



# NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT

## 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.

### 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.

A key component of the EA will be consultation with interested stakeholders and community members, including public agencies and Indigenous communities. Two Public Information Centres (PICs) will be held to present the project, review the study findings, and discuss matters related to the project including alternative solutions, evaluation criteria, alternative design concepts, and environmental impacts and mitigation measures. Details regarding the forthcoming PICs will be advertised as the study progresses. At the conclusion of the study, the EA process will be documented in a Project File which will be made available for 30 calendar days for public review and comment.

### We Want to Hear from You!

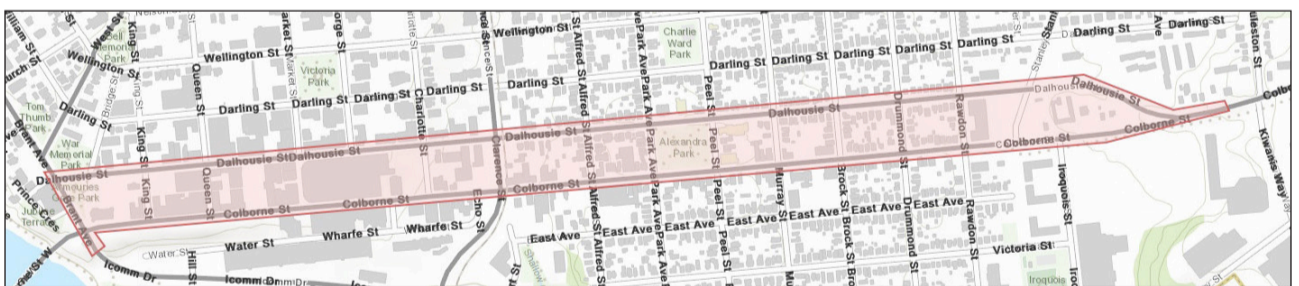
Additional Information can be found at [www.brantford.ca/NewDowntown](http://www.brantford.ca/NewDowntown). If you have any questions or comments regarding the EA or wish to be added to the EA mailing list, please contact either of the project team members:

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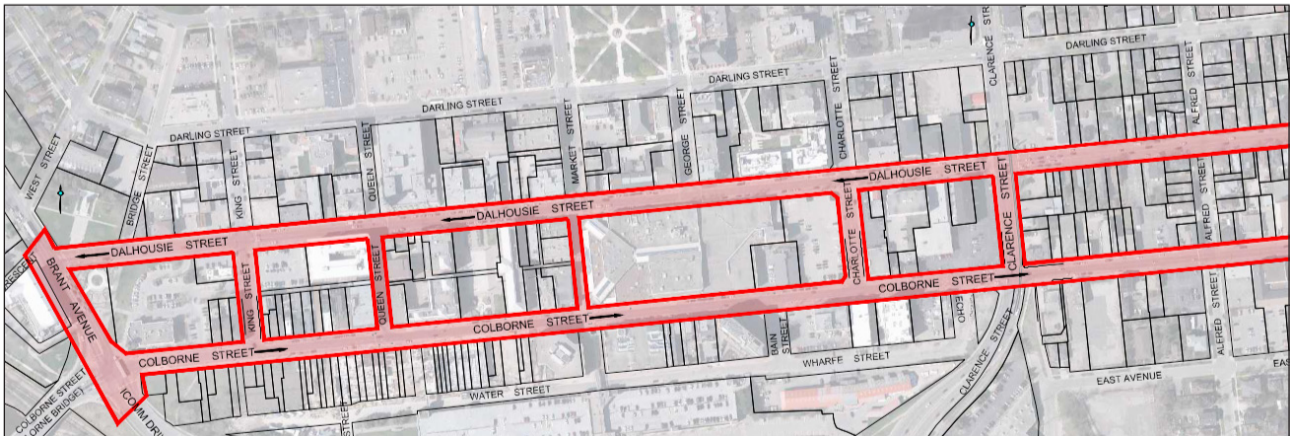
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Information collected for the study will be used in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. Except for personal information, including your name, address and property location, all comments received throughout the study will become part of the public record and included in project documentation

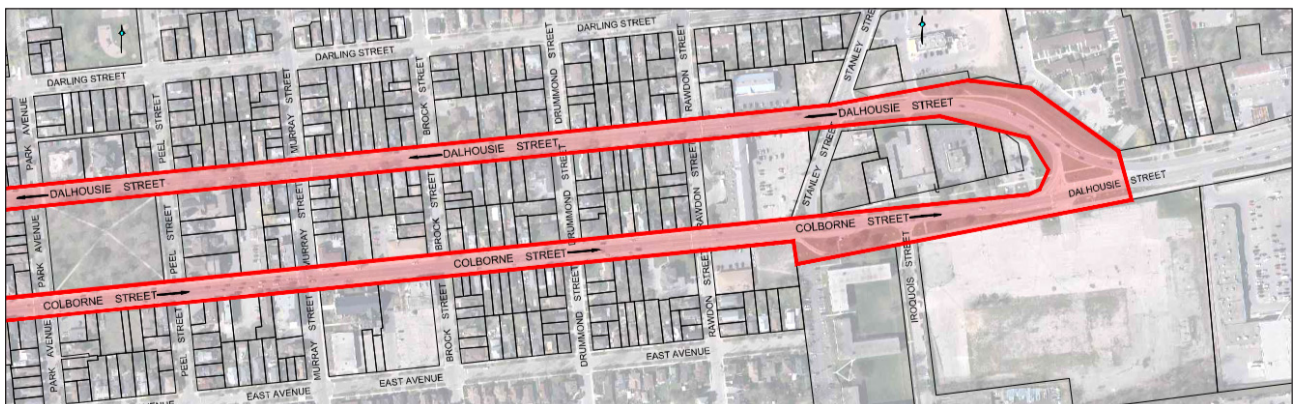
### Proposed Study Area:



