

Downtown Renewal: Status Update

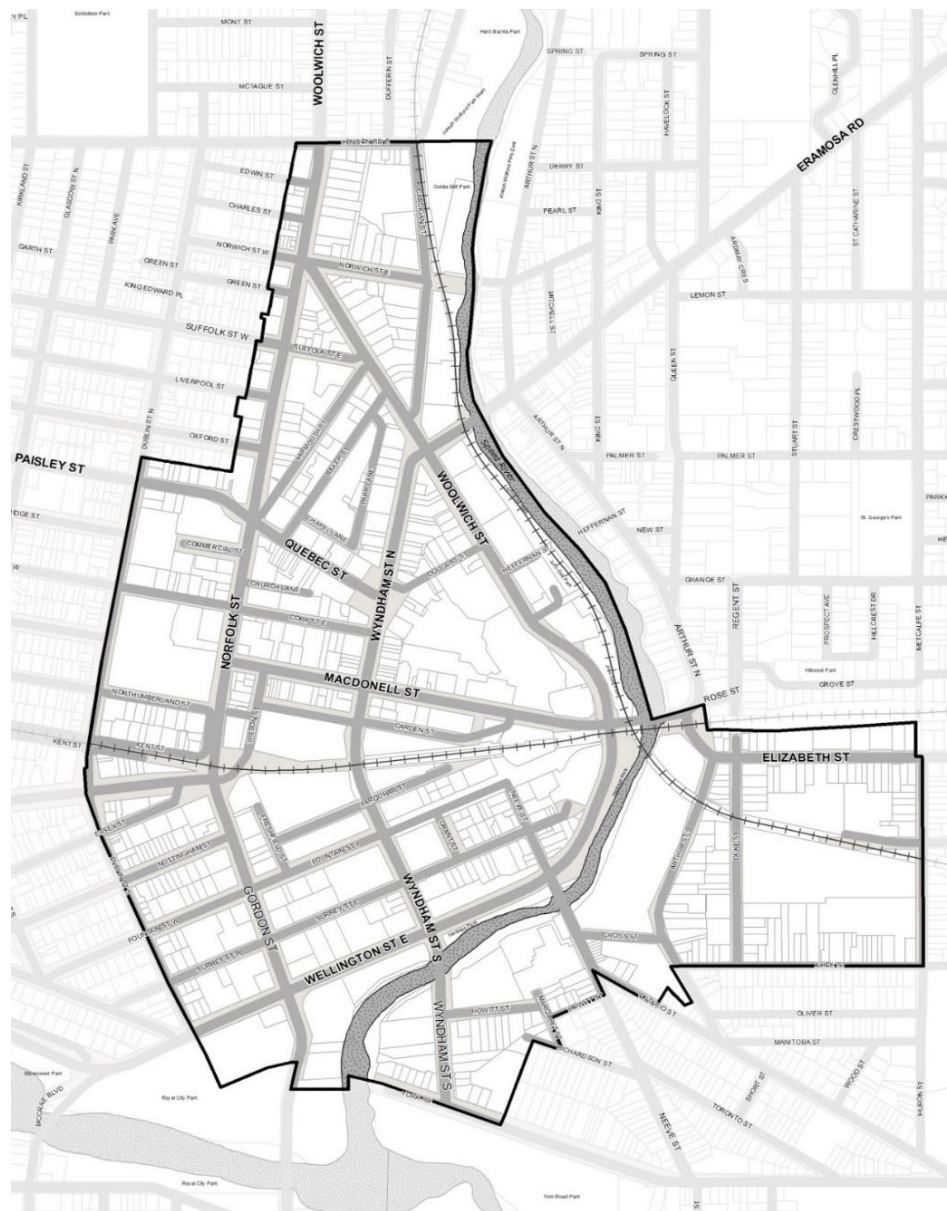
Committee of the Whole Presentation

June 6, 2023



Downtown Boundary

