



Accessibility Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: September 12, 2024

FROM: Planning and Development Department

DATE: September 3, 2024

SUBJECT: **Kerr Village and Bronte Village Streetscape Studies**

LOCATION: Ward 1 and Ward 2

RECOMMENDATION:

That the report entitled 'Kerr Village and Bronte Village Streetscape Studies' from the Planning and Development Department, dated September 3, 2024, be received.

KEY FACTS:

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

- Streetscape studies for Kerr Village and Bronte Village were initiated in late April 2024 to assess the existing conditions of the boulevards, identify necessary improvements, and propose streetscape designs that will enhance pedestrian movement and user experience.
- Staff from multiple town departments are collaborating with an external consulting team (The Planning Partnership) to undertake the assessment, streetscape design, and public engagement in both districts.
- A key focus and outcome is to achieve barrier-free movement along the streetscapes by incorporating the Province's *Design of Public Spaces* standards and universal design standards.
- Throughout this project, there are multiple opportunities for stakeholder and the public engagement to provide input and critical feedback on the streetscape designs.
- In late June, the project team hosted open houses in both districts to share what was observed and heard to date, as well as workshopping ideas for physical improvements and activations.
- Upcoming in late September and early October, the next round of public engagement will focus on presenting various options for physical improvements, receiving feedback and identifying preferences.

- Bronte Village: September 25, 2024
 - 2pm to 4pm at Church of the Ehiphany
 - 6pm to 8pm at Walton Church
 - Kerr Village: October 3, 2024
 - 2pm to 4pm and 6pm to 8pm at Trafalgar Park Community Centre
 - In early December, the project team will host engagement sessions in both districts to present and receive feedback on the final streetscape designs
- AAC members are welcome to attend and participate in each of these public engagement sessions
 - At the next AAC meeting in December, staff will present the project progress, provide an overview of the design intentions, and focus on the proposed physical improvements that will eliminate physical barriers to accessibility in both districts.
 - The project will wrap-up in Q2 of 2025 with the following deliverables: streetscape plans for Kerr Village and Bronte Village, selected street furnishings and other installations, implementation strategies and timelines, and cost estimates.

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