Map 1 – Full study area



Map 2 – Close up of study area, part 1



Map 3 – Close up of study area, part 2

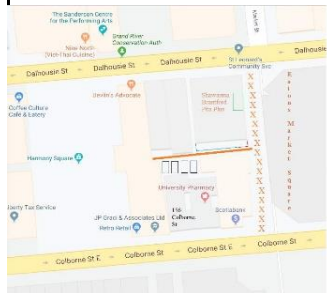
This notice first issued on July 16, 2020.

**RESPONSES RECEIVED FROM RESIDENTS IN RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT**

	Name of Resident	Address/Contact Info	Comment	Response
1	Jason Cholewka	<a href="mailto:jcholewka@hotmail.com">jcholewka@hotmail.com</a>	<p>July 19, 2020 - Not sure if your aware or not but, if you go on the city of Brantford website. There is a beautiful study that was completed and the city did nothing about. Now we do it again. This has to be a joke.</p> <p><a href="https://www.brantford.ca/en/business-and-development/resources/Documents/Downtown-Streetscape-Design-Plan.pdf">https://www.brantford.ca/en/business-and-development/resources/Documents/Downtown-Streetscape-Design-Plan.pdf</a></p> <p>It is very disturbing to once again see another almost \$1m go to a study. Was there not a master plan that was completed some time ago that cost much more? There was. I'm looking at it right now. Showing streetscape and designs of signage and lighting. I bet all you do is just reopen that file taking this money with a chuckle.</p> <p>Is it because the city failed again to implement or have any successful investments from such a study and plan previously, that it has to be done again? Absolutely pathetic and selfish for city employees and students to continue getting these massive payouts or contracts for such studies to improve their ever failing campus and downtown. Stop ignoring and denying Laurier will not survive. Destroyed Colborne St and made it worse than it was before and even more dangerous of an area. I'm ashamed and embarrassed to say I'm from Brantford. My only input is Smarten up! Disgusted</p>	<p>July 21, 2020 - Vince Responded: Thank you for your interest in the Downtown Brantford Streetscaping Environmental Assessment (EA). The report that you have referenced is an excellent resource for this study, and many of the findings from that report will be used as a starting point for this study. To move forward with improving the downtown streetscape a study that follows the Municipal Class EA process is required to be followed. Through this process there will be ample opportunity for the public to provide feedback on ways to improve Downtown Brantford. This study is a necessary step to making real improvements Downtown, and we encourage the public to express their concerns and share their ideas. Please let us know if you would like to be included in the mailing list so that you can receive future notifications.</p>
			<p>July 23, 2020 - Since I was already apart of doing the exact same assessment covering all the exact same features, I figured I've done my part. Since you say your just going to use that to influence it anyway as long as the cheque is signed. Your already done. The citizens of Brantford deserve a breakdown of the costs associated with this study. The costs are absolutely ridiculous. For a couple month, online survey, in which a report is already completed, costing the already cash strapped citizens what it does. Is very concerning to me. I am taking my energy to see if there are any citizen or private review boards that can investigate this and other activities by our City Hall. Probably not because money talks. It's so nice to see the trust in city employees to do this minuscule assessment by clicking the link. Had to pay for another joke of a consultation. Absolutely, keep me involved in the "updates".</p> <p>Disgusting</p>	<p>No response sent.</p>

Tim Prosper

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- A time limit EG No access between the hours of 7am to 9pm to protect the students using this walkway during school hours;
- Speed limits posted EG Max 5 km/h;
- A sign warning the drivers they have to honk before exiting the narrow passageway.
- Real permits issued that must be displayed so the law breakers can be charged and their cars towed;
- Bylaw enforcement MUST make this area a part of their regular checks.

If a car is missing during the no access time or another car is parked there during the no access time, fines need to be issued.