Matches the Downtown Secondary Plan boundary



Downtown
Renewal

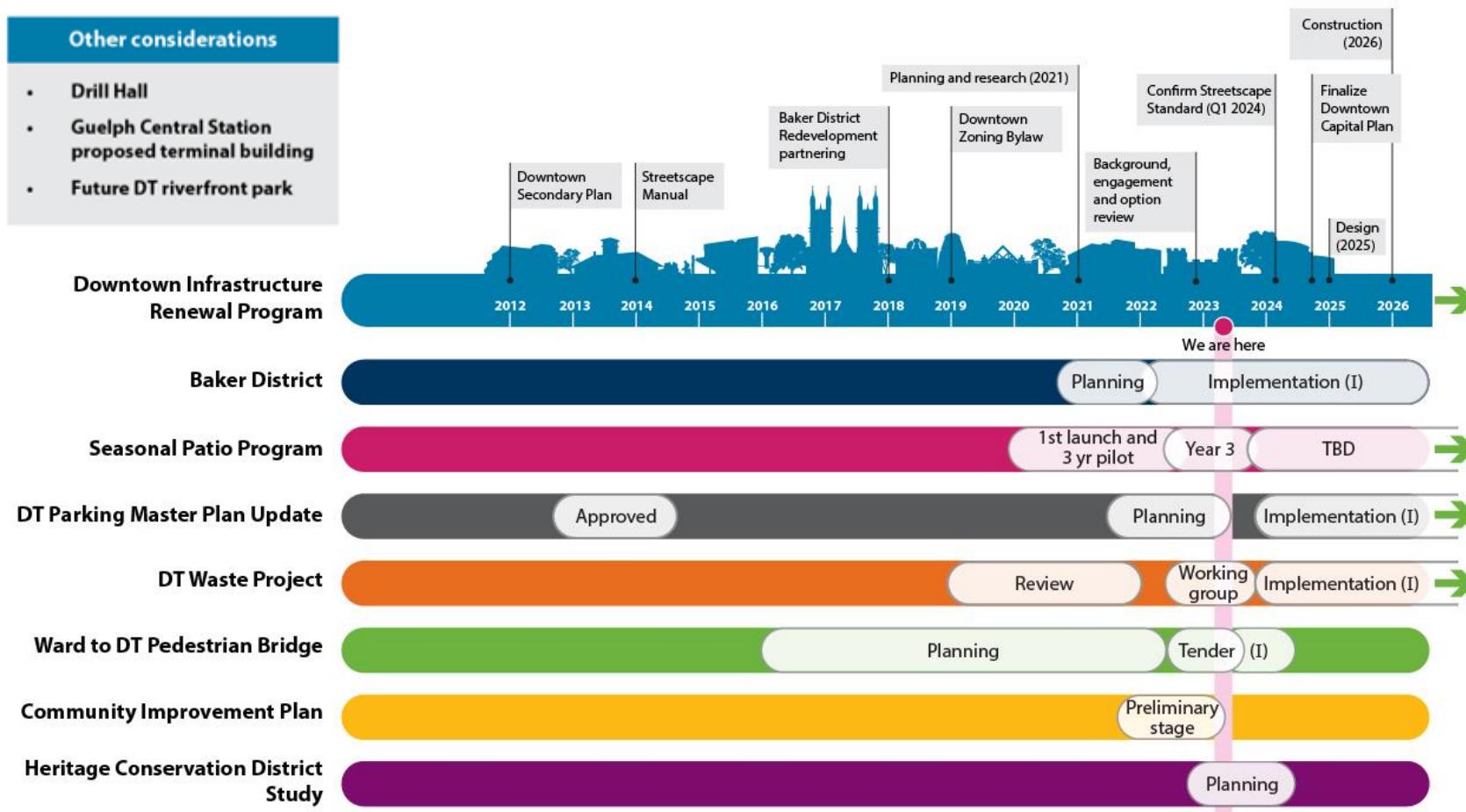
Creating a place for everyone.

