

Information Report



Service Areas

Corporate Services

Infrastructure, Development and Enterprise Services

Public Services

Date

Friday, June 12, 2020

Subject

Planning for our Future: Guelph's Master Plans Update

Executive Summary

Purpose of Report

To provide Council with quarterly progress reports for City of Guelph master plan updates.

Key Findings

Master plans are within budget and scope as well as on schedule unless otherwise stated.

Financial Implications

If applicable, financial implications will be referenced in each plan's attached progress summary.

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Details

City staff are planning Guelph's future, today. This year, more than ten master plans are underway or planned across several City departments. Staff sees this as an opportunity for unprecedented alignment and coordination of strategy and policy development, and for resourcing the needs of our growing city.

A number of the master plan updates support the City in meeting Guelph's provincially-legislated growth plan requirements, guide service delivery to a growing city, and/or will inform policies in Guelph's Official Plan update.

As part of the City's on-going coordination efforts, regular updates on these master plans are provided through quarterly information reports. This is an enhancement to existing communications with more frequent updates and the consolidation of individual information reports. These information reports will not replace staff reports that require Council direction on individual plans.

Staff have continued to move forward master plan work in spite of Guelph's declared emergency in response to COVID-19 and the associated challenges related

to a reduction in staff compliment, temporary reprioritization of departmental work plans and the corporate-wide pause in community engagement.

As timing for reopening City facilities, engaging community stakeholders in master planning conversations, and recalling staff on declared emergency leave continues to evolve, staff leading master plans are working on contingency plans to ensure legislated timelines are met and exploring new processes including virtual opportunities to re-engage the community. These challenges have already, or may in the future, influence timelines; sequencing; budgets; and scope and scale of engagement. Staff will work to mitigate the impacts of these variables on their respective master plans and pursue innovative practices and approaches in the process.

Financial Implications

If applicable, financial implications to the approved budgets will be referenced in each plan's attached progress summary.

Consultations

Each master plan has an associated community engagement plan and communications plan. Where possible, engagement and communications tactics are being coordinated to maximize community participation in master plan engagement activities, reduce engagement fatigue, and increase awareness of the interconnected nature of the City's master plans.

Strategic Plan Alignment

Regular public updates on the progress of the City's master plans is a tactic designed to improve communication, which directly supports the working together for our future priority of the City's Strategic Plan.

Several master plan leads are also meeting monthly, as a community of practice, to look for opportunities to work together in new ways for greater coordination and continuous improvement.

Attachments

Attachment-1: Economic Development Strategic Plan progress summary

Attachment-2: Parks and Recreation Master Plan and Guelph Trail Master Plan progress summary

Attachment-3: Solid Waste Management Master Plan progress summary

Attachment-4: Stormwater Management Master Plan progress summary

Attachment-5: Digital and Technology Master Plan progress summary

Attachment-6: Transportation Master Plan progress summary

Attachment-7: Urban Forest Master Plan progress summary

Attachment-8: Wastewater Treatment and Biosolids Master Plan update progress summary

Attachment-9: Water and Wastewater Servicing Master Plan update progress summary

Departmental Approval

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