3	Mr. Kris Gutierrez	49 Locks Road	<p>&gt; I love Brantford and I'm glad to see our city councillors take notice of the downtown from time to time! Since the year 2004, I've witnessed the downtown transform into an inviting space for all ages. I love to take my kids to Harmony Square, the Library and some of the restaurants/coffee shops. We also enjoyed the many events that have taken place at Harmony Square and the parks and memorials are well maintained. It feels like the heart of the city.</p> <p>However, in recent years, The downtown seems occupied by some undesirable people. For example, I perform Amazon package deliveries downtown Brantford once a week and I witness what looks to be people mentally ill wandering around sometimes yelling and screaming unprovoked harassing other people with good intentions, begging for money, etc... I've spoken to some Brantford residences and some will say you can get "jumped" at night walking around downtown. Others will not go near the downtown because of any type of behaviour mentioned above. I would encourage you to engage with the Brantford Police service to collect statistics on crime in the downtown area when completing your assessment.</p> <p>I believe the downtown plays a huge role in Brantford's identity. No matter what you build or how you design the downtown, unless the undesirable people that are wandering around day and night relocate, then the downtown will continue to be an unsafe and undesirable place to visit in my opinion.</p>	<p>Thank you for expressing interest in the Downtown Brantford Streetscaping EA. Through this EA, we will be looking at a variety of ways to improve accessibility, walkability and active transportation, and presenting them to the public. Downtown Brantford is important to the identity of the City and through this EA we intend to find ways to improve it so that it is inviting and safe for all residents to enjoy. As we move forward through this project we look forward to your continued feedback and participation.</p>
4	Cathy Oden	GKYork Managing Director 519-756-5386	<p>August 13, 2020 - Please add me to the EA mailing list for the Downtown Streetscaping Project.</p> <p>I understand this is a large undertaking, in the past when Mark Gladysz was the City Planner, I was very please with the Streetscape Plan at that time, wondering how different it will look from that other than I see the area has been extended. Now would be the time to convert back to 2-way traffic which would slow traffic down – being more pedestrian &amp; business friendly. Not a big undertaking when the road will be ripped up anyway – hoping the City is looking at 2-way traffic for this project.</p>	<p>August 13, 2020 - Added to mailing List.</p> <p>Thank you for expressing interest in this project, you have been added to the mailing list.</p> <p>As part of the EA process we are looking at a number of alternative solutions for Downtown Brantford, and one of them is most certainly the change to 2-way traffic. Two-way traffic will be presented to the public for comment, and through public feedback will be evaluated as a possible solution.</p> <p>We look forward to your continued interest in this project.</p>
5	Liz Martorano	Director, SKIP 519-865-2419 liz@goskip.org	<p>July 20, 2020 - Provided email with creative ideas that can be implemented within City core. Provided this link to help <a href="https://www.planning.vic.gov.au/policy-and-strategy/planning-for-melbourne/plan-melbourne">https://www.planning.vic.gov.au/policy-and-strategy/planning-for-melbourne/plan-melbourne</a></p> <p>Promoting tourism, and a reputation for meeting the healthy needs of our multicultural age-friendly community will attract people to come visit.</p>	<p>July 28, 2020 - vince responded: Liz,</p> <p>Thank you for sharing the information from Melbourne, our project team will look to places and ideas like this for inspiration throughout the EA.</p> <p>We are just as excited about the potential of downtown as you are, and we look forward to your continued participation through the EA process. Please let us know if you would like to be included on the mailing list so you can receive future correspondence.</p> <p>August 4, 2020 - Vince responded: Making downtown a destination as opposed to a place you drive through is the objective.</p> <p>We are going to be completely replacing the underground infrastructure within the downtown core. Having fountains and tap water available is something that will be considered.</p> <p>The overall treatment of Brantford's drinking water is outside the scope of this assignment</p> <p>Thank you again for your interest in this project.</p>

5	Tim Schill	Senior Director, Facilities Management and Capital Development, Conestoga College Institute of Tech.	July 28, 2020 - Please use me as Conestoga's contact, Adam is from the school of business so not sure how you got his name. Also, can you please advise when the PIC's will be held so that I can attend. Thx	July 28, 2020 - Dave H Responded: Thanks for making us aware of this. You will be placed on the mailing list and you will be advised of any upcoming PIC's and other opportunities to provide input.
6	Ulrike I Gross	AVP Facilities and Asset Mngt, Wilfre Laurier, Waterloo	July 27, 2020 - Please note that Stephanie MacPhee is no longer with Laurier. Would you please tell me if the workshops will have the same content only with different people?  Yes, going forward, you should copy Peter Thomson as well as myself. He is copied on this email.  As far as the workshops are concerned, please schedule Peter Thomson for one and Jill Holmes for the other. We'd like to participate in the discussion in both.	July 27, 2020 - Gagan responded: Is there someone else that should be added to our contact list in Stephanie's place?  Yes, the workshops will be the same content at each with different people, and we're hoping to allow attendees to work together to come up with options for the cross sections. Following these smaller workshops, we can present the results in a bigger, virtual meeting to all those who attended. Added to mailing list
7	Cynthia Baycetch		July 25, 2020 - Request to be added to mailing list	July 27, 2020 - Thank you for your interest in the Downtown Streetscaping Environmental Assessment. You have been added to the project mailing list and will receive all notices going forward.
8	Doug Myersough	135 East Avenue -	July 22, 2020 - Hard to get across downtown with so much traffic. Need to better plan downtown to make it easier for deliveries as right now, they block lanes of traffic on Colborne and Dalhousie. If you convert to two lanes of traffic then it'll further impede deliveries and make traffic even worse. Requested to be added to the project mailing list.	
9	Jo-Anne Dickson	96 Murray Street,	Email comment received by Gagan, and recorded July 22, 2020 - What's happening to the development on Clarence and Colborne? Concerned about arteries in the area – Murray St. and Park Ave. and Peel st. and how traffic is moving in those areas. Not sure what to do about it, but thinks Murray St. needs an improvement for how traffic moves on it. Too many big trucks coming from Sunoco, all these things are important to how the area develops. Get the big trucks back onto Colborne and move from a different angle rather than the smaller streets. Too much traffic on Murray St. It's an emergency route and that's fine. Don't want to see these huge transports going by all the time to the canal base. It's ridiculous, but doesn't know how the rest of this area is going to be developed in a better way. Asking if the side arteries are going to be part of the plan eventually. Is it better to make the area up to Clarence street pedestrian traffic only to reduce traffic? Can't we make the area near Beckett building a pedestrian area where the commercial properties are, near the jeweler. Can you make the area from King in front of Laurier Brantford YMCA to Clarence a pedestrian area? Can we reroute the traffic onto the other areas where the bridges are? Asking what will be going on the Colborne and Clarence St. area. Asked to be added to the study mailing list as well.	

