AMENITY
  - DAYLIGHTING
  - ENHANCING

PARK:

- RESIDENT GROUP AT COLLINGWOOD N.H. WORKS W/ PARK IMPROVEMENTS

RAVINE – EX'G RAVINE – LIGHTING? OR NATURAL? MAINTAINED BY NEIGHBOURHOOD



PUBLIC REALM:

- IDEAL PEDESTRIAN/TRANSIT ROUTE BETWEEN THE STATION AND KINGSWAY?
- PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS AND SIDEWALKS NEEDED i.e. BULGES.
- INTERIM USE FOR CITY PROPERTY AT STATION ~ COMMUNITY PARK?
- NEED TO MAKE KINGSWAY MORE WALKABLE
  - BENCHES, TREES, ETC.
- IMPROVEMENTS TO VANNESS WOULD HELP WITH SKYTRAIN SAFETY
  - LIGHTING, SIDEWALKS, TRAFFIC CALMING
  - NEEDLE BOX?
  - BIKE ROUTE.

SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS + BIKE SAFETY

SHOPS + SERVICES:

- EARVES @ KINGSWAY GOOD LOCATION FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD NODE
  - CURRENTLY AREA IS NOT WALKABLE
  - DIFFICULT TO CROSS KINGSWAY
- KINGSWAY IS TOO LONG AND SPREAD OUT.

HOUSING:

- HIGHER DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AROUND SKYTRAIN STATION TO IMPROVE SAFETY.
- TOWNHOUSES + DUPLEXES ARE MORE PALATABLE THAN TOWERS.
- PUSH HOUSING TOWARDS THE STATION TO IMPROVE SAFETY.
- GREATER DENSITY SHOULD BRING BETTER AMENITIES – TRANSIT / COMMUNITY CENTRE + BIKEWAYS
- NOT NECESSARILY THE JOYCE MODEL – TOWNHOUSES RATHER THAN TOWERS