



Main Street Renewal Project
Functional, Preliminary Design and Detailed Design
Main Street Renewal Project – Public Advisory Group Meeting #1
Key Points of Discussion
September 18th, 2012
Old Town Hall, 61 Main Street

Attendees:

Project Management Committee:

Josée Vallée – Project Manager
Ron Clarke – Consulting Project Manager

Consulting Team:

David Atkinson – City Planner, City of Ottawa
Darryl Shurb, Municipal Design and Construction, City of Ottawa
Arthur Lo – Urban Planner, Delcan
Mark Baker – Traffic & Transportation, Delcan
Martha Lush – Corush Sunderland Wright

Advisory Group:

Chris Bishop – Saint Paul University
Lloyd Phillips – Lloyd Phillips & Associates (Consultants to Oblates)
Jill Stewart – Lloyd Phillips & Associates
Normand Brûlé – Oblates of Mary Immaculata
Ron Rose – Ottawa East Community Association
John Dance – Ottawa East Community Association
Don Fugler – Ottawa East Community Association
David Chernushenko – Councillor, Ward 17
Pierre Sadik – Ward 17 Office
Jenny Ong – The Green Door
Ron Farmer – The Green Door
Helen Weaver – 3 Trees
Poppy Weaver – Property owner along Main Street
Chris Osler – Sandy Hill Community Health Centre
Laurie Smith – Heritage Ottawa

Following the presentation by the consulting team, the discussion concerned these key points:

1. **Cycling:** It was suggested that when determining bicycle volumes along the corridor, that origin-destination analysis should take place, and that volumes on nearby routes such as Echo Drive and Mutchmor should be studied since many cyclists choose to avoid Main Street in its current condition. The concern of a repeat of the Bank Street experience was raised, where cyclists were given little space relative to pedestrians and motor vehicles. It was suggested that due to the comparatively wider R.O.W on Main Street, that there may be better options available for cyclists. Bank Street north of Gladstone was raised as a good example of shared lanes with ample space for traffic, cyclists, and some parking. Alta Vista Drive, with one lane in each direction with turn lanes, should be investigated as an example of a corridor with good provision of space for both motor vehicles and cyclists. Traffic volumes on Alta Vista Drive are to be determined to see whether they are comparable to that of Main Street.
2. **Sidewalks and Streetscaping:** In terms of the feasibility of planting street trees along the sidewalk, this cannot be determined until analysis of underground utilities takes place. It was agreed that a City

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representative with knowledge of accessibility standards should be present to facilitate discussion in Advisory Group Meeting 6, regarding bus stop and sidewalk design.

3. **Construction:** Concerns regarding the impact of construction on local businesses and institutions were raised. Although construction details cannot be determined at this preliminary stage, it was suggested that at least two full seasons of construction will be necessary. Since the phasing of construction is based on the elevation of underground sewer infrastructure (drainage low point), it cannot be phased exclusively based on the location of businesses. During the reconstruction of Bank Street, the BIA worked to minimize impacts on businesses through communication with the City in regards to construction timing and organization. Although Main Street has no BIA, a similar function could be carried out, possibly by the community association. Considering that Main Street is a busy arterial, the City works to ensure ability to travel through area is maintained during construction periods.
4. **Hydro Pole Burial:** While the Old Ottawa East Community Design Plan refers to the community's desire to bury overhead utilities, 2011 City policy requires funding from a requestor to fund this action. The 2011 policy also refers to "a case by case basis". On this basis, it was agreed that a discussion of options and strategies of this topic should take place regarding Main Street. Preliminary estimates provided by Hydro Ottawa peg the burial of hydro poles from Echo Drive to Rideau River Drive at 7.2 million, and from Echo Drive to Clegg Street at 4.4 million. These estimates do not include private building owner costs to upgrade electrical services when required.
5. **Heritage:** A question was raised regarding how heritage considerations will be involved if an Environmental Assessment is not triggered, and whether a statement of heritage impact is necessary. It was mentioned that the Old Town Hall and the Deschâtelets Building with its associated landscape are designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act. The Brantwood Place Gates are also Part IV designated and a discussion will have to take place in consideration of how to rehabilitate them during construction. It was determined that a general discussion regarding heritage assets on Main Street should take place when options for the Brantwood Place Gates are considered.
6. **Anticipating Future Needs:** In consideration of the potential for intensification on Main Street, a question was raised regarding whether the Main Street Renewal project will account for future growth potential in all associated capacities (e.g. road capacity, utilities, sewer capacity). It was stated that the City consults local landowners and developers to anticipate future development, and may decide to oversize underground municipal service infrastructure during construction to increase capacity allowing for growth. The extra cost of oversizing is then borne by developers when development occurs. Road and cycling infrastructure also consider future needs.
7. **Going Forward:**
 - September 29th - Main Street walk led by Councillor Chernushenko, originating from The Green Door restaurant at 10:00AM.
 - October 17th – Public Open House #1 at Saint Paul University. 6-9PM, the atrium in Guigues Hall, 223 Main Street.
 - Public advisory group and technical advisory group meetings will be combined as a joint working group. A full 2012 meeting schedule will be distributed.

Please advise if you have any suggested edits or modifications to ensure that we have accurately summarized the key points/comments made during the discussion.