



INFORMATION REPORT
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TO: Mayor and Members of Council
SLT/OLT

SUBJECT: Community Centre Lands Update

ORIGIN: Development & Infrastructure Services

COMMENTS

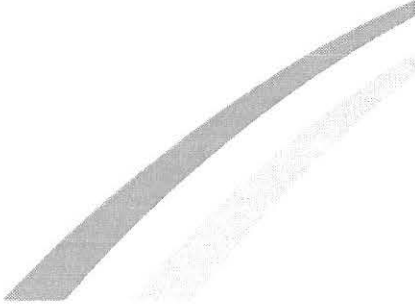
The purpose of this Information Report is to advise members of Council and SLT/OLT of the recent work that has been carried out by the Community Centre Lands Task Force. The Community Centre Lands consist of the Town-owned property north of the Community Centre, between the rail line to the east and Main Street to the west (refer to Appendix “A” – Project Context).

In accordance with the Procedure By-law, any Member of Council may request this Information Report be placed on an upcoming Committee of the Whole agenda for discussion.

Revitalizing the Community Centre Lands and addressing downtown parking needs is one of Council’s strategic priorities, with a key initiative being the establishment of a development strategy for the Community Centre Lands.

The Community Centre Lands Task Force (CCLTF) consists of a staff working group chaired by the Assistant Director of Planning, as well as a staff and Council steering committee including the Mayor, Regional Councilor, and the Ward 5 Councilor. External consultants provide advice to the task force on specific, specialized issues as needed.

The CCLTF was reconvened in December 2014 and has since met on a number of occasions to receive updates on a number of matters including:

- Project budget
 - Status of the previous development concept/RFP process
 - Site conditions, including LSRCA-regulated area boundaries
 - Property ownership
 - Tennis court options
 - Gigabit corridor connection
 - Potential municipal uses (municipal accommodation study)
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- Future needs for the downtown
- Downtown parking
- Funding strategies

Additional reports will be provided to Committee of the Whole on specific issues.

As the Task Force has been reviewing the above-noted matters, it has been determined that a number of current items should be brought forward for discussion and decisions by Council. Accordingly, the CCLTF intends to report to Committee of the Whole in the following months on various matters, including:

- An updated Task Force Mandate
- Potential funding opportunities to assist with the redevelopment of the CCL
- A final report related to the former Downtown Newmarket Parking Task Force
- Short to mid-term wayfinding options and recommendations related to downtown parking
- Options to address long-term parking requirements in the downtown area
- Other potential partnership opportunities in support of the redevelopment of the CCL

CONSULTATION

Any land use decisions regarding the Community Centre Lands will include public consultation through the Planning process. Specific consultation on matters such as long-term parking solutions can also include groups such as the BIA as necessary.

BUSINESS PLAN AND STRATEGIC PLAN LINKAGES

The redevelopment of the Community Centre Lands is one of Council's strategic priorities, and the creation of a development strategy for the property supports the following branches of the Town's Strategic Plan:

Well-balanced: encouraging a sense of community through an appropriate mix of land uses and amenities

Well-equipped and managed: implementing policy and processes that reflect sound and accountable governance; clear vision of the future and aligned corporate/business plans

Well-planned and connected: long-term strategy matched with a short-term action plan; revitalization of neighbourhoods starting with the downtown area

Well-respected: being tradition-based and forward-looking; discovering innovative and creative solutions for future well-being

HUMAN RESOURCE CONSIDERATIONS

Not applicable to this Information Report.

BUDGET IMPACT

There is currently \$719,367.00 available to the CCLTF to carry out its mandate.

CONTACT

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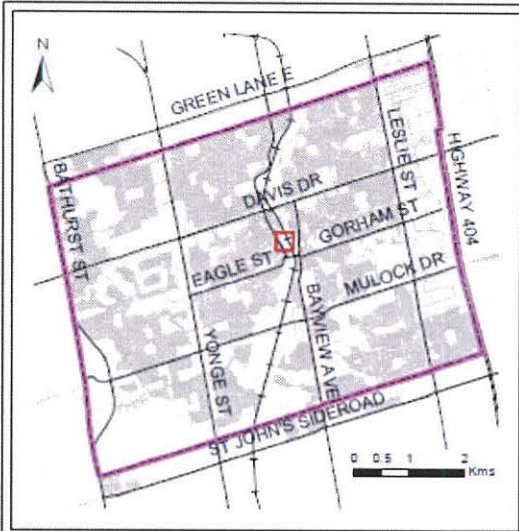

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Attachment:

Appendix "A" - Project Context



Location Map Community Centre Lands



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Legend

- Railway
- Property Lines
- Municipal Boundary
- Community Centre Lands (Town Owned)



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