From: Gagan Batra

**Sent:** Thursday, July 16, 2020 12:27 PM

**To:** Gagan Batra

**Subject:** Brantford - Downtown Streetscaping

**Attachments:** 2020-07-16 - Notice of Commencement - Downtown Streetscaping.pdf

Good Afternoon,

Please find attached a copy of the City of Brantford's Notice of Study Commencement for the Downtown Streetscaping Environmental Assessment. A hardcopy version of the attached is being circulated in addition to this email.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call or email me via the details provided in the Notice.

Thank you kindly, Gagan

### **Gagan Batra**

Senior Project Manager, Downtown Revitalization Public Works Commission



Date: July 29, 2020

Dear Chief Mark Hill:

**RE:** Notice of Study Commencement

**Municipal Class Environmental Assessment for the** 

**Downtown Streetscaping** 

The City of Brantford has initiated a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment for downtown streetscaping. The purpose of this letter is to inform Six Nations of the Grand River of the Environmental Assessment study and invite you to provide comments.

The study is being conducted in compliance with Schedule 'C' requirements of the Municipal Engineers Association "Municipal Class Environmental Assessment," (October 2000, as amended 2007 & 2011) as approved under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act. Two (2) Public Information Centres (PICs) will be held to provide interested parties with an opportunity to review and discuss issues related to the project. The first PIC is anticipated to occur in November 2020. Notification of the date, time and location will be provided in the coming months.

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To request additional information or provide comments about the study, please contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

Mike Abraham

Manager of Infrastructure Planning

Enclos. Notice of Study Commencement

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Dear Chief LaForme: July 29, 2020

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From: Gagan Batra

Sent: Friday, November 20, 2020 9:23 AM

To: Gagan Batra

**Subject:** 2020-11-20 - Notice of Virtual PIC - Downtown Brantford Streetscaping

**Attachments:** 2020-11-19 Downtown Brantford Streetscaping PIC Notice.pdf

#### Good morning,

Please find attached the Notice of Virtual Public Information Centre for the Downtown Brantford Streetscaping Environmental Assessment (EA) Study. A hardcopy version of the attached is being circulated in addition to this email.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to call or email me via the details provided in the Notice.

Thank you kindly, Gagan

#### Gagan Batra (Pronouns: She/Her)

Senior Project Manager, Special Projects Public Works Commission



November 25, 2020

Chief LaForme 2789 Mississauga Rd RR 6 Hagersville, ON NOA 1H0

Dear Chief LaForme

RE: Notice of Virtual Public Information Centre
Municipal Class Environmental Assessment for the
Downtown Brantford Streetscaping

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PIC boards and a video walkthrough of their content will be posted on Monday, November 30, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. This will be followed by a two week question submission period closing December 14, 2020. A question and answers video will be posted on Monday, December 21, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. This will be followed by a four week question submission period, closing January 15, 2021. A Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document will be posted on Monday, January 25, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.

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Yours truly,

Gagan Batra Senior Project Manager, Special Projects

CC: Fawn Sault, Senior Consultation Manager, Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation Vince Pugliese, Consultant Project Manager, MTE Consultants

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November 25, 2020

Chief Mark Hill PO Box 5000 Osheweken, ON NOA 1M0

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Gagan Batra, Senior Project Manager, Special Projects

CC: Candace Lee Lickers, Communications Officer, SNGR
Fran Henry, SNGR
Lonny Bomberry, Director of Lands and Resources Department, SNGR
Weylin Bomberry, Six Nations Wildlife Management Office, SNGR
Robbin Vanstone, Consultation Manager, SNGR
Phil Monture, Lands and Treaty Specialist, SNGR
Jen Mt. Pleasant, Consultation Point Person, SNGR
Tanya Hill-Montour, Archaeology Coordinator, SNGR
Dawn LaForme, Secretary, SNGR
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From: Gagan Batra

Sent: Thursday, April 29, 2021 4:19 PM

To: Gagan Batra

Subject: Notice of Virtual Public Information Centre 2 - Downtown Brantford Streetscaping

**Environmental Assessment** 

**Attachments:** 2021-04-29 Downtown Brantford Streetscaping Notice of PIC#2.pdf

Good afternoon,

Please find attached the Notice of Virtual Public Information Centre 2 for the Downtown Brantford Streetscaping Environmental Assessment (EA). A hardcopy version of the attached is being circulated in addition to this email.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to call or email me via the details below.