DT Renewal Corporate Alignment



Downtown Renewal

- Other considerations**
- Drill Hall
 - Guelph Central Station proposed terminal building
 - Future DT riverfront park



Downtown Renewal

Our Future Downtown



DTIRP Program Goals

**Future
Ready DT**

Make Downtown Future Ready by improving critical road and underground infrastructure to provide quality service and support the growth and economic vitality of our city's core

**Implement
DT Vision**

Implement the vision for Downtown including engaging and consulting with the community on the scope, pace and look of the finished works

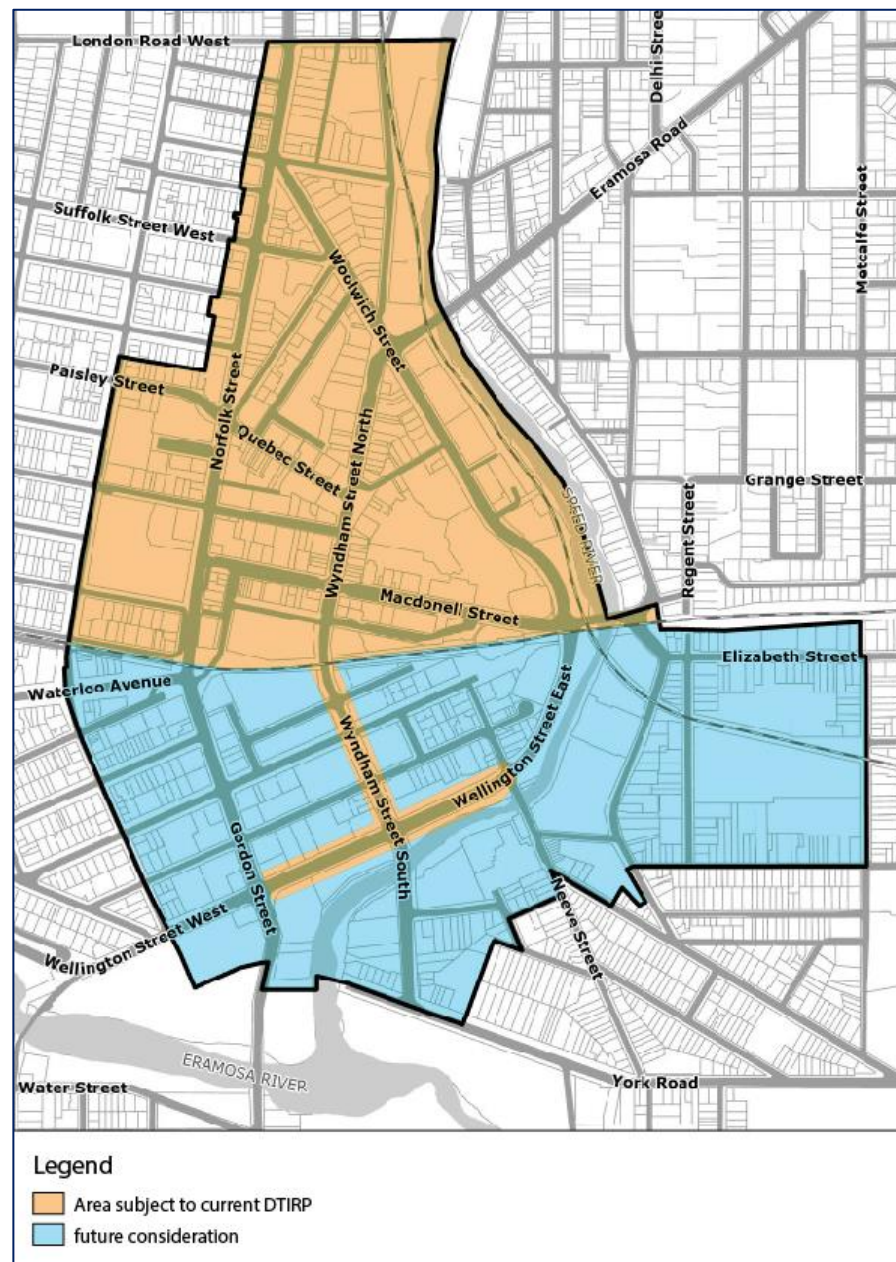
**Innovative
approach**

Mitigate construction disturbance through proactive communication and innovative approaches

