

Downtown Infrastructure Renewal Program

Streetscaping Level of Service and Construction Phasing Council Workshop

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Downtown Infrastructure Renewal Program (DTIRP)





The DTIRP Study Area

Study area

The primary study area is north of the railway tracks that cross Gordon Street at Waterloo Avenue. Key streets include:

- Baker Street from Quebec Street to Woolwich
 Street
- Quebec Street from Wyndham Street North to
 Norfolk Street
- Wyndham Street from Carden Street to Woolwich Street
- Macdonell Street from Norfolk Street to Carden
 Street
- Woolwich Street from Macdonell Street to
 Norfolk Street
- Macdonell Street and Allan's Dam structures over the Speed River



Legend Area subject to current DTIRP future consideration



The DTIRP Journey



2012: Downtown Secondary Plan is approved

The Downtown Secondary Plan is a comprehensive vision for revitalizing Downtown Guelph up to 2031.



2014: Streetscape Manual is approved

Implements a flexible street approach on key Downtown streets, and creates streets that provide attractive, accessible, and safe environment for all modes of transportation (walking, cycling, vehicular).



The DTIRP Journey cont'd



2020: DTIRP planning and research begins

2021: Environmental assessment work starts

As part of DTIRP, the City initiated two Class Environmental Assessments and developing a Capital Implementation Plan (CIP).





What has guided DTIRP to date





What's happening this year?

- February 2024: Wyndham EA was approved
 - March 2024: Public engagement on construction phasing and pacing (CIP engagement #1)
 - May 2024: Council workshop (we are here!)
- Summer 2024: Awareness campaign, pop-ups and events
 - **Fall 2024:** Public engagement on construction phasing and pacing (CIP engagement #2)
- February 2025: CIP recommendation to Council



Streetscaping levels of service



Impacts: Functional, social, aesthetic, climate, budget



Speaking of budget...

The 2024 Multi-Year Budget didn't include funding for an increase in the streetscape level of service for DTIRP.



for Wyndham St. North from Farquhar to Woolwich streets.



"Good" level of service





"Better 1" level of service





"Better 2" level of service





"Best" level of service





Today's Workshop

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The intent of the workshop



This workshop **is** focused on information sharing, having productive conversations, and listening to your feedback.

This workshop **is not** focused on budgetary discussions.

We also want to know what you are hearing from the community, and what you'd like staff to know.



What you'll be doing today: Station 1 – Plans, policies and prior information

This station will feature the plans, policies and directions that have guided the development of Downtown Infrastructure Renewal Program to date.

We will explore:

- How these pieces intersect
- Where budget comes in to play in the decision-making process
- Priorities for upholding, updating and leveraging the underlying needs of these pieces



What you'll be doing today: Station 2 – Exploring streetscape options

At this station you will interact with various levels of service for streetscaping in the context of St. George's Square and surrounding streets.

We will explore:

- How different people may interact with the space
- What different levels of service would look like in the space
- What the budgeted streetscape level of service of "Good" looks like



What you'll be doing today: Station 3 – Construction mitigation

This station centres on construction planning, how much to dig up for how long, and other options for mitigation.

We will explore:

- Options for construction pace and public feedback from the first round of engagement
- Measures under consideration to reduce negative impacts of construction
- How the Downtown will continue to operate as we move through various phases of construction



Questions?

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