Thank you kindly, Gagan

### Gagan Batra (Pronouns: She/Her)

Senior Project Manager, Special Projects Public Works Commission



April 29, 2021

Chief LaForme 2789 Mississauga Rd RR 6 Hagersville, ON NOA 1H0

Dear Chief LaForme

RE: Notice of Virtual Public Information Centre #2

Municipal Class Environmental Assessment for the Downtown Brantford Streetscaping

The City of Brantford has initiated a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for streetscaping in Downtown Brantford. The purpose of this letter is to inform Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation of the second Virtual Public Information Centre (PIC) for this project and to invite you to provide comments.

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Gagan Datra

Senior Project Manager, Special Projects

CC: Fawn Sault, Senior Consultation Manager, Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation Vince Pugliese, Consultant Project Manager, MTE Consultants

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April 29, 2021

Chief Mark Hill PO Box 5000 Osheweken, ON NOA 1M0

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CC: Candace Lee Lickers, Communications Officer, SNGR

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www.brantford.ca

From: Gagan Batra

**Sent:** Friday, March 25, 2022 4:09 PM

To: Gagan Batra

**Subject:** Notice of Public Information Centre 3 - Downtown Brantford Streetscape

Good afternoon,

Please find below a link with details about the upcoming Public Information Centre #3 for the Downtown Brantford Streetscape Environmental Assessment (EA). The City is hosting this Public Information Centre (PIC) in person on **Thursday, April 7, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at Brantford City Hall**. For those who are unable to attend in-person, presentation slides will be available for review on the City's webpage and the Project Team will be accepting questions and comments for a two week period.

The PIC will provide information about the EA, findings from the technical studies, key issues from previous PICs, evaluation criteria, and the preferred alternative. Further details about the schedule of the PIC and how the public can get involved are available here:

https://www.brantford.ca/en/your-government/downtown-streetscaping-ea-notice-of-pic-3.aspx.

A hardcopy of the PIC notice is being circulated in addition to this email.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to call or email me.

Thank you kindly, Gagan

#### Gagan Batra (Pronouns: She/Her)

Manager, Business Support and Sustainability Public Works Commission



March 25, 2022

Chief LaForme 2789 Mississauga Rd RR 6 Hagersville, ON N0A 1H0

Dear Chief LaForme

**RE:** Notice of Public Information Centre #3

**Municipal Class Environmental Assessment for the** 

**Downtown Brantford Streetscaping** 

The City of Brantford has initiated a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for streetscaping in Downtown Brantford. The purpose of this letter is to inform Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation of the third Public Information Centre (PIC) for this project and to invite you to provide comments.

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Manager, Business Support and Sustainability

CC: Vince Pugliese, Consultant Project Manager, MTE Consultants

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Comment Form



March 25, 2022

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Manager, Business Support and Sustainability

CC: Robbin Vanstone, Consultation Manager, SNGR

Vince Pugliese, Consultant Project Manager, MTE Consultants

Enclos. Notice of Public Information Centre #3

Comment Form

From: Gagan Batra

**Sent:** Wednesday, October 7, 2020 3:00 PM

**To:** Fawn Sault

**Subject:** City of Brantford Downtown and Three Bridges EAs

Good afternoon Ms. Sault,

Hope you are well. I wanted to follow up with you regarding updates to the Three Grand River Crossings and Downtown Streetscaping Environmental Assessments. Would you have time for a quick update phone call on these projects? I would like to provide some information regarding the status of the projects and discuss the timelines with you so you are aware of our next steps. Please let me know if there is a time that works best for you and I would be happy to schedule something.

Thank you kindly, Gagan

### Gagan Batra (Pronouns: She/Her)

Senior Project Manager, Downtown Revitalization Public Works Commission

From: Gagan Batra

Sent: Thursday, October 8, 2020 10:54 AM

**To:** Fawn Sault

**Subject:** RE: City of Brantford Downtown and Three Bridges EAs

Hi there,

11am works well for me. You can give me a call at 519-759-4150 ext. 5426.

