

Planning and Development Council Meeting  
Monday, September 22, 2025

**Comments Received Regarding Item 8.1**

Bronte Village and Kerr Village Streetscape Studies  
Town-initiated

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**From:** Christina Tizzard  
**Sent:** Friday, September 19, 2025 1:44 PM  
**To:**  
**Cc:** Jonathan McNeice; Chris Mark; ; Town Clerks; Philip Wiersma; Gabe Charles; Andrea Holland  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Bronte Streetscape-11th hour!

Hello Maryanne,

Thank you for this feedback related to the waterfront and streetscape projects in Bronte.

The improvements you describe along the streetscape were shared by participants during the consultation process and have been incorporated into the streetscape design plan – whether as gateway improvements and streetscape amenities (especially about attempting to dismount from the Muskoka chairs!).

The design plan presents a high-level view of the overall improvements and how all the parts come together to shape and support Bronte’s character and future. The next stage of the project is getting into the detail design process when construction drawings will be prepared and the selection of treatments and amenities (seating, bins, lighting, trees, etc.)

We finalized the staff report a few weeks back and will be presenting the findings on Monday night. Here is a link to the meeting agenda, staff report and the final studies for Kerr and Bronte districts. It is Item 8.1 [Planning and Development Council - September 22, 2025](#)

I have included the Clerk’s department in this response so they have your original email that can be added to the package of feedback received prior to the meeting. You can also delegate at the meeting as Council will ask for public feedback after the presentation by staff and the consultant.

Again, thank you for this feedback and input.

All the best,  
Christina

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Friday, September 19, 2025 11:49 AM  
**To:** Christina Tizzard ; Chris Mark ;  
**Cc:** Jonathan McNeice  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Bronte Streetscape-11th hour!

Good Friday morning

I am writing to all of you as I am not completely sure how best to direct this email.

If I am sending this to the incorrect personnel please redirect it.

I understand that this is the eleventh hour and that staff is readying if not completing their presentation to town council on Monday September 22nd. However, I participated in two events this week that caused me to reflect and to write this.

First of all as my email address denotes I am the volunteer historian for Bronte Historical Society. I give walking tours of Historic Bronte every second Wednesday throughout the summer and early fall. BHS is thankful to the Bronte BIA for this sponsorship. This past Wednesday I delivered my tour to 15 participants (my 7th Walk and Talk History), many of whom had lived in Bronte all their lives and were unaware of many of the things I spoke about. What struck me the most about these participants is that all of them were women and most were in their 70's and 80's. Having been to the input meeting on Bronte's waterfront the evening before the speaker established that Bronte is the most densely populated area of Oakville and I would add it is likely populated by the highest number of senior citizens and this is certainly something that is increasing due to housing costs.

I would like to thank Chris Mark and his staff. The gardens throughout the village look beautiful despite an extremely hot summer. However, what many of my walk participants argue is that they didn't realize or know something existed in Bronte because of the extremely small sign or signs that are placed too far from advantage points.

A few items I hope can be addressed in the upcoming report to Town Council. The people of Bronte wish Bronte to be the entry to Oakville from the West and the last view of Oakville from the East. **BUT** they wish it to be beautified in a way that recognizes Bronte's unique cultural heritage. They do not want it to simply blend into the Town of Oakville. Bronte is a gem and should be identified and beautified as such. Many on my tours have argued that areas throughout the village and surrounds are very poorly lit and that there are insufficient places to sit. Many cannot enjoy the beautiful Muskoka chairs that have become a symbol of Bronte because they cannot easily get out of them!!

In your upcoming report please consider beautifying and honouring Bronte's 191 year history by placing signs, light standards, seating and even garbage cans that identify and recognize Bronte's unique history. We predate Oakville so please consider us the older but not poorer part of town! Also consider that these items should be throughout Bronte and not simply in the village proper so that you are uniting Brontonians who are so very proud of their community.

Thank you and I do appreciate that this is the 11th hour!

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