DTIRP Study Area

Primary streets and structures:

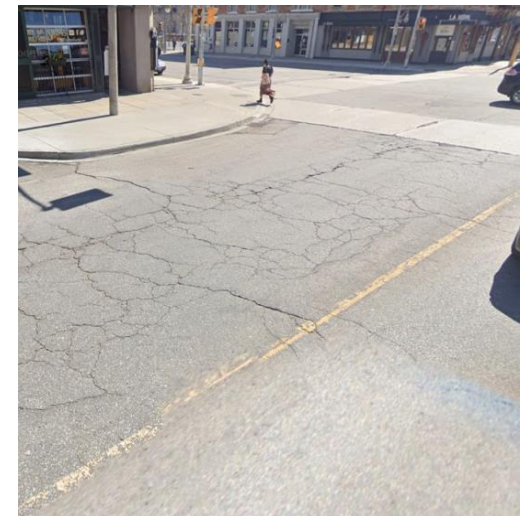
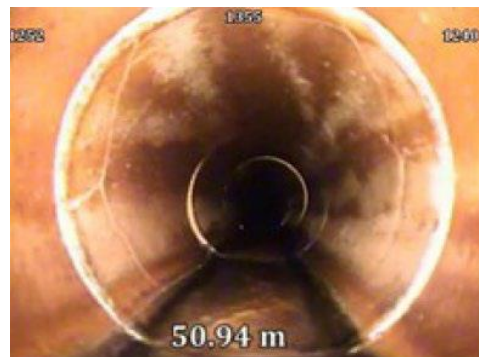
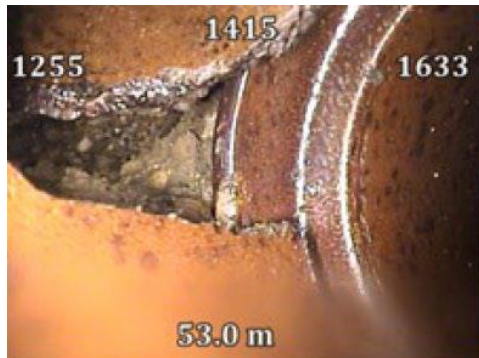
- Quebec Street
- Wyndham Street
- Macdonell Street
- Woolwich Street
- Macdonell Bridge & Allan's Dam Structures
- Baker Street (started)



DTIRP Program Approach and Timeline

1. Preparation → 2020 (done)
2. Ongoing communications and community engagement → now until end of construction
3. Planning and research → started in 2021
4. Complete Capital Implementation Plan → 2024
5. Design → starting as soon as 2025
6. Construction → starting as soon as 2026 with utilities (gas, telecoms) likely beforehand