10	Paul Barber	31 Stinson Avenue , Brantford	<p>July 21, 2020 - For the longest time now I have been suggesting that Brantford City Council clean up their downtown, before throwing anymore of our tax dollars on the fire that is. We all know the city went in to a tail spin years back, and with the introduction of WLU, there was an amazing, but not yet complete recovery, in the downtown core. I have talked to some businesses downtown, and some residents of the downtown core, nearby areas and of Brantford in general. Because of a number of factors, most people still want nothing to do with the downtown area. We need only look at certain examples, to see some of those factors that are keeping people from the core, examples such as:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Queen &amp; Colbourne, where a lot of money was spent refurbishing the retail space on the SW corner. Once completed it was on a downhill run, now sporting new grafitti and broken/cracked windows.</li> <li>2) The shops on the east side of Queen between Colbourne &amp; Dalhousie. So far they look much better then before, but hey give it a chance, especially in that vicinity.</li> <li>3) Dalhousie @ Queen, Tim Hortons. Try to get into the facility to get a coffee, and good luck. Many a time have I had to dodge vagrant people to get anywhere near the doors, let alone through them, and these people are extremely defiant. I am not alone on this thought either, as it has been bought up a few times in chatting.</li> <li>4) Kitty corner at the future city hall. Those stairs apparently are quite comfortable spots to take an afternoon siesta. There are many times that I and other locals have mentioned the sight of a sleeping vagrant on the steps.</li> <li>5) Market &amp; Colbourne where you must pay close attention to driving, for fear of clipping a jaywalking pedestrian. So please don't pay attention to those who congregate at this intersection for fear of creating a pedestrian roadkill clean up.</li> <li>6) Victoria Park and other nearby parks. AS beautiful as they are, many locals will not visit the area, to enjoy the parks or the surrounding historical architecture because of used needles, and sleeping visitors.</li> </ol> <p>I could add many more but I'm sure you get the point. Many of those local citizens that I have talked to, would say the same about our core. The traffic is not the safest in town, and the pedestrians add to this concern. What needs to be done, long before good tax dollars are spent on improving what is there, is the increasing of police presence downtown, and a tightening of minor laws that are killing the core, such as jaywalking, vagrancy etc. Once we start to see an improvement in what is happening downtown, then let's discuss, just</p>	<p>July 21, 2020 Vince response: Thank you for your interest in the Downtown Brantford Streetscaping EA.</p> <p>As part of this EA process, we will be evaluating a number of ways to improve the Downtown core, and then presenting those options to the public for comment. It is imperative that there be ongoing and meaningful correspondence with business owners and the public so that there is buy in from the community, which is the only way improvements to the Downtown will be successful. We very much appreciate your feedback, and we look forward to further comment as we proceed with the EA.</p> <p>Please let us know if you would like to be included in the mailing list so that you can receive future notifications.</p>
11	Paul McCaig	Paulsan Construction Inc. 408 Henry Str. Unit #1	<p>July 21, 2020 - As a property owner along Dalhousie Street in the downtown core, please add me to the downtown assessment of downtown streetscaping mailing list</p>	<p>Added to mailing list</p>
12	Mary Catherine Al	Green Space	<p>July 20, 2020 - I would just like some more information on what this study is about. Are you planning on changing one way streets to 2 way streets? If this is about changing streets like Dalhousie to 2 ways, I am strongly against this, and this will cause so many accidents and will be a waste of tax payers money.</p> <p>If it's not, please advise on what this plan is actually going to do. I don't want to know it's infrastructure, I want to know specifics. More lights, walkways, what is it that you are going to be doing?</p>	<p>July 20, vince responded: Thank you for expressing interest in the Downtown Brantford Streetscaping EA. Through this EA, we will be looking at a variety of ways to improve accessibility, walkability and active transportation, and presenting them to the public. This will also include a review of traffic patterns including an evaluation of the real impacts of 2-way traffic. As part of the EA process, we are obligated to evaluate a variety of options including the do-nothing option to determine what is most appropriate for the study area.</p> <p>As we move forward through this project we look forward to your continued feedback and participation.</p> <p>Would you like to be included on the mailing list for this EA so you can receive regular updates?</p>