Talk soon! Gagan

### Gagan Batra (Pronouns: She/Her)

Senior Project Manager, Downtown Revitalization Public Works Commission

From: Fawn Sault [mailto:Fawn.Sault@mncfn.ca]
Sent: Thursday, October 8, 2020 10:46 AM

To: Gagan Batra

Subject: RE: City of Brantford Downtown and Three Bridges EAs

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### Good Morning Gagan,

Yes we can have a quick call. How is 11am today or 1pm today?

From: Gagan Batra < GBatra@brantford.ca > Sent: Wednesday, October 7, 2020 3:00 PM To: Fawn Sault < Fawn.Sault@mncfn.ca >

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Corporation of the City of Brantford 100 Wellington Square, Brantford, Ontario N3T 5R7 P: 519.759.4150 x 5426

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From: Gagan Batra

Sent: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 9:18 AM

**To:** Fawn Sault

**Subject:** Three Grand River Crossings and Downtown Streetscaping EA update

Hi Fawn,

Hope you're well on this gloomy morning. I was hoping we could set up a quick call to chat about the progress on both the Three Grand River Crossings and Downtown Streetscaping EAs that are currently underway. As I'm new to these projects, I wanted the opportunity to discuss both of these EAs and get your thoughts about communication going forward with Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. I was thinking that we could do a monthly check in phone call where I could provide you any updates, and if there are any major updates or milestones, we could set up a video meeting perhaps.

Let me know what you think. I'm available for a quick phone call anytime today or tomorrow afternoon.

Thank you kindly, looking forward to connecting. Gagan

### **Gagan Batra**

Senior Project Manager, Downtown Revitalization Public Works Commission

From: Gale McArthur <gmcarthur@wlu.ca>
Sent: Thursday, November 25, 2021 2:38 PM

To: Gagan Batra
Cc: Beth Gurney

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL \*] Update on Downtown Brantford Streetscaping EA Study

Hello,

The group identified from WLU could meet on December 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am for 30 minutes. I have forwarded a hold for this time.

If this does not work, another possible time would be December 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:15 – 2:45, although Beth – your calendar appears to be booked at that time so I am not sure if you would be available?

Otherwise Heidi's time is very limited. In the event that Heidi does not need to attend, I may be able to find a couple more options.

Thank you, Gale

From: Beth Gurney < bgurney@wlu.ca > Sent: November 25, 2021 5:21 AM

**To:** Gagan Batra < <u>GBatra@brantford.ca</u>>; Beth Sanders < <u>bsanders@wlu.ca</u>>; Adam Lawrence < <u>alawrence@wlu.ca</u>>; Heidi Northwood < <u>hnorthwood@wlu.ca</u>>; Antonio Araujo < <u>aaraujo@wlu.ca</u>>; Bruce McKay < <u>bmckay@wlu.ca</u>>

**Cc:** 'Vince Pugliese' < <u>VPugliese@mte85.com</u>>; Gale McArthur < <u>gmcarthur@wlu.ca</u>> **Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL \*] Update on Downtown Brantford Streetscaping EA Study

Gagan,

Good morning and thank you for reaching out. Yes, we are very keen to learn more about the project details and recent modifications and would be pleased to meet.

I have cc'd Tony Araujo and Bruce McKay from the Brantford Leadership Team as well so that they are aware and can hopefully attend. Gale, also cc'd here, can survey our calendars and get back to you with some potential dates.

With the longer timelines on this initiative, we are still very keen to know what safety measures can be implemented in the shorter term, particularly at Dalhousie and George St. where pedestrian traffic will greatly increase in January. If that is beyond the scope of this meeting, any suggestions you have for moving that forward are greatly appreciated.

Many thanks and have a good day, Beth

From: Gagan Batra < GBatra@brantford.ca>

Date: Wednesday, November 24, 2021 at 4:04 PM

To: Beth Gurney < bgurney@wlu.ca >, Beth Sanders < bsanders@wlu.ca >, Adam Lawrence

<alawrence@wlu.ca>, Heidi Northwood <hnorthwood@wlu.ca>

Cc: 'Vince Pugliese' < VPugliese@mte85.com>

Subject: [EXTERNAL \*] Update on Downtown Brantford Streetscaping EA Study

Good afternoon,

Hope you're all well! I wanted to follow up with the team at Laurier to schedule a meeting with our Downtown Brantford Streetscaping Project Team. We would like to have a discussion about where we are in the process and the modifications we've made to the proposed cross section.

