

NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT Downtown Streetscaping Class Environmental Assessment

The Study

The City of Brantford has initiated a Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for streetscaping the Downtown to improve walkability, accessibility, and underground infrastructure to allow for development, enhance the infrastructure for all transportation modes, and increase pedestrian capacity. The goal of the streetscaping improvements is to create a Downtown that is attractive, vibrant and safe for users and provides the infrastructure needed to accommodate expected growth. An illustration of the proposed study limits is available on the other side of the page.

The Process

The EA is being undertaken in accordance with the planning and design process for Schedule "C" projects as outlined in the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment document (October 2000, as amended in 2007, 2011 and 2015), which is approved under the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act*. This study will define the problem, identify and evaluate alternative solutions to the problem, evaluate alternative design concepts for the solution, and recommend a preferred design concept after assessing potential environmental impacts and identifying mitigation measures associated with the preferred design.

A key component of the EA will be consultation with interested stakeholders and community members, including public agencies and Indigenous communities. Two Public Information Centres (PICs) will be held to present the project, review the study findings, and discuss matters related to the project including alternative solutions, evaluation criteria, alternative design concepts, and environmental impacts and mitigation measures. Details regarding the forthcoming PICs will be advertised as the study progresses. At the conclusion of the study, the EA process will be documented in a Project File which will be made available for 30 calendar days for public review and comment.

We Want to Hear from You!

Additional Information can be found at www.Brantford.ca/NewDowntown. If you have any questions or comments regarding the EA or wish to be added to the EA mailing list, please contact either of the project team members:

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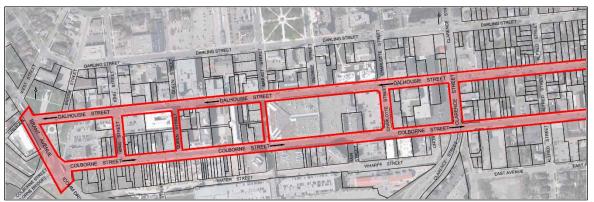
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Information collected for the study will be used in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. Except for personal information, including your name, address and property location, all comments received throughout the study will become part of the public record and included in project documentation.

Proposed Study Area:



Map 1 - Full Study Area



Map 2 - Close up of Study Area, Part 1



Map 3 - Close up of Study Area, Part 2

This notice first issued on July 16, 2020.

