

Advisory Committee of Council Staff Report



To Transit Advisory Committee
Date Thursday, January 18, 2024
Subject **Guelph Central Station**

Recommendation

1. Accessible Public waiting area
2. Accessible Public washrooms
3. Passenger information and ticket area

Executive Summary

Purpose of Report

This report is for information to the committee on the project Guelph Central Station with mix-use facility for public and the City staff. The project is currently in preliminary design and staff and looking for the support of the Transit Advisory Committee when it comes to the overall design.

Key Findings

A fully accessible Guelph Central Station to serve the transit users and improve on rider's commuting experience. There are currently limited services and no public washrooms at convenient location. The proposed building will be FADM compliant and provide the needed services, washrooms, and climate controlled waiting area for bus passengers. The project is expected to start construction in 2028.

Strategic Plan Alignment

The project aligns with all of the City's strategic pillars, which include City Building, Environment, People and Economy, and Foundations as follows:

- It aligns with City Building by growing and caring for our community spaces and places.
- The building is planned to be a zero carbon building design aligning with the environmental pillar.
- Upgrading Guelph Central Terminal will align with the people and economy pillar by helping to improve downtown Guelph.
- The building will align with the foundations pillar by helping to provide better service to transit customers.

Financial Implications

The Budget for the building is being funded out of the Capital project account TC0071 and the building is estimated to cost 11 million dollars.

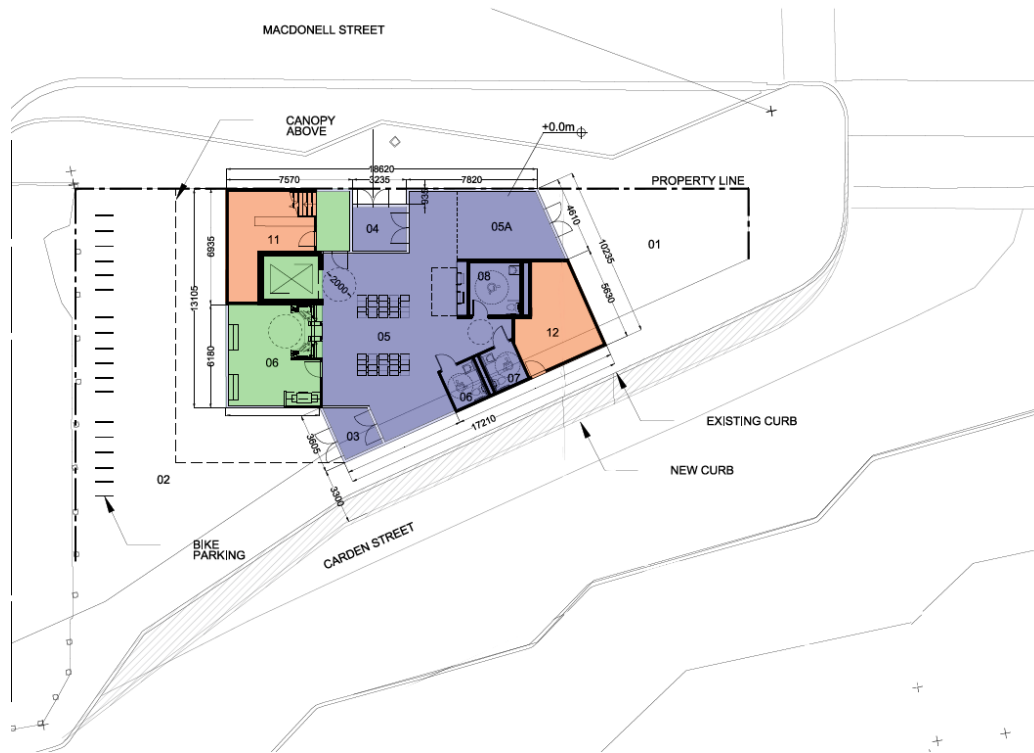
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The Guelph Central Station will be fully accessible to serve public transit riders and the business needs of Guelph Transit. The building will meet the City's sustainability and energy goals and improve access to multi-model transportation. The proposed building (with two main floors) will include: an accessible public waiting area, accessible public washrooms, ticket area, passenger information, driver rest area and staff work areas.

The building is proposed to be located fronting onto MacDonnell Street and will provide enhanced service for transit riders, better connectivity between multiple modes of transit, and help to ensure a better experience for transit users passing through the downtown. Given the sizes of the proposed building and the existing site layout, there is limited options for the building location on site. The existing downtown transit terminal site layout is shown below:



The proposed building first floor layout is shown in the image below, which includes a – waiting room, gender neutral accessible washrooms and a barrier free washroom, ticketing desk and other support spaces:



At this time, staff would appreciate any feedback the TAC has on required building amenities or any suggestions or issues with the proposed as outlined in this report.

Financial Implications

The Budget for the building is being funded out of the Capital project account TC0071 and the building is estimated to cost 11 million dollars. The City has received additional funding from the ICIP stream for this project. Consultations

Project team has consulted a number of stakeholders for their feedback on the project, which includes the Transit Advisory Committee. Any recommendations from the Transit Advisory Committee will be taken into consideration during the design phase of the project.

Attachments

Attachment-1 Presentation Slide

Departmental Approval

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