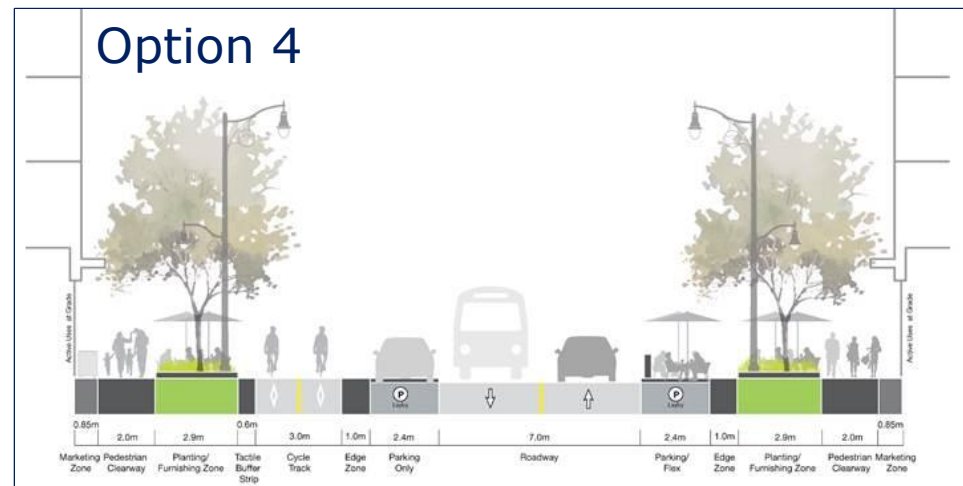
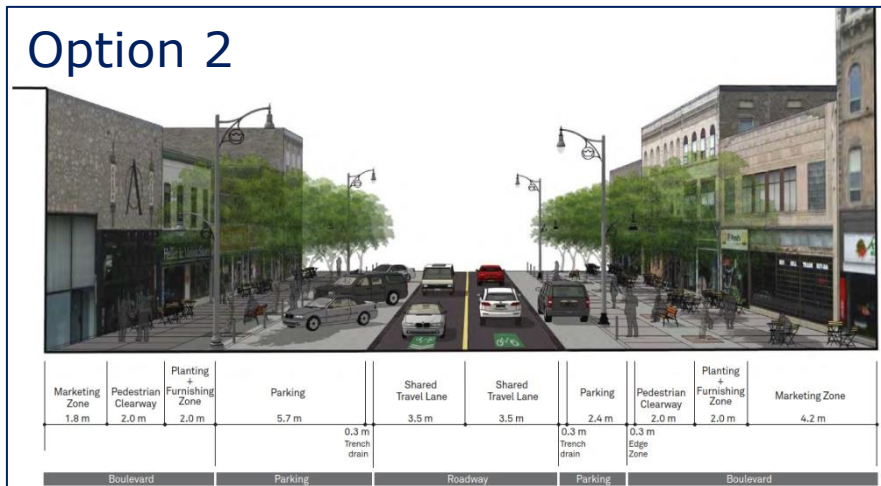
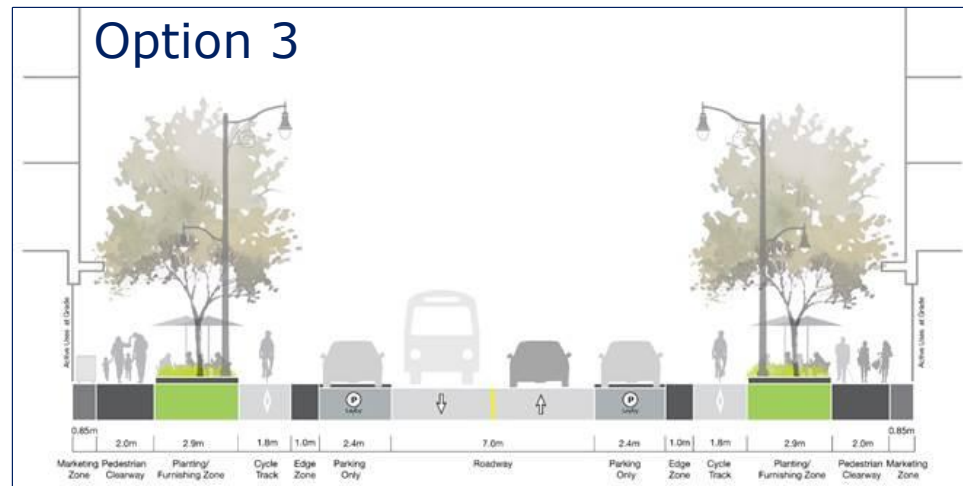
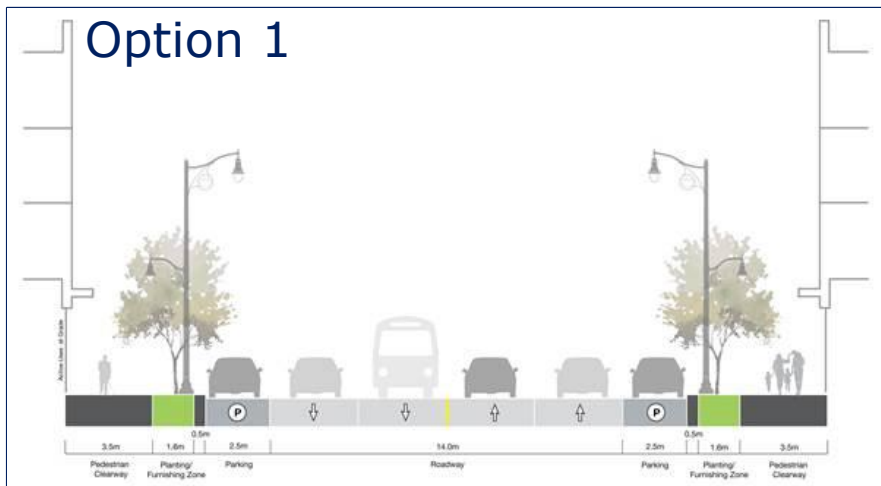
DTIRP – Why?