13	Bill Oneill	bill.oneill@rogers.com	<p>July 17, 2020 - We need more active lanes in the downtown core.</p> <p>Let's reduce Colborne Street to one lane and have parking on the north side and bike lanes on the south side because that will compliment the YMCA's mandate of fitness and our cities commitment to the diet program like the one Brantford is instituting on Memorial Dr. Consider this idea for Dalhousie St. as well.</p>	
14	Josh Smith	smit4654@mylaurier.ca	<p>July 16, 2020 - My apologies for not leaving my contact details! You can reach me at this email - smit4654@mylaurier.ca -, as well as 613-539-2461</p> <p>I'm looking forward to helping with this project.</p>	
15	Rebecca Brown	:rebecca.brown3@live.ca; 613-813-7762	<p>July 17, 2020 - I would like to be a part of this study. I currently live right downtown (by Rosewood) and believe my input could be beneficial.</p>	<p>July 20, 2020 - Gagan responded: Thank you kindly for your email. We have added you to the study mailing list and you will receive all future notices.</p>
16	Tracey Moore-Zepezaer	<a href="mailto:traceymoore@rogers.com">traceymoore@rogers.com</a>	<p>July 17, 2020 - Please include me in the mailing list for updates on the street scape study.</p>	<p>July 20, 2020 - Gagan responded: Thank you kindly for your email. We have added you to the study mailing list and you will receive all future notices.</p>
17	Catherine Astolfo	601 Conklin Rd., Brantford; catherineastolfo7@gmail.co	<p>July 18, 2020 - I'd like to join the study's mailing list please.</p>	<p>July 20, 2020 - Thank you for your email. We have added you to the study mailing list and you will receive all future notices.</p>
18	Bonnie Baker	Corridor Management Section; 519-873-4203	<p>July 18, 2020 - Your notice was forwarded to me by our Regional Director's office. As Jennifer is no longer in that position, would we be able to get your contact list update for MTO West Region Circulations? Please remove Jennifer Graham Harkness. Include: bonnie.l.baker@ontario.ca allan.hodgins@ontario.ca taylor.stewart2@ontario.ca</p>	<p>July 20, 2020 - Gagan responded: Thank you kindly for your email. We've added yourself, Taylor, and Allan to the contact list and removed Jennifer, as requested. You will receive all future notices.</p>
18	Garry Burns	Re: Market Street Projects	<p>July 18, 2020: Here is a copy of a message sent to the developer of the Market Street Project in April. I have not received a response to date. I also sent the same letter to the mayor at that time and received and acknowledgement of receipt of the message. In light of the recent loss at King and Colborne Streets, it would be wonderful if we could avoid losing another gem of Brantford's architectural and historical heritage when it can still be avoided by positive changes to the proposed 'development' on Market &amp; Chatham Streets. I have included city councillors responsible for this ward and councillor Dan McCreery as a member of Brantford Heritage Committee as recipients of this message in hope that through discussion with the developer perhaps the Dr. Marquis home can be incorporated into the company's Market Street Project Plans, which are so needed to help meet the needs of Brantford's downtown residential growth.</p>	<p>July 21, 2020 Vince response: Thank you for your comment regarding the Downtown Brantford Streetscaping EA. In an EA such as this, it is important to consider all of the existing and proposed buildings and landmarks that are within and surrounding the study area, specifically how they can be featured to enhance the appeal of the Downtown. This EA will focus on the infrastructure that is within the City's Right of Way, including sidewalk, cycle paths, street furniture, lighting and underground infrastructure, etc. A complete cultural heritage assessment is included in this project, which will identify any cultural heritage sites, and be used to develop plans to ensure that the infrastructure proposed does not impact the existing features. While this study will address the streetscaping and infrastructure replacement within the study areas, the buildings themselves which are privately owned, will not be included in the study. Thanks so much!</p>

19	Tim Prosper	pun_nisher@rogers.com	<p>July 18, 2020 - "But then we need to look at roads and sidewalks and how bikes aren't supposed to be on the sidewalks — so we need bikes lanes. We need to consider how and where cars will be parked and where to permit the loading and unloading of vehicles." - Joshua Wall.</p> <p>Kind of funny. Joshua Wall is talking about bikes on the sidewalks when there's a bigger issue, vehicles driving on Pedestrian Walkways. See attached picture.</p> <p>This issue has been a problem since the Eaton's Center was built. And when Laurier moved to town and the students started using this Pedestrian Walkway to get back and forth between the Laurier buildings, it became even more dangerous. I've seen the cars in question force their way into a walking crowd of about 200 people, students, young children and Brantford citizens. They honk and drive through the people till they reach the light posts to access the crosswalks. Then they drive into the crosswalks to turn onto the road.</p> <p>There needs to be a post blocking these cars from driving onto the Pedestrian Walkway. And the people parking behind 156 Colborne St need to be fined and have their cars towed.</p> <p>If you are going to ignore public safety to allow a few privileged people to drive on this Pedestrian Walkway for a few parking spaces behind the building, there needs to be some real changes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A time limit EG No access between the hours of 7am to 9pm to protect the students using this walkway during school hours</li> <li>- Speed limits posted EG Max 5 km/h</li> <li>- A sign warning the drivers they have to honk before exiting the narrow passageway.</li> <li>- Real permits issued that must be displayed so the law breakers can be charged and their cars towed</li> <li>- Bylaw enforcement MUST make this area a part of their regular checks.</li> </ul> <p>If a car is missing during the no access time or another car is parked there during the no access time, fines need to be issued.</p>	
20	Cory Sayles	c.m.sayles@gmail.com	<p>July 19, 2020 - I'm reaching out to you after spotting today's Expositor article seeking public input about the upcoming plans for Colborne &amp; Dalhousie Streets.</p> <p>While I'm usually on the Expositor daily for local news/ updates, can you include my email (c.m.sayles@gmail.com) to any email listing you and your team may be compiling for public interest.</p> <p>I'm very optimistic about the upcoming plans for development of Brantford's downtown.</p>	July 20, 2020 - Gagan responded: Thank you for your email. We have added you to the study mailing list and you will receive all future notices.
21	Ed Bernachi,	Idea Factory: Tele 226-450-2808	<p>July 17, 2020 - I have looked over the streetscape project. While I like the intent, it seems to me the focus on two streets which represents Brantford's history when it had a vibrant downtown rather limiting.</p> <p>What if... With the development of the new apartment tower, One Wellington, and the smaller development, 32 Bridge Street, you considered the streets in this area as well.</p> <p>This is where many people will live very soon.</p> <p>If you don't know about 32 Bridge Street, see attached flyer.</p> <p>Just an idea.</p> <p>believe I am already on your list.</p> <p><b>July 28, 2021</b></p> <p>My interest is moving back to Brantford after many years living in NZ and AU.</p> <p>I think they get streetscape concepts in ways that most Canadian cities have yet to discover.</p> <p>I put together a file of a lot of streetscape and public art pictures I collected over the years.</p> <p>Perhaps this may be of interest. See attached.</p>	



