



Information Update

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To: Mayor Davis and Members of Council

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Ward(s): All

Subject: Downtown Revitalization Project Update #4

This memo provides Mayor Davis and Members of Council with an update on Brantford's Downtown Revitalization project.

Project Background

In 2020, the City of Brantford initiated a Schedule "C" Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) to evaluate alternative design concepts for the Downtown Revitalization project. The MCEA was endorsed unanimously by City Council in June 2022, and staff were directed to proceed with detailed design and construction.

Project Scope

The scope of work indicated in the original MCEA consisted of reconstruction of Colborne and Dalhousie Streets between Brant Avenue and Clarence Street South, as well as the intersecting north and south streets. Downtown improvements will include new infrastructure (water, sewer, and storm systems), upgraded underground utilities, new road construction, new sidewalks (widened), new streetscape furnishings, increased trees, underground waste bins, bicycle lanes, and improved accessibility.

As the construction involves significant underground utility work, before any of the work can occur in the core downtown area, the existing deep trunk sanitary sewer from Colborne Street needs to be realigned to Icomm Drive. This reduces the depth of excavations from the congested Colborne Street. As such, the work on Icomm Drive has been added to the Downtown Revitalization project scope. It will occur on Icomm Drive between Colborne Street and Clarence Street South and will restore the street like-for-like when complete.

In addition, the scope of the project will include the improvements on Brant Avenue between Colborne and Dalhousie Street that was approved by City Council in Report #2024-57 "Traffic Level of Service". Completing these improvements before starting construction on the downtown

core will ensure there will be improved traffic flow when work commences on Colborne and Dalhousie Streets.

Project Status

The City retained an Engineering Consultant, Ainley Group, to complete the detailed design for the Downtown Revitalization project. The 100% detailed design package for Phase 1 is complete and the Consultant is progressing on the next phase's design. The release of the Request for Tender for the first phase of construction is imminent, with work to commence in July 2025.

Construction Timelines

A carefully phased plan has been developed to mitigate disruptions for the community. At times, traffic will be restricted, and detour routes will be established. Safe pedestrian access will be maintained to businesses and downtown residences, and the Market Centre Parkade will remain open during construction.

Phase 1 will include Brant Avenue from Dalhousie Street to Colborne Street, Icomm Drive from Colborne Street to Clarence Street South. Construction will begin in July 2025. Please see Appendix A for a map of construction plans for Phase 1.

Details for the design and construction schedule for the reconstruction of Colborne Street and Dalhousie Street, between Brant Avenue & Clarence Street, are ongoing. Please see Appendix B for a preliminary phasing plan.

Public Engagement

The City is committed to working closely with the community before and during construction. City staff meet weekly with businesses in the affected area to provide updates. The Downtown Revitalization Office, located in City Hall, is a central resource hub and offers appointments for residents, businesses and stakeholders to receive updates and provide feedback. Upcoming engagement will include neighbourhood meetings, information sessions, and events in the Downtown core. Ward Councillors will be notified prior to any neighbourhood meetings or events planned in their Wards. Engagement will also occur with the community in fall 2025 to gather feedback on streetscape amenities, and final design concepts will be shared.

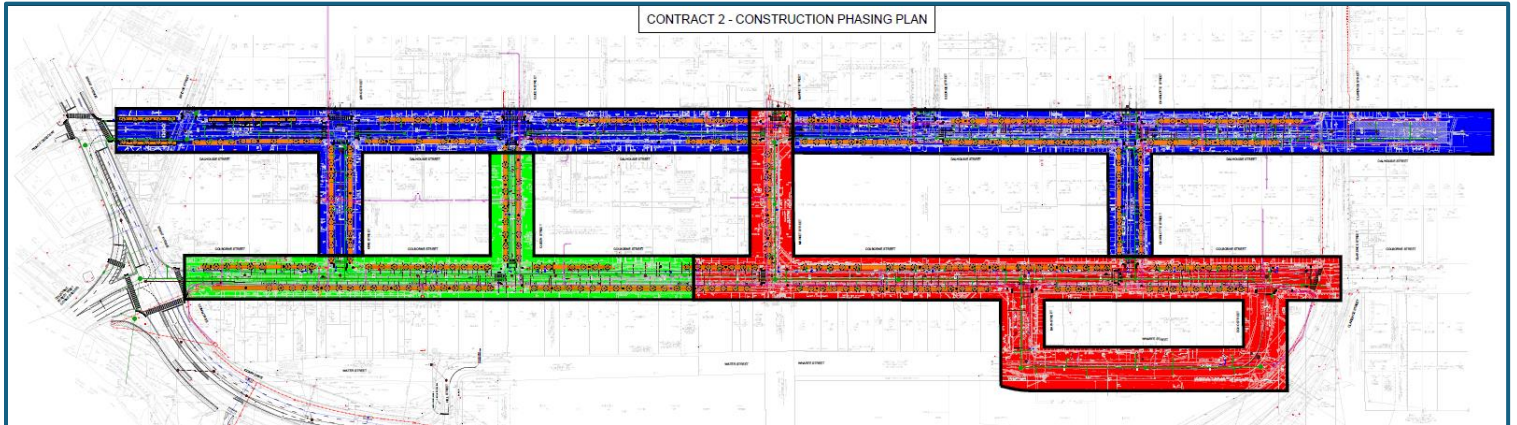
The City will continue to communicate as the project proceeds. Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Jennifer Elliott, Director of Engineering Services, Public Works.

Appendix A


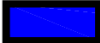



- 2025 - Brant Crossings Bridge Replacement
Approved in Council Report #2021-362
- 2025 - Brant Avenue Construction
as approved in Council Report #2024-57
& Icomm Drive Construction to realign
trunk sewer and watermain replacement (north lanes only)
- 2026 - Lorne Bridge Rehabilitation
Approved in Council Report #2021-362
- 2026 & 2027 - Bain / Echo / Wharfe Streets Construction
- 2026 & 2027 - Market Street Construction
To be confirmed

Appendix B



LEGEND

-  PHASE 1 - (MAY 2026 TO DECEMBER 2027)
-  PHASE 2 - (MAY 2028 TO DECEMBER 2029)
-  PHASE 3 - (MAY 2030 TO JUNE 2031)