Environmental Assessments

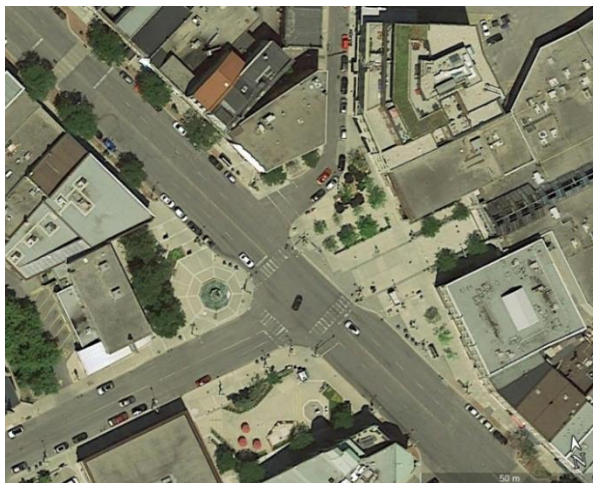
- Two EA's underway
- Wyndham Street EA
 - Consideration of lane reduction along corridor and configuration of St. Georges Square
- Macdonell and Allan Structures EA
 - Two bridges and spillway structural needs
- Long list of options presented Nov 2022
- Short list of options

Wyndham Street – Short List



St. George's Square – Short List

Option 1:
Do Nothing



Option 2:
Standard
Intersection
Improvements



Option 3:
Realigned
4-leg
intersection



Option 4:
Traffic Circle



Macdonell Bridge – Short list of options



Allans Dam Bridge – Short List of options



Allans Dam Structures – Short List of options

Sluiceway



Spillway



Community Engagement Overview

August 2021

- Meeting with Downtown business owners
- Launch of project Have Your Say page
- Notices distributed to local residents

August-September 2022

- 3 pop-up events & Have Your Say (over 200 participants)
- Meeting with DGBA

Community Engagement Overview (2)

October-December 2022

- Meeting with DGBA
- Open House (46 attendees in-person, 31 attendees virtually)
- Online engagement through HYS (164 participants)
- Follow-up survey (140 participants)

June/July 2023

- In-person and online engagement on EA short-lists

DTIRP Next Steps

- June/July 2023 – community consultation and engagement on the EA short lists
- 2023/2024 – continue to gather background information and develop technical information for the Capital Implementation Plan
- Ongoing community consultation and engagement throughout the project
- 2025 – Detailed design work
- 2026 – Construction commences

DT Renewal Next Steps

- Ongoing and continuous integration of all projects
- Baker District construction continues – including library groundbreaking
- Q2/Q3 2023 – Construction of Ward to DT Pedestrian Bridge
- Q3/Q4 2023 – Consideration of permanent Seasonal Patio Program; DT Parking Master Plan decision, Consideration of DT Waste Project recommendations.

DT Renewal Next Steps (2)

- Undertake the DT Heritage Conservation District Study
- Continue review of the City's Community Improvement Plan
- Planning for a new Guelph Central Station terminal building
- Work toward finding a final user for the Drill Hall