		20-Nov-20	<p>The issue you and the City will need to deal with is... the homeless and other who hang out downtown.</p> <p>Making it look pretty and solving the bad design of the downtown will not fix the homeless problem which is likely the biggest reason thousands and thousands of Brantford never go downtown.</p>	<p>Thanks for providing your input. This EA is driven by the aging and failing underground infrastructure in the downtown, and includes streetscaping as the entire downtown will be reconstructed regardless. While we will be looking at how the streetscape elements are impacted by or could affect the homeless population, it is not within the scope of this environmental assessment to address the homelessness within the downtown directly.</p> <p>Thanks</p>
21	Paul McCraig	Paulsan Construction Inc. 408 Henry Str, Unit 1, Brantford On	<p>As a property owner along Dalhousie Street in the downtown core, please add me to the downtown assessment of downtown streetscaping mailing list</p>	<p><a href="#">Thank you for expressing interest in the project, you have been added to the mailing list</a></p>
22	Peter Thomson	Wilfred Laurier University Director - Planning Design andn Construction; Facilities and Asset Management	<p>Thank you for inviting me to the meeting yesterday. In regards to my top 3 priorities, I think they would be as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Pedestrian crossing at George Street and Dalhousie Street <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Reason: A large portion of our campus is located north of Dalhousie and east of George. We are moving more and more of our services into One Market(Market Square) and there are more and more students crossing Dalhousie at George. We also intend to do a significant renovation to One Market at George Street to make it a major entrance to the building for our students.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Expansion of High Pressure Natural Gas – the lack of high pressure gas reduces our ability to expand.</li> <li>3. Market Street/Lane between Colborne and Dalhousie – close to vehicles – or at the very least separate vehicles from pedestrians. This is a very pedestrian heavy area. Change the rules so that vehicles are not permitted. It would be great if this could be filled with patios or outdoor gathering space, flow over from Harmony Square etc.</li> </ol>	
23	Frank Zaunscherb	President Zaunscherb Roberts Blair Inc. 23 Jamieson Court Brantford ON	<p>Thank you for the opportunity of being involved in yesterday's excellent and thought provoking presentation and workshop about Downtown Brantford Streetscaping. It's hard not to be excited about the potential for this city!</p> <p>While I understand the objective was to create some stakeholder consensus for streetscape cross-sections to improve walkability, accessibility and pedestrian capacity - we eventually did come up with one for Colborne Street and one for Dalhousie Streets in the downtown core - I couldn't help but leave feeling that such consensus will lead us to little more than a repackaged, more attractive version of what Brantford already has: a 1960's model of a cars first, people second streetscape. As stakeholders, we don't know what we don't know and challenge the consultants to present innovative solutions.</p> <p>I appreciate having a little extra time to write down some thoughts as part of the final Individual Exercise. As a long time proponent of people-friendly communities, here are a number of key points, ideas and priorities that I hope might help contribute to a more innovative and progressive result for Brantford's downtown streetscape.</p> <p>Ultimately, a design that is not only functional, efficient and cost effective, but one that is innovative, creative and also evokes a great sense of pride in residents for today and tomorrow, is what at least this one resident wants to see happen.</p>	<p>It was great meeting you as well! Thanks so much for your participation and feedback. I've forwarded the document off to our consultant and they'll ensure that it's considered alongside the other worksheets we retrieved and that it's filed.</p>