Since our last Public Information Centre we've modified our cross section to allow for parking on both sides of the street and incorporate bike lanes at the same time. We're now going to be looking more closely at the cross section and fitting the streetscaping elements block by block to see what the overall right of way will look like. I've been providing updates as they've come up at our City-Laurier senior leadership meetings, but as we enter the next stage of the study it would be great to present our progress with the visuals we've created. This'll be a good opportunity to discuss elements such as crosswalks and traffic calming measures which I know Laurier has expressed interest in.

Understanding that the holidays are coming up, please send me some dates and times during the weeks of December 6 and 13 that might work.

Thank you and I'm very much looking forward to sharing our progress with the team! Gagan

# Gagan Batra (Pronouns: She/Her)

Senior Project Manager, Special Projects Public Works Commission

Corporation of the City of Brantford P: 519.759.4150 x 5426

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From	
To:	

**Subject:** Petition Opposing Bike Lanes

**Date:** Sunday, November 21, 2021 2:56:24 PM

Attachments: Bike Lane Petition.pdf

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#### Hello All,

Please see the attached petition signed by 107 Downtown Brantford merchants, residents, employees and customers who are opposed to the removal of parking spaces to install bike lanes on Colborne and Dalhousie. An additional 9 people voted against bike lanes in a Streetscaping focus group. 106 out of 107 were in favour of reverting to two-way traffic on these two main streets. All would like to see an increased police presence downtown.

Removing the already limited and precious parking spots downtown would prove detrimental to local businesses. We implore you to give serious consideration to the following reasons why installing these bike lanes would be an illogical, unnecessary, and short-sighted decision.

- As a downtown business owner, we are told repeatedly that our customers have had difficulty finding parking near our store. Often they have to try on several occasions before they find available parking. We clearly need more parking, not less.
- Cycling season is short in our climate. Travel by bicycle would be difficult and unlikely during the many cold and snowy winter months.
- 3. Visitors to the downtown come from all around, and we wish to encourage this further. Our customers who recently visited from Owen Sound, Toronto, London and Burlington would not be arriving by bicycle.
- 4. There is a large senior demographic with the time and funds to shop and dine downtown. Most seniors would not be able to ride a bike, or feel comfortable riding downtown.

- 5. Large purchases like furniture can not be carried home on a bicycle.
- Visitors often mention that they are nervous about coming downtown. They would feel even less safe travelling by bicycle than by car.
- 7.
  We have had a guest's expensive, chained bicycle stolen in front of our store in broad daylight. The hassle of locking bikes and the worry of theft would deter many potential cyclists from parking bikes downtown.
- 8.
  We live in a convenient, fast-paced world. People are in a hurry to get to their destination, complete their tasks and get home. They don't want to walk a distance from a parkade with parking fees.
- 9. In our culture, cycling is more of a leisure activity on trails and through quiet neighbourhoods than it is a primary means of transportation.
- 10. Brantford is not like cities in Asia and Europe where people cycle everywhere. Here, people drive to the gym to ride a stationary bike. The presence of bike lanes will not change this mentality.

We are all working very hard to help improve and build up the struggling downtown. Please don't make it even harder by removing 84 much-needed parking spaces on Colborne and Dalhousie streets!

Thank you for your time in reviewing this important information.

From: To:

Gagan Batra

Subject: Re: Petition Opposing Bike Lanes

Date: Tuesday, November 23, 2021 5:15:18 PM

Hello Gagan

You are so very patient and always professional, which we all appreciate. I want to clarify that although is a DBBIA Board member, her independent actions, such as the petition are not made on behalf of the DBBIA. It can become confusing and it is important for you to understand the difference. I admire spirit and concern for the business owners in the downtown.

I consider today's meeting to have been a tremendous success and we appreciate the consideration that you and your team have given to address our concerns. The future downtown will be beautiful, functional, welcoming and exciting.

Best regards

On Tue, Nov 23, 2021 at 4:43 PM Gagan Batra < GBatra@brantford.ca > wrote:

Good afternoon

Thank you kindly for your email. We appreciate your efforts in communicating with the businesses and in meeting with the Project Team this morning to provide additional feedback.

This email and petition will be filed as part of the Environmental Assessment Study document. In addition, we will send this out as part of our Clerks Communication.

