

### 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 are available on the other side of this 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.

# **Virtual Public Information Centre**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the City is hosting the Public Information Centre (PIC) virtually. The virtual PIC will include a video providing information about the EA, findings from the stakeholder workshops, potential cross sections for feedback, and evaluation criteria. All content and instructions on how to submit questions or comments will be available on the project webpage, <u>www.brantford.ca/NewDowntown</u>.

#### **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 <u>www.brantford.ca/NewDowntown</u>. 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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## **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.

