

Attachment-2 Council Motions related to St. George's Square

On **July 22, 2025**, Council passed the following motions regarding St. George's Square:

That the recommended Concept Plan for St. George's Square, as outlined in report 2025-303, dated July 8, 2025, be approved including the following:

- i. That staff be encouraged to include flexibility in the design of St. George's square to allow for present and future seasonal patios and community events, including but not limited to:
 - Consider that site furniture such as benches, chairs, and waste receptacles are designed and located to allow for easy reconfiguration or temporary removal to accommodate different uses and events.
- ii. That staff be encouraged to integrate more natural materials and design elements that reflect the heritage and character of our downtown into the final design of St. George's Square including but not limited to:
 - Use of stone, wood, or other natural finishes where feasible; including the use of the limestone in the city's salvaged material storage,
 - Incorporation of heritage-inspired features such as: signage or art that shares local history and indigenous stories, gateway features such as low stone walls, or planters that tie the space to the downtown's historical context, planting and landscaping with native species and that soften hard surfaces, brick or stone paving patterns that reflect traditional streetscape.
- iii. That staff provide council with final design updates (including a new main design image that can be used when sharing and telling the good news story about the redesign of our downtown) and present design details through future public engagement and online resources before the end of 2025.
- iv. That staff report back on budget impacts, if applicable, associated with clauses 1 and 2, via either the 2026 budget monitoring process or the 2027 budget update.

On **September 24, 2024**, Council passed the following motions regarding the Downtown Infrastructure Renewal Program (including St. George's Square):

1. That an enhanced level of streetscaping be approved for the Downtown Infrastructure Renewal Program giving priority to improved tree canopy, flexible streets, public seating, paving stones in highlighted areas, and a design that optimizes public space for the most efficient operating budget, subject to the project budget increase (estimated at \$17.1 million) being adopted through the 2025 budget confirmation.

That Staff prepare the design and tender of Wyndham Street North construction to expedite construction, with reasonable mitigation measures taken to minimize construction disruption and road closures.