24	Debbie de Geus	Received by : Victoria Coates, M.PL Intermediate Planner Long Range Planning City of Brantford	Hello, my name is Debbie de Geus and I have (what I think)is a wonderful idea to improve the appearance of Downtown Brantford. My home town is known for murals, there are a lot of them all over the town, in fact the whole county and for me it adds a sense of pride. So because of this I look for murals everywhere and since I don't see them I end up seeing lots of places they could be. The parking lot of The Sanderson Centre would be perfect for an art themed mural. Either side of the library could be famous book spines. If you really start looking around all of Brantford, it's easy to find places big and small for murals. I have even thought that maybe art students at BCI (or any of the high schools) could add some of their art to the murals, that way they could maybe get in their volunteer hours AND add to their community. I imagine them seeing some art on a mural a few years down the road would give them some pride and help instill some more pride in living here. Maybe Lowe's, Home Depot and Home Hardware would be willing to give a discount for the paint? It might also help with the graffiti that no one likes to see at all?	My name is Vince Pugliese, and I am the Project Manager for the City's consultant on the downtown streetscaping EA. Thank you so much for your comment. The inclusion of street art is definitely something that will be discussed and included in the EA. We do need to be careful about making recommendations about things that could end up on private buildings, as the building faces are private and outside the scope of the EA. Public art is definitely a great way to illustrate the uniqueness and culture of the City. Would you like to be included in the mailing list for this project so you can be included in future correspondence?
25	Ron and Carrie	Harmony Square Area	Thank you for including us in this exciting news. We do have a few ideas and concerns as follows: The housing situation for the homeless/less fortunate needs to be addressed Traffic on Colborne Street/Harmony Square area needs more stop signs. Cars and Motorcycles are using this long stretch to race. Not only is this too noisy at all hours of the day/night for the people who live here it is so dangerous for the children that play in Harmony Square. We have seen too many parents running to catch their kids before they run onto this extremely busy and dangerous street It would be fantastic and will bring in revenue to Brantford to build a "Drive-In". As you know not only for movies but sports, etc. Not only a great idea in this Pandemic but for the future We need another Walmart/Zellers/K-mart or another type of store that is open 24 hours. Many people like nurses for example work long hours during the day and can only shop during the evening. Also, good for Seniors A lot of males/females here are raising their children alone. There is something you can look into and bring to Brantford. PWP is "Parents Without Partners" This program is in Brampton, Mississauga, Toronto A wonderful group to get grand ideas for your failed marriage but places booked to take your children, etc... Garbage is put out but in a matter of minutes it is opened and thrown all around the sidewalks/streets ~ not a pretty site and smelly as well for 'Downtown Brantford' Street lamps and or trees could have running up and down Dalhousie/Colborne tiny white lights. This not only makes it look very pretty all year round - it would make it look safer too Please try not to knock down these beautiful buildings surrounding us. Yes they may be old but if the foundation is secure and the structure is still there - just fix them up. Mixing the new and old is still a nice thing to see. For example we have the very modern YMCA but across the street extremely old but beautiful buildings. They just don't make them like that anymore - so try to fix those ones up and keep them. Even the old city hall building with bell/clock tower is amazing to see surrounded by Tim Hortons & the nice looking Bodaga Inn I hope the above helps and yes - please keep us up-to-date on what is going on around our home	Thank you for showing interest in the Downtown Streetscaping EA. We are looking at many of the issues you presented as part of the EA process, with focuses on traffic operations, curbside management (ie garbage), lighting, and overall improving the image of downtown. We are still very early in the process, and so there will be plenty of opportunity to provide feedback throughout. Would you like to be included in the mailing list for this project? Thank you again for your interest.

26	Lizanna Koster & Susan Bridle		<p>We are the owners of Old World Marketplace at 203 Colborne Street and Old World Suites, four Airbnb apartments located above the store. We also own the neighbouring property at 197 Colborne where we will be opening a second store in the near future. We are pleased to hear about this proposed plan to help improve the downtown area!</p> <p>Here are some of our suggestions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sidewalk Safety - scooters and bicycles need to slow down or use the street to ensure customer and public safety on the sidewalk.</li> <li>2. Police Patrol - Customers often say they are afraid to come downtown to shop. Perhaps if there were police officers patrolling on foot full-time, they could deal with any potential issues as they are happening (domestic disputes, vandalism, homeless sleeping in doorways etc).</li> <li>3. Two-Way Traffic - Will slow down traffic and increase exposure of businesses at different times of the day. Racing cars on one way streets add unwelcome noise and danger. The safety of pedestrians needs to be considered, including the many seniors from The Beckett Centre and children/families going to and from the library.</li> <li>4. Unnecessarily wide sidewalk in front of the Beckett Centre could be narrowed to create additional parking spaces.</li> <li>5. Market St Parking Garage/Wharfe St. - Make improvements to Wharfe Street to encourage parking in the Market Centre Parkade. Pave/repair street, remove weeds, keep grass trimmed and install garbage cans. Somehow monitor people rummaging through garbage bags and leaving contents strewn all over the sidewalk and street. Elevators and stairwells are used for sleeping, marijuana smoking and other drug use (needles often discarded there). Customers report not feeling comfortable or safe parking in this city lot.</li> <li>6. Prohibit smoking right in front of retail stores and apartments.</li> <li>7. Long Range Suggestion - Build (or possibly retrofit) a dorm-style facility for the homeless/addicts away from the downtown to include drug clinics, education, rehabilitation programs, and job training for much needed trades. This could encourage several drug clinics to relocate out of the already saturated core, and help give some struggling people a new start. Many clinic patients use free taxi service, so walkability is not an issue.</li> </ol>	<p>Thank you for taking an interest and taking the time to provide your feedback on this project</p> <p>Through this EA, we are looking at traffic calming measures and traffic operation in the downtown, as well as lighting, improved pedestrian and cycling facilities, accessibility and safety amongst other things. We look forward to you continued interest in this project as we progress.</p> <p>Would you like to be included in the mailing list for future correspondence?</p>
			<p>These are just a few of our concerns as property owners, business owners and Air bnb hosts. We want our customers and guests from all around the world to have an enjoyable experience and feel safe when they visit us. We have spent a great deal of time and money improving the appearance of our buildings, both inside and out, and take great pride in what we have achieved. We have also invested a lot into our new businesses and downtown Real Estate, so it is quite disheartening to hear that people are reluctant to shop downtown due to the ongoing stigma.</p> <p>Unfortunately, many local businesses have been forced to close, even prior to Covid. Please help small businesses stay and thrive downtown by considering some of these suggestions to improve the aesthetic, perception and safety of the area.</p> <p>If any of these items fall outside of your current scope, please let us know and we can forward to an appropriate department. Don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions, or would like to discuss further.</p>	

