

REPORT

Special Council

Meeting Date: May 31, 2021

FROM: Transportation and Engineering Department

DATE: May 18, 2021

SUBJECT: Midtown Oakville Urban Growth Area Review – Transportation Workshop

LOCATION: Midtown Oakville

WARD: Ward 3

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RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the staff report titled “Midtown Oakville Urban Growth Area Review – Transportation Workshop” dated May 18, 2021, be received.
2. That the presentation to Council, as modified through the workshop, be received.

KEY FACTS:

The following are key points for consideration with respect to this report:

- The Special Council meeting on May 31, 2021 is being organized as a workshop designed to provide Council with an opportunity to receive information and ask questions about transportation related issues in Midtown.
- No decisions are proposed to be made as a result of the discussion.

BACKGROUND:

At the March 22, 2021 Special Planning and Development Council meeting, a report was tabled regarding a draft town-initiated official plan amendment (OPA) to the Livable Oakville Plan based on work conducted as part of the Midtown Oakville Growth Area Review by updating the land use policies and mapping related to Midtown Oakville, the town’s Urban Growth Centre.

The Midtown Oakville Growth Area Review is part of the town’s Official Plan Review whereby the town’s Official Plan documents are being updated to conform with the latest Provincial plans and policies. This work is being coordinated with Halton Region’s ongoing Regional Official Plan Review – a Municipal Comprehensive

Review – that will determine how the Region’s forecasted population and employment growth to the year 2051 should be distributed among and within the local municipalities of Burlington, Halton Hills, Milton and Oakville

Since 2006, Midtown Oakville has been one of 25 urban growth centres identified in the Province’s Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (the Growth Plan). Urban growth centres are to be transit-supportive regional focal areas that are required to accommodate a significant portion of future population and employment growth in the Greater Golden Horseshoe. Midtown Oakville will continue to be an important component of the Region and town’s overall growth management strategy.

Given the intensification proposed for Midtown, a number of transportation improvements are required in order to support the development while providing connectivity to the rest of Oakville and achieving goals set out in our Transportation Master Plan and Active Transportation Master Plan. A Class Environmental Assessment was completed in 2014 which recommends a proposed road network that is included as part of the Livable Oakville plan.

In order to achieve the transportation goals for Midtown, the town will need to work closely with our partners including Metrolinx, Ministry of Transportation, Halton Region and the development community.

COMMENT/OPTIONS:

The Transportation Workshop will include a presentation by staff which will review the Midtown land use planning context, the partnership opportunities, the proposed transportation network and next steps to implement transportation infrastructure in Midtown. An Urban Design Workshop is also scheduled for June 22, 2021. Following the workshops, staff anticipate bringing forward a recommended OPA for Council’s consideration in Fall 2021.

CONSIDERATIONS:**(A) PUBLIC**

The Special Council meeting is a Council Workshop and was made available on the town’s calendar of Council meetings. No direct public notification was required. The meeting is open to the public on You-tube. Members of the public wishing to speak must register with the Town Clerk no later than noon on the day of the meeting.

(B) FINANCIAL

Funding to support transportation improvements in Midtown will be requested through the Capital Budget process.

(C) IMPACT ON OTHER DEPARTMENTS & USERS

Staff of the Planning and Transportation & Engineering departments are working closely together on transportation improvements associated with Midtown.

(D) CORPORATE STRATEGIC GOALS

This report addresses the corporate strategic goal(s) to:

- Provide a planning framework to maintain the character of the community
- Support opportunities for multi-modal transportation including walking, cycling and Transit services
- Enhance our economic development
- Continuously improve our programs and services
- Be the most livable town in Canada

(E) CLIMATE CHANGE/ACTION

The transportation improvements recommended for Midtown will provide sustainable mobility choices, thereby reducing our contributions to greenhouse gas emissions.

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