Regards,

Gagan

Gagan Batra (Pronouns: She/Her)

Senior Project Manager, Special Projects

**Public Works Commission** 

From:

**Sent:** Sunday, November 21, 2021 2:56 PM

**Subject:** Petition Opposing Bike Lanes

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From: Gagan Batra

Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 10:06 AM

To: 'Robin Linn'

**Subject:** Brantford Downtown Streetscaping EA Update

Hello again Robbin,

See below for a brief update on the Downtown Brantford Streetscaping EA project. Would you prefer if I send update emails such as this to the whole CAP team, or should I continue to send them to you and you will distribute? If there are meeting minutes or other materials to distribute, I can send it to the whole team, but for email updates I can continue sending them to you or giving you a phone call. Please let me know what works best for you.

#### **Downtown Brantford Streetscaping EA:**

- The Virtual PIC 1 for this project is ongoing and will be complete on January 25, 2021. Once complete, the Project Team will compile all comments and questions received and evaluate them.
- The background studies for this EA are still ongoing and have not yet been received by the City. When the studies start to be completed, the Project Team will be able to create more functional options for the cross sections downtown, which will then be presented at PIC 2 for public input. Currently we are aiming for PIC 2 to occur in Spring 2021.
- Prior to PIC 2, the City will be reaching out to the CAP team again for participation and to present the materials for feedback.

I am hoping there are more updates to share next month once the PIC is complete. Please let me know if you have any questions or comments relating to this EA in the meanwhile.

Thank you kindly, Gagan

#### Gagan Batra (Pronouns: She/Her)

Senior Project Manager, Special Projects
Public Works Commission

From: Gagan Batra

**Sent:** Thursday, April 15, 2021 3:41 PM

**To:** 'Robin Vanstone'

Subject: RE: Downtown Brantford Streetscaping EA Project Update

Hi Robbin, I've asked the consultant to book it at 1:30pm so we should be okay. I'll send the invite to you when I receive it for you to forward along to your team.

Thanks! Gagan

### Gagan Batra (Pronouns: She/Her)

Senior Project Manager, Special Projects Public Works Commission

From: Robin Vanstone [mailto:rvanstone@sixnations.ca]

Sent: Thursday, April 15, 2021 3:39 PM

To: Gagan Batra

Subject: Re: Downtown Brantford Streetscaping EA Project Update

Gagan,

We have booked a meeting in the morning so I am hoping that it is in the afternoon. Also, please just send it to me and I will forward it to where it needs to be

Thank you

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From: Gagan Batra < GBatra@brantford.ca > Sent: Thursday, April 15, 2021 3:28:29 PM
To: Robin Vanstone < rvanstone@sixnations.ca >

Subject: RE: Downtown Brantford Streetscaping EA Project Update

Good afternoon Robbin,

I will send out a meeting invitation for Friday, April 30 very shortly.

Thank you! Gagan

### Gagan Batra (Pronouns: She/Her)

Senior Project Manager, Special Projects

**Public Works Commission** 

**From:** Robin Vanstone [mailto:rvanstone@sixnations.ca]

Sent: Thursday, April 15, 2021 8:15 AM

To: Gagan Batra

Subject: RE: Downtown Brantford Streetscaping EA Project Update

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Good Morning Gagan,

The following dates are good for us so far:

April 30 – anytime May 3 – anytime May 4 – afternoon. May 5 – anytime

Thanks, Robbin

From: Gagan Batra < GBatra@brantford.ca>

**Sent:** April 14, 2021 3:02 PM

To: Robin Vanstone < <a href="mailto:rvanstone@sixnations.ca">rvanstone@sixnations.ca</a>>

Subject: Downtown Brantford Streetscaping EA Project Update

Hi Robin,

I hope you're well! I wanted to reach out because we are nearing our second Public Information Centre for the Downtown Brantford Streetscaping Environmental Assessment project. I was hoping I could schedule a meeting over the next couple of weeks with the Six Nations CAP team to present the materials and provide opportunity for feedback.

We are planning the PIC for around mid-May, so can you please let me know if the CAP team would be available the week of April 26<sup>th</sup> for a meeting, and if so, can you please send some times that would be convenient to meet?