27	Kristen Lowe (Stemmler)		<p>I live in Harmony square. I have a huge love for the city and I'm proud to say I am from Brantford. However,....</p> <p>It's becoming absolutely disgusting, even more so than when those god awful silhouettes were painted on all the boarded up buildings.</p> <p>I was interviewed over 10 years ago about the expropriation of the south side of Colborne Street. I was in favour as the buildings were completely dilapidated. I worked at 89 Colborne Street before it was finally torn down.</p> <p>I live at 120 Colborne Street now. For 4 years. I watched them build the YMCA from my apt. Stunning architecture. But.... the drugs, crime, homelessness and OVERDOSES. It's unreal. I've never seen a city of this size sooooo bad. And I've lived in Europe and across Canada!</p> <p>With 100,000 ppl our crime and drug statistics are ridiculously high. And so much of this happens right down town. I've literally watched people shooting up tons of times. I've called police to report a crime in progress. And nothing.</p> <p>I watched a man shake profusely in the middle of Colborne Street a couple of weeks ago, a police saying "hey Ian buddy. You ok?"</p> <p>He was taken away in an ambulance after they shut down that portion of Colborne until he finally stopped convulsing.</p> <p>It's completely out of control down here and I want nothing more than to see the down town thrive. It was heading in that direction before covid hit but damnnnnnn we lost control!</p> <p>Our city needs to take responsibility and accountability for their LACK of efforts.</p> <p>Im a proud brantfordian, proud member of the Green Party of Canada. I'm using my voice to bring awareness to how bad the down town is and what ACTUALLY needs to be done to make it better.</p> <p>And I won't even get started on our waste programs yet. Recycling, no compost / organics.</p> <p>Please respond.</p> <p>I wish to help improve Brantford!</p> <p>I'm genuine and passionate about my community.</p>	<p>Thanks for reaching out, we've heard from so many people like you who care about Brantford, and want to see it thrive.</p> <p>While this EA is not focused on the drugs and homelessness within the downtown, it is considering how what we build will impact the situation. Our focus is also on the underground infrastructure as well, which is quite old and limits the growth of the downtown.</p> <p>Coming up soon will be our first public information centre, and we very much look forward to your participation and feedback.</p> <p>Please let us know if you would like to be added to the mailing list to receive further correspondence. You mentioned you live on Colborne, so you should be in the mailing area as well.</p>
	Kristen Lowe		<p>One quick question, if we can't take care of what we have why are we spending money on new things? I'd love to see the budget.</p> <p>That being said, after discussing with some neighbours down here, we would love to see recycling and organics especially in the square. Perhaps reach out to Guelph? They've nailed it. Sound structures, proper disposal of food and waste will both reduce the nasty garbage floating around and show people we actually care about this neighborhood. As it's not really a down town. It's a university and low income housing neighborhood. There's under 50 businesses down here. Where we call "down town".</p> <p>Aside from that, Colborne Street is quite the race track. Day and night. AlIII my neighbours agreed, speed bumps like in Dufferin would STOP all the speeding between queen and Clarence. PLEASE!!! (My brother was hit by 2 cars on Fairview drive in 1999, speeding cars can KILL) .</p> <p>I see lots of new benches and bike rings. Which is fabulous. Except I wouldn't leave my bike down town unattended lol. Even locked up.</p> <p>More city surveillance, street cameras, police presence.</p> <p>I mean, some things just need to be fixed before trying to replace.... I think feeling safe is huge. And it just doesn't feel clean or safe.</p> <p>Please include me in any dialogue, communication, mailing lists etc. I am determined to see brantford improve! Thank you again</p>	<p>Thank you for taking an interest in this project, we really do appreciate all the feedback we receive.</p> <p>One of the main drivers of this project is replacing the underground infrastructure. It is aging and failing and is not capable of handling any growth within the downtown or surrounding area. The majority of cost for this type of project will be in the infrastructure and road reconstruction, and not so much the streetscaping.</p> <p>However, as part of the streetscaping we are looking for solutions to curbside management (ie garbage pick up), as it is clear what's happening currently doesn't work.</p> <p>Through the EA we are also looking at ways to create more of a destination, in doing that we are evaluating ways to slow traffic through downtown, making it a place people want to go, and not a place people simply drive through.</p> <p>We will most certainly include you on the mailing list so you can receive all future correspondence.</p>





