

PUBLIC NOTICE



NOTICE OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE 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. Illustrations of the proposed study limits have been provided below.

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.

Virtual Public Information Centre

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the City is hosting the first Public Information Centre (PIC) virtually. PIC boards and a walkthrough video with information about the EA process, findings from the stakeholder workshops, potential cross sections, and evaluation criteria were posted to the project webpage on November 30, 2020. This was followed by a two-week question and answer period. All content and instructions on how to submit questions or comments are available on the project webpage, www.brantford.ca/NewDowntown.

PIC SCHEDULE

November 30, 2020 at 3:00 PM	PIC boards posted on project webpage with walkthrough video. First question and comment period will be open for two weeks.	✓
December 14, 2020 at 4:30 PM	First question / comment period closes.	✓
December 21, 2020 at 3:00 PM	Question / Answer town hall video posted on project webpage. Second question and comment period will be open for four weeks.	
January 15, 2021 at 4:30 PM	Second question / comment period closes.	
January 25, 2021 at 3:00 PM	Consolidated list of questions and answers will be posted on project webpage.	

We Want to Hear from You!

This Notice and all future project updates will be posted on 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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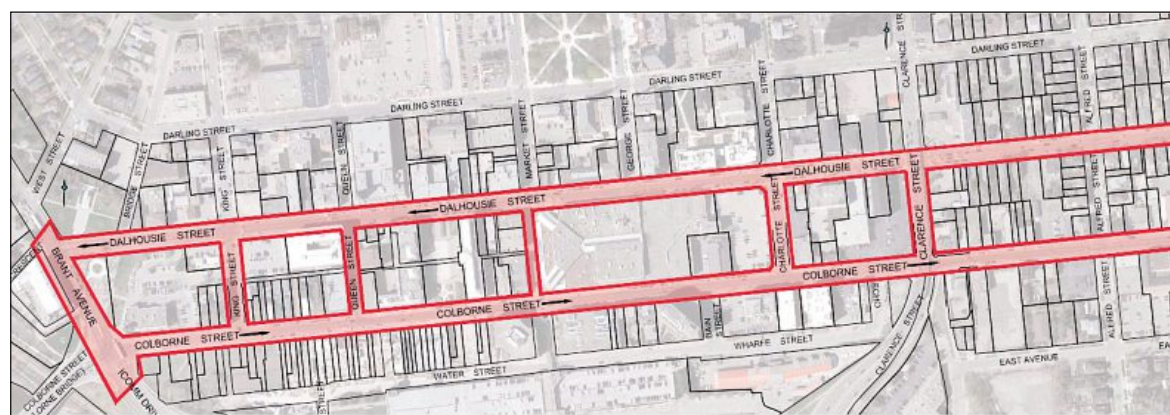
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Information collected for the study will be used in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. Except for personal information, including your name, address and property location, all comments received throughout 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 November 19, 2020.



PUBLIC MEETING

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The New City of Brantford Official Plan – Envisioning Our City: 2051

PPURSUANT TO SUBSECTION 17(17) AND SUBSECTION 26(4) OF THE *PLANNING ACT*, R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER P.13 (as amended), TAKE NOTICE THAT A PUBLIC MEETING WILL BE HELD BY THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BRANTFORD

DATE AND TIME OF MEETING: Tuesday, January 19, 2021
3:30 pm
(with a 30 minute break at
5:30 pm to 6:00 pm)

LOCATION OF LANDS AFFECTED: City-wide

PURPOSE AND LOCATION OF PUBLIC MEETING:

This virtual Public Meeting is a continuation of the Special Committee of the Whole – Community Development held on Thursday, November 19, 2020, regarding the proposed, new City of Brantford Official Plan – Envisioning Our City: 2051. At the meeting in November, the Committee heard a City staff presentation as well as public delegations in respect of the proposed plan, but did not make a decision regarding the adoption of the proposed plan. The Committee deferred their decision to a Special Committee of the Whole – Community Development meeting to be held on January 19, 2021. The Committee also identified three potential changes to be considered before Council makes its final decision in regard to the adoption of the new Official Plan. The potential changes are described below:

1. To amend Modified Policy Area 4 – Mohawk Lake/Greenwich Mohawk District Area in Section 6.9.i of the proposed Official Plan, to permit museums and cultural facilities as additional uses on the Mohawk-Greenwich lands; and
2. To change the designation of Earl Haig Park from "Lower Downtown" to "Parks and Public Open Space" on Schedule 5: Downtown Urban Growth Centre of the proposed Official Plan; and
3. To add a new Modified Policy Area in Section 6.9 and Schedule 10: Modified Policy Areas of the proposed Official Plan, to encourage the redevelopment of the motel properties along Colborne Street East between Wayne Gretzky Parkway and the east City limit.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, this Public Meeting will be held virtually via the Zoom platform. Members of the public wishing to speak at the meeting, either via Zoom or via telephone, will be required to register by 9:00 a.m. on January 19, 2021. Please visit <http://brantford.ca/VirtualCouncil> for more information about how to register and/or to view the livestream of the virtual meeting. For more information about alternative formats and communications supports, please contact the City of Brantford Municipal Accessibility Coordinator at (519) 759-4150 or by email at accessibility@brantford.ca

Members of the public are also able to provide their comments in writing or via email in advance of the Public Meeting. Comments can be submitted by emailing clerks@brantford.ca at any time prior to the meeting or by mail to City Clerk, City of Brantford, 100 Wellington Square, P.O. Box 818, Brantford, ON N3T 5R7. Comments can also be placed in the drop box which is available at the front of City Hall.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT OF THE PROPOSED OFFICIAL PLAN:

The new Official Plan guides how and where the City of Brantford will grow and intensify to the year 2051. It will replace the current document with updated land use policy and schedules (maps) and includes the municipal boundary adjustment lands transferred to the City from the County of Brant in 2017. The land use designations, policy and schedules identify where various land uses can be located, such as residential, commercial, institutional, mixed-use, industrial employment lands, agricultural, parks, open space and protected natural areas, as well as the major infrastructure required to service the community. The new Official Plan will provide a framework for future zoning by-law regulations.

Upon approval, the new Official Plan will implement a recommended Settlement Area expansion and will conclude a provincial conformity exercise that ensures it conforms with the updated Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, has regard for matters of provincial interest, and is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020 under the *Planning Act*.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

A copy of the proposed Official Plan and additional background information, including the Addendum Report to the Municipal Comprehensive Review, as well as the Comprehensive Block Plan Terms of Reference, Urban Design Manual and Infrastructure Staging Report, are posted on the City website at www.brantford.ca/officialplanreview. A hard copy is also available for public viewing at City Hall between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, by contacting the Planning Department at 519-759-4150, ext. 5873 to schedule a viewing appointment.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the City of Brantford on the proposed Official Plan, you must make a written request to the City Clerk at clerks@brantford.ca, or via mail to City Clerk, City of Brantford, 100 Wellington Square, P.O. Box 818, Brantford, ON N3T 5R7.

For more information about this matter, including information about appeal rights, contact Alan Waterfield, Senior Planner, at 519-759-4150, ext. 5163 or by email to awaterfield@brantford.ca. If Council adopts the new Official Plan, it will then be sent to the Province of Ontario for review and approval. The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing is the approval authority. Pursuant to Section 17(36.5) of the *Planning Act*, the Minister's decision is final as there is no appeal in respect of a decision of the approval authority if the approval authority is the Minister.

NOTICE DATED: December 10 and December 17, 2020