Thank you kindly, Gagan

### Gagan Batra (Pronouns: She/Her)

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From: Gagan Batra

**Sent:** Friday, May 28, 2021 10:55 AM

To: Robin Vanstone

**Cc:** Candace Lickers; 'Vince Pugliese'; 'Zenova E. Gentles'

**Subject:** Downtown Brantford Streetscaping

Attachments: 2021-04-30 Downtown Brantford Streetscaping SNGR Stakeholders Meeting No 2

Minutes.pdf

Good morning Robbin,

Please find attached the minutes from our meeting held on April 30 regarding the Downtown Brantford Streetscaping project. Can you please circulate this to the other members of the CAP team?

Thank you kindly and have a lovely weekend, Gagan

### Gagan Batra (Pronouns: She/Her)

Senior Project Manager, Special Projects Public Works Commission

From: Gagan Batra

**Sent:** Monday, July 26, 2021 11:25 AM

To: Robin Vanstone

**Subject:** Brantford Downtown Streetscaping EA Update

Good morning Robbin,

Hope this email finds you well. I wanted to give you an update on the Downtown Brantford Streetscaping Environmental Assessment. There is no additional public engagement or meeting scheduled at this time for the project but likely in September I will be reaching out to you with more details about our progress with studies and plans.

#### **Downtown Brantford Streetscaping**

- PIC 2 was complete in June 2021, now the team is reviewing the information that was received and working on preparing options for the next PIC which will be likely in September.
- The preferred alternative we are proceeding with for the next phase of the study has been identified one way traffic on Colborne and Dalhousie Streets, incorporating bike lanes, and reducing on-street parking to one side of the streets to create wider sidewalks for more pedestrian activity.
- Link to the PIC and information about the preferred alternative is available on the project webpage: <u>www.brantford.ca/NewDowntown</u>. Here you can find images of the preferred alternative and more information about our next steps.

Once we get more of our studies completed and the Project Team gathers more details to help us inform our final recommendations we will have more information to complete the cross-sections, including information about where pedestrian crossings will go, the location of bike lanes on the roadways, and what the side streets will look like. I will reach out to you again soon with more details about next steps, but please let me know if you have any questions or comments until then.

Thank you and have a good day!

Gagan

# Gagan Batra (Pronouns: She/Her)

Senior Project Manager, Special Projects Public Works Commission

From:
Sent: Sunday, November 21, 2021 2:56 PM

To:

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**Attachments:** Bike Lane Petition.pdf

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From: Gagan Batra

Sent: Monday, March 7, 2022 1:48 PM

**To:** 'Robin Vanstone'

**Cc:** 'VPugliese@mte85.com'

**Subject:** Meeting Request - Downtown Brantford Streetscaping EA

#### Good afternoon Robbin,

I hope you are well. I wanted to give you an update on the Downtown Brantford Streetscaping EA that is currently ongoing. Over the past several months, our consultants have been completing studies and working on the back end to determine the requirements to improve the underground infrastructure in the downtown area and propose a design for the streetscape. The team has made progress on the design and is preparing to have a final Public Information Centre which will present findings from studies and recommend a solution for the downtown area.

Before we move into the Public Information Centre, I would like to schedule a meeting with the CAP team to collect and incorporate feedback on the presentation and recommendations. If you could please propose dates/times during the week of March 21 that would work for the team, that would be fantastic. Below are some dates that work for us, if the CAP team is unavailable during these times please feel free to suggest another time.

- Tuesday, March 22, 9:00 10:30am
- Tuesday, March 22, 2:30 4:00pm
- Thursday, March 24, 10:00 11:30 am
- Thursday, March 24, 1:30 3:00 pm
- Friday, March 25, 10:00 11:30am

#### Thank you!

### Gagan Batra (Pronouns: She/Her)

Manager, Business Support and Sustainability Public Works Commission

From: Gagan Batra

**Sent:** Thursday, June 2, 2022 3:41 PM

To: Robin Vanstone
Cc: 'Vince Pugliese'

**Subject:** Downtown Brantford Streetscape EA Update

Good afternoon Robbin,

It was nice seeing you in person the other day!

I wanted to give you a quick update about the Downtown Brantford Streetscape EA. Following the third and final Public Information Centre, the project team has been working on finalizing the project file and preparing a presentation for Brantford City Council. The project will be presented to Brantford City Council next week on Tuesday at the Committee of the Whole – Operations meeting. We will present the information that was presented to the public and ask for approval to proceed with filing the EA.

Please let me know if you have any questions about this presentation or anything else related to the EA. Thank you kindly!

Gagan

### Gagan Batra (Pronouns: She/Her)

Manager, Business Support and Sustainability Public Works Commission

From: Gagan Batra

**Sent:** Friday, March 25, 2022 2:28 PM **To:** 'Mark.LaForme@mncfn.ca'

**Cc:** 'DOCA.Admin@mncfn.ca'; Vince Pugliese

**Subject:** Downtown Brantford Streetscaping Environmental Assessment Update

Hi Mark,

I hope you are well. My name is Gagan and I work with the City of Brantford in the Public Works department on a number of projects, including the ongoing Downtown Brantford Streetscaping Environmental Assessment. I originally spoke with Fawn a few times throughout this project to provide updates on the progress of the study and just received the notice that she has moved onto another role.

I am going to send out a Notice of Public Information Centre shortly with details about the next stage of the project, but I am happy to set up a call with you to talk in more detail about the project and answer any questions you might have about where we are in the process, work that has been done to date, and next steps.

In the meanwhile, below are some links with more details about the project to provide you background – feel free to reach out to me should you have any questions or comments.

Project webpage - <a href="https://www.brantford.ca/en/your-government/come-around-to-a-new-downtown.aspx">https://www.brantford.ca/en/your-government/come-around-to-a-new-downtown.aspx</a>

PIC 1 - <a href="https://www.brantford.ca/en/your-">https://www.brantford.ca/en/your-</a>

government/resources/Documents/MasterPlans/DowntownMasterPlan/2020-11-

30DowntownBrantfordStreetscapingVirtualPIC1-Slides.pdf

PIC 2 - <a href="https://www.brantford.ca/en/your-government/resources/Documents/Downtown-Brantford/Downtown

Thank you kindly! Gagan

### Gagan Batra (Pronouns: She/Her)

Manager, Business Support and Sustainability Public Works Commission

From: Gagan Batra

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 28, 2023 2:26 PM **To:** 'Tanya Hill-Montour'; Peter Graham

**Cc:** Vince Pugliese

**Subject:** RE: Downtown Brantford Streetscape Environmental Assessment - Archaeological and

Cultural Heritage reports

Hi Tanya, I just sent you and Peter the file through our system 2big4email. This is the only file share site we have through the City so please let me know if you have any issues with accessing the file.

Thank you and chat soon!

### Gagan Batra (Pronouns: She/Her)

Manager, Business Support and Sustainability Public Works Commission

**From:** Tanya Hill-Montour [mailto:tanyahill-montour@sixnations.ca]

Sent: Monday, February 27, 2023 9:31 AM

To: Gagan Batra; Peter Graham

Cc: Vince Pugliese

Subject: RE: Downtown Brantford Streetscape Environmental Assessment - Archaeological and Cultural Heritage reports

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Good Morning Gagan,

Hope you been keeping well.

I am acknowledging that I have received this email, only issue is the attachment of the Archaeological assessment is not being accepted. Can you send it on another email?

Kind Regards,

# *Tanya j. Hill-Montour* B.A Hons.

Six Nations of the Grand River - Archaeology Supervisor.

c.226.388.0665

e. tanyahill-montour@sixnations.ca

From: Gagan Batra < GBatra@brantford.ca > Sent: Friday, February 24, 2023 3:37 PM

To: Peter Graham <LRCS@sixnations.ca>; Tanya Hill-Montour <tanyahill-montour@sixnations.ca>

Cc: Vince Pugliese < <a href="mailto:VPugliese@mte85.com">VPugliese@mte85.com</a>>

Subject: Downtown Brantford Streetscape Environmental Assessment - Archaeological and Cultural Heritage reports

Hi Peter, Tanya

I hope you are both well. I wanted to follow up on a project that I have been in touch with the CAP team regarding the Downtown Brantford Environmental Assessment (EA) since 2020. I want to advise that we are in the process of completing and closing out this project and will be posting a Notice of Study Completion in the coming weeks. I've attached the stage 1 archaeological assessment that was completed as part of this project for your information.

Note that for this EA, it was indicated that a stage 1 archaeological assessment was required. During the detailed design phase of the project additional studies may be required and the Engineering Services department led by Jen Elliott will connect with you going forward when the EA is complete.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you kindly, Gagan

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